



Nicholas J. Malone

February 18, 1950 - August 11, 2023

Nicholas “Nick” Joseph Malone, 73, of Zanesville, passed away peacefully following a short stay at Genesis Morrison House on August 11, 2023. Nick was born February 18, 1950, in Zanesville, the son of Joseph and Marsha (Miller) Malone.

Nick grew up in Zanesville, graduating from Bishop Rosecrans High School in 1968. After a short stint in the United States Navy, he studied at Ohio University. He lived and worked for a period of time in Columbus, and spoke often about his experiences as a counselor working with troubled youth at the Buckeye Boys Ranch. After moving back to the Zanesville area, Nick became the computer coordinator of Adult Education at Mid-East Career and Technology Center, and worked there for almost 10 years. In 1995, he founded the love of his life, Shanachie Books, and was a fixture at the Linden Avenue bookstore for the past 28 years.

Nick loved Notre Dame Football, Cincinnati Reds Baseball, his cats, playing golf, telling stories (a Shanachie is an Irish Storyteller), and just being a proud Irishman. You could always stop by the bookstore for a shot of Bushmill’s, especially on St. Patrick’s Day, or a cup of wassail over the Christmas holiday season. Nick’s sense of humor, wit, and friendship will be missed by all who knew him.

Nick is survived by his sister, Mary (Scott) Pitts; brother, Jerry (Angie) Malone; many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; dear friends, Ed and Kris Geis and their daughters, Randy and Carly, and his beloved cat, Fiona.

In addition to his Parents, Nick was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Malone; his grandparents, Nicholas and Genevieve Malone and Evertt and Gertrude Miller.

Friends may call 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Monday, August 21, 2023, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, and one hour prior to service from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the funeral home with Fr. David Young officiating. Burial will follow in the Malone Family Plot in Mt. Olive Cemetery, with the United States Navy and VFW Post 1058 conducting full military honors. Following committal services a reception with lite refreshments will follow from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, at Shanachie Book Store, 1673 Linden Avenue, Zanesville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muskingum County K-9 Adoption Center, 1854 East Pike, Zanesville, or Muskingum County Animal Shelter Society, 1430 Newark Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701, in Nick's memory. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

Visitation

AUG 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Burial

AUG **22** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ So sorry about Nick's passing. Went to school with him. Such a nice guy, and so smart.....Kathy (Smith) Warne

Kathy Warne - September 15, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Nicholas J. Malone

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

RV

“ One of the nicest people we have known. Nick was so gracious when we would come up to visit. He taught me much about books. We are both book lovers. Prayers to his family. Blessings, Oliver and Roberta VanHoughton.



Roberta VanHoughton - August 26, 2023 at 08:46 AM

GP

“ Nick was a kind gentle man. He will dearly be missed.



Grace P. - August 19, 2023 at 11:30 AM

BJ

“ I was too young to really have the great conversations other remember, but his bookstore was such a huge part of my childhood. The way he ran the book store was a huge blessing to me and I'm sure other children like me, who couldn't afford to buy as many books as we wanted to read. He made me want to one day own a bookstore so I could help children like he helped me. I'll never forget the sense of peace I felt looking through the shelves and talking about reading.

Brittany Jones - August 17, 2023 at 04:51 AM

KM

“ One never had just a quick trip to Shanachie. The visit was always filled with stories, laughter, and discussions of books and Ireland. I celebrated several St. Patrick's Days with him and once challenged him to learn to play a song on the penny whistle which he performed the following year. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed. I am going to drink a shot of Black Bush in his honor. ❤️

Kathy Malek - August 16, 2023 at 10:33 PM