



J. Nick Demuth

January 29, 1933 - October 26, 2024

J. Nick Demuth, age 91 of St. Cloud, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am Saturday, November 2, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Cold Spring, MN. The visitation will begin one hour prior at the church. The service will be livestreamed at www.christcatholic.com.

Jarvis Nick was born on January 29, 1933, in Hatfield, MN, Pipestone County to H. Gladys

(Aust) and Nick E. Demuth. He revered his family, faith, and honored education. Nick

graduated from Crosier Seminary High School and continued his seminary studies in

Pennsylvania to be a missionary to Africa. In 1957, he was drafted into the Army and

served for two years. After his service, he started dairy farming with his dad. He attended

St. Cloud State University, earning a BS, MS and specialist degree in Education and

School Administration. He served 32 years at the ROCORI School District in Cold Spring,

MN as an Elementary Director, and Administrator of Curriculum Development and

Program Design. Nick had a tremendous impact on the consolidation of the three cities of Rockville, Cold Spring and Richmond including the closing of 23 rural schools. Nick retired in 1993.

Following his retirement, he spent four years as a Principal at St. John's Catholic School and St. Andrew's School in Meire Grove and Greenwald, MN. He wrote his life story in a book titled, My Journey Through the Rhythm of Life.

J. Nick married Frances Didier of West Union, MN on September 10, 1960. They had five children, as well as fostering 55 more. Nick's wife, Frances, passed away on May 1, 1997. He married Corrine Faber on September 11, 1998, and together they pursued the love of travel and adventure, traveling to 13 international destinations. They enjoyed many activities and dancing at the senior resorts. Nick and Corrine spent the winter months in Mesa, AZ where Nick volunteered for 10 years at Sunshine Children's Home. He also served homeless and disabled veterans at St. Vincent De Paul Center. Nick enjoyed serving on the Richmond Knights of Columbus, 4-H Board of Stearns County, Racing Homer Pigeon Club, the Polka Lovers Club, MN State American Lung Association and was honored as President of Central MN Elementary Principals for one year. He was an ambitious gardener and hobby farmer.

J. Nick is survived by, Corrine Faber; his five children, Nick (Lisa), Dave (Julie), John (Suzanne), Mary Bush, and Chris (Vicki) Demuth; as well as four stepchildren, Steve Faber, Wayne (Molly) Mackereth, Kai (Kim) Mackereth, Bruce (Shelly) Mackereth; 16 grandchildren, 12 step grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 13 step great grandchildren; sisters, Jylan Flood and Mary Hunter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Virginia Schroer, Dudley, Barry; stepchildren, Diane Faber, David Mackereth and great grandson Levi Popp.

Nick loved his family and many friends as he enjoyed his journey through life. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Church Narthex
501 Main Street
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Livestream

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
501 Main Street
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Mass

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Tribute Wall

VM

“ *Im so sorry to hear of his passing. He called me often and we always chatted about handwriting. I loved his old storys. I had not heard from him so I tried calling. --Vince Medina Berge Mazda (i was his car service advisor and became his freind in arizona)*

Vince Medina - June 13, 2025 at 08:15 PM

PB

“ *We knew Nick and Corinne as they were neighbors in our close knit neighborhood in Mesa AZ. They welcomed us with open arms when we moved in in 2019. Nick actually first became best friends with our dog (Tyson) before us and he would bring bone treats to him every day, sit and talk with us for awhile sometimes staying until Corinne called him to come home. We so enjoyed his company. (And yours too Corinne).*

Nick and Corinne were two of the most warm and loving people that we had ever met. We miss them both so very much and our little neighborhood will never be the same. Our sympathies go out to Nick and Corinne's family and friends.

All our love, Pam and Brian Benjamin

Pam and Brian Benjamin - November 05, 2024 at 10:37 AM

JD

“ Our most sincere condolences go out to Corinne, and all of Nick's family. Nick was such an important part of our life while we lived in our winter home in Mesa. From our first day in Mesa, Nick and Corinne took us under their wings and helped us navigate our stay in Arizona. He came over to Uncle Phil's place to welcome us with a newspaper and an open heart for us. A close friendship of twelve years developed with a "weekly card and pizza" evening after Saturday night Mass. Nick was a great friend, an advisor, and a brother to us. We will be truly missed. Joel Dubourt and Doreen Lacroix

Joel and Doreen - November 01, 2024 at 11:36 PM

LB

“ Mr. Demuth hired me as a music teacher in 1973. It was my first teaching job. I remember him as kind, caring, and supportive of teachers. Bless his memory. †

Lola Backlund - November 01, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of J. Nick Demuth.

