



## Nicholas J. De Candia

October 28, 1932 - October 20, 2022

Nicholas J. De Candia of Lanesboro passed away on October 20, 2022, just a week shy of his 90th birthday. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 28, 1932, son of Louis and Rose Piscopo De Candia. At age 12 he fell in love with the trumpet. Friends enjoyed hearing his stories about his adventures playing in the U.S. Army Band during the Korean War and in the big bands of the 1950s when he performed all over the country. Nick graduated from Manhattan School of Music with a master's degree in music education, and he taught band and orchestra in several New York City schools.

In his mid-30s, Nick found his second love: photography. He became enthralled with the ever-changing quality of light and shared his enthusiasm with his photography students at Berkshire Community College, Southern Vermont College, and MCLA. He created a number of photo essays that dealt with social issues: poverty, food insecurity, teen pregnancy and Alzheimer's disease. The Berkshire Athenaeum houses a permanent exhibit of his photo essay, "Facing Berkshires' Heritage."

In 1968, he met his third love: Renee Dubow. They lived in Queens, New York, moved to Long Island, and in 1977, they moved up to a beautiful piece of heaven in Lanesboro, where they learned to love both the joys and hardships of country life. They were happily married for 49 years.

Nick was extremely proud of his Italian heritage – especially when it came to food. Many people’s fondest memories of him are from around the dinner table.

Nick leaves his beloved family: his wife, Renee; son, David (and his wife, Irma); daughter, Katie-Rose; grandchildren, Robert (and his wife, Stacey), Gloriana, and Anissa; great-grandchildren, Michael and Vivienne; nephew, Vincent Calabro; and niece, Diane Franciosa. Nick was predeceased by his sister, Sabina Calabro.

#### FUNERAL NOTICE:

Services for Nicholas J. De Candia will be Friday, October 28, 2022, at 11 am at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Lanesboro. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 4 to 6 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nick’s memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Lanesborough  
MA, MA 01237

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Dear Renee, my mother just told me about Nick’s passing. Please accept our deepest condolences. As you know, I met Nick back in 1971 when I was a student at Great Neck South High School. Nick had made an announcement that he was giving recorder lessons, and I went down to his office to let him know I was interested. He then introduced me to an instrument that I would continue to play for many years with much pleasure. I don’t quite remember how it happened that I mentioned to him that my parents were selling some property in Lanseboro. Maybe it was when you and Nick came to stay with us in Hancock. But as fate would have it, you both fell in love with the property on Silver Street and purchased it. So it turns out that Nick’s announcement about recorder lessons had a major impact on your future life. C’est parfois étrange la vie, n’est-ce pas? I’m glad that you were so happy in the Berkshires, and I know that Nick made a real contribution to his new community. I will always recall Nick with great fondness.  
Ray (and Sylvie) Bach  
Strasbourg (France)

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Raymond Bach - November 06, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. De Candia.



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October 26, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - October 26, 2022 at 05:04 PM

BS

“ I met Nick a decade ago when Katie Rose played for a noon concert at South Congregational Church. We started an instant friendship that lasted ever since then. Our near daily phone calls were memorable, even when they descended into purposely-concocted silly nonsense.  
Miss ya, Nick!

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Bob Shepherd - October 26, 2022 at 02:11 PM

PA

“ My heart weighs heavy learning about the passing of Nick. We had so many wonderful conversations over the years that I was blessed to know Nick and his wife Renee. Nick always had a story to relate to me or to show me the beautiful photographs he took of his daughter, Katie Rose. His photography was a work of art. Renee, my heart reaches out to you and your family during this very sad, very difficult time in your lives.  
With Sympathy and Love,  
Patricia Kelly

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Patricia - October 26, 2022 at 12:20 PM

CW

“ Hello Renee,  
I've been retired for over seven years now, but I still have such fond memories of Nick's visit to my office. It was a joy to have him as a patient and a friend. His memory will be a blessing to all who knew him.  
Best regards,  
Charles Wohl

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**Charles Wohl** - October 25, 2022 at 01:54 PM

CB

“ I took his photography class at BCC many years ago. Most enjoyable class I ever took.

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**Chris Barcus** - October 25, 2022 at 08:40 AM

CW

“ I recall Nick's energy and creativity when we taught "environmental photography" together at BCC and how it motivated the students and helped me see differently.

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**Charles Weinstein** - October 24, 2022 at 07:30 PM