



Nicholas "Nick" Runtz

May 28, 1954 - December 30, 2022

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Nicholas "Nick" Runtz, 68, died at 4:07 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022 at his home in Godfrey with his wife by his side. He was born May 28, 1954 in Alton the son of the late Lewis Runtz and Patricia (Woulfe) Runtz, of Alton. He retired from the Madison County Transit Authority as a van pool service coordinator. Nick enjoyed motorcycles, but his deepest passion was for Mopars with having a multitude of cars throughout his life. On October 21, 2000 in Alton, he married Sheryl Gaines, and she survives, they met each other late in life and didn't have the opportunity to have their own family, but they did discover they were soul mates. Also surviving is his mother Patricia Runtz of Alton, one brother, Michael Runtz (Jean) of Godfrey and two sisters, Pamela Drew (Daniel) of Alton and Cheryl Ingle (Gary) of Alton, a step granddaughter, Kylie Bowers and multiple nieces and nephews. Besides his father he was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Jamie Bowers. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas "Nick" Runtz*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Nicholas "Nick" Runtz*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Nick when he was Nicky. I lived on Henrietta Ave, a few houses away from the Runtz's. Nicky was a year or so younger, but managed with energy (lots) and good humor to play well with the older kids. Our family moved across town and I didn't see him for a few years, but in 1968, he reappeared. I was scorekeeping for little league baseball games for the Alton Rec department when his team played a few games at my field, behind the old East Junior High. Nick was like Babe Ruth in that league. His homers were majestic, nearly hitting the hill on the fly, which was a long reach for a little leaguer. He played with a smile and genial manner that made him a magnet for his teammates. Sad to see him go so young.*

Dana Edsall

Dana Edsall - January 06, 2023 at 09:12 AM



So sorry for your loss he will be missed. He was a great person and friend.

Dale and Shelley Bachman - January 06, 2023 at 11:34 AM

CA

“ So sorry to hear about the recent passing of Nicholas. Our deepest condolences, sympathy, and prayers are with the Runtz and Ingle families at this time. May the wonderful memories you shared together bring you much comfort.

Cara (Paulda) & Marty Armstead - January 04, 2023 at 05:47 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Nick's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting him at the dealership in Alton when he was a service advisor. He always went out of the way to help me. May God bless you during this time.

Jim and Patsy Belk

Jim Belk - January 03, 2023 at 07:31 PM

GC

“ So sorry to hear this. I will miss our talks in the neighborhood.
Gayle Clymer

Gayle clymer - January 03, 2023 at 03:09 PM

RT

“ Ryan & Kate Theil purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Nicholas "Nick" Runtz.



Ryan & Kate Theil - January 03, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Nicholas "Nick" Runtz.*



January 03, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sherry,
Sending my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family! I so enjoyed my chats with Nick on my walks thru the subdivision! He was so kind and upbeat and I will surely miss visiting with him! Prayers for peace and comfort for you and your family!*

Luann Mikoff - January 02, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Nicholas "Nick" Runtz.*



January 02, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sherry we are so sorry to hear about Nick. Sending prayers to you and your family. Steve and Linda Arbuthnot*

linda Fowler Arbuthnot - January 01, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sherry I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family*

Judy Strain - December 31, 2022 at 08:56 PM

KS

“ Sherri, I'm so sorry for your loss. I only have great memories of our time together at Frog Follies and around town. I'm so glad I met Dave and he introduced me to his friends and the car life! I miss them dearly. I'm here if you need someone that understands!!!!



Karla Sebold - December 31, 2022 at 06:06 PM

BS

“ Bill Runtz and sisters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nicholas "Nick" Runtz.



Bill Runtz and sisters - December 31, 2022 at 12:44 PM

TP

“ Sherry, thinking of you and families at this time. Nick never knew a stranger. Our thoughts and prayers

The Pruetzels

the Pruetzels - December 30, 2022 at 10:40 PM

DB

“ Sherry and Family
So sorry for your loss Thoughts & Prayers
John & Diane



Diane Buchanan - December 30, 2022 at 10:16 PM