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“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of J. Nick Demuth.



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“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of J. Nick Demuth.*



November 01, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ *Uncle Nick and Aunt Corrine came to my high school graduation years ago.*

When I moved to St. Joseph for Grad School I wanted to start coaching football at ROCORI. I thought of Uncle Nick's connection and asked if he knew Mark Johnson and would call and put in a good word, which he did. I started coaching at ROCORI with Mark Johnson and Joel Baumgarten and that experience inspired me to change course and become a teacher, which I still am today, 16 years later.

Uncle Nick would call me at least once or twice a year to check in, ask how teaching was going, ask about my family and my mom, including about a month ago. As a great nephew I am grateful for the connection we had and I think it's a rare relationship that truly exhibits the type of person Uncle Nick was.

Justin Timm - November 01, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Remembrances of years ago when we were younger. From a relative. Gary Markl.*

Gary Edward Markl - October 31, 2024 at 10:53 PM

PN

“ Both Nick and Fran were faithful servants of the Lord! We were blessed to know them.

Pat Buysse Van Nevel - October 31, 2024 at 05:53 PM

BS

“ Brian & Alycia Savage purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of J. Nick Demuth.



Brian & Alycia Savage - October 30, 2024 at 04:33 PM

EA

“ Ellen Pride and Lisa Auer purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of J. Nick Demuth.



Ellen Pride and Lisa Auer - October 30, 2024 at 12:29 PM

BB

“ "Mr Demuth" was a great teacher! I have fond memories of him teaching me in the 8th grade in Richmond. Many of the lessons he taught us have struck with me over the past 60 years. I was lucky to have him in my life.

Bob Becker - October 30, 2024 at 11:26 AM

PN

Did your 8 th grade go to the State Basketball Tournament?

Pat Buysse Van Nevel - October 31, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JD

“ Do remember Mr. Demuth as the coach of Sts. Peter & Paul Grade School's basketball team way back in 1964. Also observed a controlled, positive approach of how he handled the Richmond players during the game. The folks who know him, love the man. He appeared to be a listener who was open to different ideas. was also straightforward and honest, good qualities for a leader of his stature. The ROCORI School District was blessed with his presence. Rest in Peace, Nick.

John Decker - October 30, 2024 at 11:17 AM

PN

Did you go on to a State Basketball tournament? If you did, I saw you play.

Pat Van Nevel - November 03, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DR

“ Mr. Demuth as I knew him will always have a special place in my heart. I was hired as a band teacher in the ROCORI Schools in August of 1978 by Nick Demuth and Jim Johnson. I'm still teaching in the ROCORI Schools thanks to Mr. Demuth and Mr. Johnson. Nick was always very supportive of the arts and helped guide me through my early teaching experiences with much passion and thought. He knew what it really takes to have children experience music in a wonderful setting with fun for all to learn and participate!

I remember he would also come to many dances when I was playing in old time bands. He really enjoyed his time dancing and appreciating the music!

I remember at times he would request songs and just love it when the band would follow through with his request!

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Demuth's Family and close friends. He will be missed and remembered dearly by all.

*Musically yours -
Dan Rassier*

Dan Rassier - October 30, 2024 at 09:41 AM

SL

“ Nick was a wonderful man. I enjoyed getting to know him. He always was funny and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed.

Steve Laraway

Steve Laraway - October 29, 2024 at 04:40 PM

MC

“ In 1973, me and my sister and brother were placed in this foster home in Cold Spring...I was just a street kid running wild at just 7 years old... Nicks family was so loving and supportive for those two years... I always loved the farm life after that even though it was a lot of work... There were great old fashioned meals and that bread, wow...It was like living in a little house on the prairie or a Walton's episode... I think my creative side was started there... Great family... Good memories...

Matt Clementson - October 29, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ Mary/John: Sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad and Mom were great people to know as they opened their home to many children as being foster parents.

Michael Schmitz - October 29, 2024 at 12:19 PM

PN

Michael, do you remember playing ball at our house when we were watching you and Brianna for Nick and Fran. I bet you going along to the hospital because I had a broken ankle. Love to see and talk and catch up on your news.

Pat Buysse Van Nevel - October 31, 2024 at 05:46 PM

BD

“ We will miss our old friend. So many memories of occasions with our kids and of moving to farms at the same time...cutting openings in our kitchen walls to open up the space. Nick was good at persuading me to serve on school district boards. What I learned has always made me grateful to him.

Bernadine Doll - October 29, 2024 at 11:41 AM