



Nicholas "Nick" James Pizzuto

October 31, 1948 - September 26, 2025

Nick Pizzuto, age 76, passed away peacefully at the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House, surrounded by his family on Friday, September 26, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Nick is survived by his wife of 48 years, Patty of Tallahassee; his son, Matt Pizzuto, of Tallahassee and his daughter, Ann-Marie Pizzuto Walther, her husband, Kevin of Tallahassee, granddaughters, Elizabeth Nicole Walther and Zoey Marie Walther of Tallahassee; sister, Josephine Joan Gaudious of Cedar Grove, New Jersey and brother, Michael Pizzuto of Wayne, New Jersey. Along with Brothers-in-law: Vincent Gorham of Stuart, FL, John Gorham of Orlando, FL, Kevin Gorham (Shona) of Waxhaw, NC and Brian Gorham of Lake Mary, FL; Sisters-in-law: Joanne Gorham Fullman of Jensen Beach, FL, Barbara Gorham Esselstrom (Bill) of Hauser, Idaho and Carol Gorham (Kurt) of Altamonte Springs, FL and a myriad of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Michael Joseph and Christine Di Leonardo Pizzuto both of Belleville, New Jersey; his son, Anthony Michael Pizzuto of Tallahassee.

Nick was born on October 31, 1948, in Newark, New Jersey to parents, Michael Pizzuto and Christine Pizzuto. The family moved to Belleville, New Jersey in 1955 and Nick attended public elementary and high school there. He

starred as a basketball player and graduated from Belleville High School in Belleville, NJ in 1968. Out of high school he received a basketball scholarship to Kean College in Union, New Jersey until he received a knee injury during a game against Stony Brook University on Long Island, NY. He then traveled to Fort Pierce, Florida and attended Indian River Junior College (now Indian River State College) again playing basketball and earning his Associate of Arts Degree.

While in Fort Pierce, he met his future wife, Patricia Ann Gorham; they were married at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Fort Pierce on May 25, 1977. After a brief stop in Titusville, Florida, Nick and Patty moved to Tallahassee in order for Patty to complete her Bachelor of Arts degree at Florida State University and they decided to stay and raise their family here. Their first son, Anthony Michael Pizzuto, was born February 5, 1982; followed by the birth of their twins, Matthew Nicholas and Ann-Marie, October 16, 1986. Sadly, Anthony was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and after a valiant fight, including a bone marrow transplant, they lost him on May 6, 1989. They continued to nurture his memory for his siblings, Matt and Ann-Marie.

After college Nick started his title insurance research career at Abstract and Title in Vero Beach, Florida. In 1979 Nick became a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Land Title Searchers, having fulfilled the required qualifications for membership. He remained in the Title Insurance industry for the next 40 years, including working at such firms as Tallahassee Title and First Title Services. Nick finished his career at his own firm until he retired in 2011. He enjoyed attending Florida State University sporting events, especially Men's Basketball; season ticket holder with Patty since the team played in Tully Gym on the FSU campus. Nick was an avid walker and enjoyed early morning walks at Cascade Park. He loved his family, especially his granddaughters, Elizabeth Nicole and Zoey Marie Walther.

Some of his proudest moments were the birth of each of his children, his daughter, Ann-Marie's wedding to Kevin Walther and the birth of each of his precious grandchildren, Elizabeth Nicole and Zoey Marie.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Nick's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org) or the V Foundation – Victory Over Cancer (www.v.org).

