



Nicholas D. Speech

June 19, 1927 - September 24, 2021

Nicholas Speech, formerly of Syracuse, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in Allentown, PA. Nick was predeceased in April by Mary, his wife of 69 years. He was the loving father of Annette, Michele (Tim Franczyk), Stephen, and Monica (Victor See); beloved Gramps to Renata and Zachary See, Claire Franczyk and Natalie (Derek) Meyer, and Alanna Speech; attentive great-grandfather to Bella and Avett Meyer; and “Uncle Dick” was a strong presence in the lives of his many nieces and nephews.

Nick was a lifelong learner. After dropping out of high school to join the Navy from 1944 through the end of the war, Nick returned to high school determined to graduate and pursue higher education. Though he won a scholarship to Syracuse University, Nick chose to study with the Jesuits at LeMoyne College, graduating in 1952 with a BA in Industrial and Labor Relations. As a 5th grade teacher, father of four, and adjunct professor, he went on to earn an MS Ed and completed coursework toward his doctorate. Over the course of his professional life, he served in various educational consultant positions, among them Job Corps, Training with the Pros, and McGraw Hill, though he remained a teacher to the end of his life.

Nick enjoyed golfing, wood-working, playing bridge, cooking, and watching Clint Eastwood movies, but it was his love of books, a trait he passed on to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, that was most significant. Even at 94, he lived his adage to “be as good as you can for as long as you can”. Remember who loves you, Gramps.

Comments



“ Mr. Speach was my 5th grade teacher at Main Street Elementary in North Syracuse- he was the best teacher and all the girls thought he was soooo cute !! May you rest in peace Mr. S. you are the best !!

JoAnn Tolone Mondo

JoAnn Tolone Mondo - October 11 at 01:50 PM



“ A wonderful individual. Astute and creative as much as he was caring and loving. He was very instrumental in my early academic education. My deepest condolence to his family.

John Julian - October 06 at 11:15 AM