



Nicholas Leo Ferro

January 13, 1959 - May 2, 2021

On May 2nd 2021 Nicholas Leo Ferro, Jr. closed the chapter of this existence and moved on to the next. Nick was born January 13, 1959 in Hillsdale, MI. He graduated Hillsdale High School in 1977 and went on to marry his long time love Gigi Easterday in 1982. In his lifetime he accomplished anything he set his mind to and always by his own rules. Nick started his career as a car salesman, which brought out the best in his gift for talking to people. He could genuinely talk to anyone about anything. When angered about local politics, Nick sprang into action and was elected Mayor of Hillsdale in 1989. Elected twice, he stepped down in his second term due to health issues. From this point he moved on to be the Director of Development for Hillsdale Hospital. In 1998 he continued his career in philanthropy and moved his family to Sault Ste. Marie, MI where he worked for Bay Mills Community College in fundraising and planning for 20 years, until his retirement. He was an excellent writer, speaker, and businessman. He also had an amazing talent for officiating marriages and wed many couples, including officiating for his own daughter. Nick never stepped away from a problem or a debate. He was the first person to call with an issue and always had a way to solve it. He was a compassionate person and took excellent care of his wife and daughters. Nick was an avid reader, and in his retirement, a great fisherman. Most importantly he was a beloved Pop Pop to Leo, Elowen, and Ignatious. His grandchildren will attest to the fact he had awesome jokes, great wrestling skills, and absolutely never told them no. He had a larger than life personality and the

most giving heart a person could ever have. In addition to his wonderful grandchildren, Nick will be sorely missed by his wife of nearly 40 years Gigi Ferro, their daughters Asia (John) Frayne and Monique (Gage) Ferro, a sister Dawn (Craig) Klem and two nieces. Nick is also survived by a house full of dogs, a hamster, fish and house plants which will miss him beyond comprehension.

In accordance with Nick's wishes there will not be a service. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Leo Ferro*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Nicholas Leo Ferro*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Nicholas Leo Ferro*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Gigi and girls, Jim and I were saddened to hear of Nick's passing. He was a good friend and we cherish the memories we have of him. If Nick had not introduced us 26 years ago our lives we be so different. He wanted us to have the same love and family that you all had. We could never thank him enough for having such an important role in our lives. Nick was funny, caring and loved his family so much. God bless you all We love you. Jim and Debbie Myers*

Debbie Myers - May 16, 2021 at 06:29 AM



“ *Gigi..so sorry to hear of nicks passing. I will always remember you both as special friends. sending prayers that God will comfort you in every way. Deb (Bumpus) Newsome*

Deborah J Newsome - May 13, 2021 at 08:59 AM

JM

“Gigi, Asia, and Monique, I am so sad to hear of this loss. Nick was an inspirational person and a friend. I always enjoyed talking with him. Please accept my deepest sympathy and know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Jan Miller - May 12, 2021 at 11:16 AM

EK

“Ellie Kaput lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Leo Ferro



Ellie Kaput - May 11, 2021 at 04:22 PM

EK

“Nick was my cousin. We had some good times at my grandparents farm when we were in elementary school. Rest In Peace.

Ellie Kaput - May 11, 2021 at 04:21 PM

RL

“Praying for my extended family... 🙏



Robin Ferro (granddaughter of Leo) - May 11, 2021 at 02:29 PM

BW

“ I enjoyed working with Nick before his retirement from BMCC. He was certainly a unique individual who was always willing to help a friend, colleague, or student. Nick was a very proud and dedicated father and husband who always had a story to tell about his family. My thoughts are with Nick’s family during this time.

Brody Waybrant - May 10, 2021 at 03:49 PM

LM

I am so sorry to hear of Nick's passing. Although its been some years since I've seen them I fondly remember our friendship and wonderful memories we made in Hillsdale!! Nick was one of a kind and will forever be missed by many. My thoughts are with you Gigi and family.

Lynn Moes-Crowell - May 11, 2021 at 06:18 PM