A memorial mass will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, October 10, 2025 at The Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 900 W. Tennessee St., Tallahassee, FL 32304. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More
900 West Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara Fray lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Nick" James Pizzuto*



Barbara Fray - October 11, 2025 at 10:17 AM

BF

“ *Dear Patty, Matt, AnneMarie, and family,*

Let me start by saying how very sorry John and I feel for your loss. You were lucky to have him and he was equally as lucky to have you. The service yesterday was beautiful and I know you made him very, very proud as he watched from above. Nick and Patty were my first friends when I moved to Tallahassee 20 years ago and I will always cherish the times we spent together. Looking back on them, the memories make me smile every time. Nick was one-in-a-million and never failed to make me laugh, literally out loud most of the time...such a quick wit and tremendous sense of humor. Some times he didn't even have to say a single thing and just the look on his face said it all. Since his service, I've been inspired to keep a journal and I hope my entries will be as thoughtful and as beautifully written as his were. That is something he left for you to treasure forever. Nick will always be remembered as one of my favorite people of all time. He was loved, adored, and will be greatly missed more than I can express here in words as words seem inadequate. Until we meet again, Nick, rest in peace. Again, my sincere and most heart felt condolences to everyone.

Barbara Fray - October 11, 2025 at 10:16 AM

CC

“ *Calm, Cool and Collected not only on the court but how he carried himself. As a fellow Belleville High classmate Nick was smooth on the hardwood. No doubt he would have advanced to the next level if not for the knee injury.*

Nick had a great personality and someone you wanted to have as your friend. A sincere man, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Nick, say hey to Tom....RIP Bro.

Charlie

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Charles Cuomo - October 10, 2025 at 03:34 PM

FS

“ *A good friend since high school, It was always great catching up with Nick over the years. Always enjoyed his unique, humorous perspectives and opinions. The class historian, if you had a question about anything in the past, Nick was your go to. A terrific athlete himself, he loved his hoops, but prided himself in family first. May God bless Patty and his precious, loving family. I am grateful for his friendship, a gracious man, I'll miss him.*

Frank Sprella - October 09, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nicholas "Nick" James Pizzuto.*

October 07, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas "Nick" James Pizzuto.*



October 07, 2025 at 02:03 PM

“ In Loving Memory of Nick Pizzuto

Nick Pizzuto, a lifelong friend and one of my dearest companions since our high school days, was truly one of the most gracious, sensible, kind, generous, and ethical people I have ever known. Nick was not only a remarkable athlete, known for his great jump shot and tireless work ethic on the basketball court, but an even greater man off the court.

He was the beloved son of wonderfully kind and hardworking parents who always welcomed Nick's friends as if they were family. They blessed the world with a remarkable son, and Nick, in turn, honored them through the life he lived—with integrity, humility, and heart.

Nick's greatest blessing was his beautiful wife, Patricia, a loving, courageous, and gifted woman who reflected his goodness in every way. Together, they built a life filled with faith, love, and devotion, nurturing a family (two wonderful children and grandchildren) whose warmth and closeness mirror their own extraordinary bond.

Those of us who were fortunate to know Nick, as family, friend, colleague, or teammate, are better people for having shared in his life. His friendship was a gift, and his legacy will live on in every life he touched.

The Corino family extends our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to Pattie and the entire Pizzuto family. May you find comfort in knowing that Nick rests in eternal peace and continues to hold a special place for the joyful reunion that awaits in God's time.

With deepest respect, affection, and gratitude for a lifetime of friendship and cherished memories,

Jim Corino

James. A. Corino, Ed. D. - October 05, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CF

“ Charles + Alice Fullman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nicholas "Nick" James Pizzuto.



Charles + Alice Fullman - October 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ Truly one of the best people I have ever met. He helped me tremendously when I first started doing updates at the courthouse in the late 80's. Always helped me to put life's challenges into perspective. Prayers for his family during this difficult time.

Jay Hansli

Jay Hansli - October 02, 2025 at 01:39 PM

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“ Well , End of 4 th Quarter has Come. You fought hard , batter and bruised you have obtained the Greatest Victories in Life. I was proud to be your friend. Your sense of Humor kept me going many a day . You could find Humor in all aspects of Life. Thank you for being in my Life my Friend. I will miss you and think about you Often. I am glad that I took the time to come see you while attempting to recover. The smile and twinkle in eyes was still there til end. I know you are free now and you have ascended into Heaven. May God Bless you and Family. Much Love Ken KLEINPETER Denise, Brittany , Walker and Jay .

Ken KLEINPETER - October 02, 2025 at 09:14 AM