



## Nick Sapounakes

August 26, 1957 - September 3, 2021

Nicholas Ted Sapounakes, 64, of Danville, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 3, 2021 after a brief illness.

Nick was born in Danville, VA on August 26, 1957 a son of the late Ted Nicholas Sapounakes and Marie Kirios Sapounakes.

Nick was the owner operator of Nick's Towing and Recovery Inc., where he used his catchphrases CNN "call Nick now" or "stuck in the creek call the Greek". At the time of his death he was employed by Atkinson Truck Sales. Nick grew up in the Greek Orthodox Church and was a member of River Oak Church of God, Mount Herman Fire & Rescue., and a life member of the Danville Life Saving Crew.

On June 10, 1989 he married Penny Josey Sapounakes his "strawberry" and her "cool whip".

Survivors also include his son Nick Sapounakes, Jr., his mother-in-law, Bettie Josey, aunts, Mary Kirios, Margaret Kirios, Mary Paraskevas, Ageliki Efstathiou, good friend who was like a brother, Larry Warren, and his beloved dog, Kya. He is also survived by a number of cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Harry & Kalomira Kirios, Nicholas

& Hellen Sapounakes, uncles & aunts, Tom & Maxine Kolendrianos, Michael & Alexandra Mitchell, Anna Politis, Asimina Mastorakis, Jimmy Kirios, Bill Kirios.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM at River Oak Church of God with Pastor Eric Medford and Pastor Tim Nuckles officiating.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Church and at the residence at other times.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Mount Herman Fire & Rescue, God's Pit Crew, or the Danville Life Saving Crew.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Riveroak Church of God  
120 River Oak Blvd  
Danville, VA 24541

## Funeral Service

SEP 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Riveroak Church of God  
120 River Oak Blvd  
Danville, VA 24541

## Burial

SEP 8 (ET)

Highland Burial Park  
3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ I met Nicky in 1976, he had a green Mustang! I used to work on Floyd St. and used to get hot dogs for lunch from his parent’s restaurant on Main St. I remember him working for Scearce’s before he went into business. I worked at the Hop In on Westover in 1985 and one morning a man tried to kill himself by driving into the store but he ended up hitting the pumps and setting them on fire and Nicky heard the call and came down, ran into the fire, hooked up to the flaming pump and pulled it away and then put out the fire. The rubber bottoms of his sneakers were melted to the payment buy the pumps for a while! I have not seen Nicky in years but he will always be remembered as a wonderful person.

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**Tracy Young Gwynn** - November 27, 2021 at 04:47 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I have know Nick since he was a wee little fellow and his mom and dad were always special folks to me. Nick's cousin, Fran, and I have been friends for 69 years and the Kirios family were and are like family to me. Please know y'all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kitty Wright** - September 10, 2021 at 12:25 AM

TJ

“ So very sorry for you loss, I always enjoyed running calls with Nick. And his quick math! He had a huge impact on Danville and Pittsylvania Co. You are in our continuing thoughts and prayers!  
Tracie and Brydon Jackson

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**Tracie Jackson** - September 09, 2021 at 09:05 PM

ST

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family.  
The Gravley Family.

Stephanie Toliver - September 08, 2021 at 05:55 PM

BF

“ To the Sapounakes Family,  
Nick was a ray of sunshine whenever he was  
around. He never knew a stranger and you  
could see compassion and love in his heart  
for others. I am so honored to have known  
him. He will be missed by many. Penny, our prayers and love are  
lifted forward you and your family.



Bill & Linda Finch - September 08, 2021 at 11:30 AM

EC

“ So sorry for your great loss. May God comfort  
You with His great Love and Strength and  
give you His Peace. We will miss him too.  
Love and Prayers,  
Curtis and Edith Chandler



Edith Chandler - September 08, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Jeanne Grubbs lit a candle in memory of Nick  
Sapounakes



Jeanne Grubbs - September 07, 2021 at 11:34 PM

PL

“ Nick was a wonderful man. Always smiling and happy. I would say he was probably one of the most dedicated men to ever serve on the DLSC. HE will be missed for sure. I know I will miss him. God be with his family !!! RIP Friend.

Penny Luffman - September 07, 2021 at 10:20 PM

LP

“ Nick will be missed. He always made us laugh. I am sure he is telling the Angels jokes now. ❤️



Leslie Powell - September 07, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DN

“ Darlene Newman lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



Darlene Newman - September 07, 2021 at 08:58 PM

AS

“ Al & Brenda Sims lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



Al & Brenda Sims - September 07, 2021 at 07:14 PM

AS

*So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. 🙏*

**Al & Brenda Sims** - September 07, 2021 at 07:15 PM

AL

“ *Andrea & Dennis Loftis lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



**Andrea & Dennis Loftis** - September 07, 2021 at 05:15 PM

AL

*In our thoughts & prayers!*

**Andrea & Dennis Loftis** - September 07, 2021 at 05:16 PM

KA

“ *You guys are in my thoughts and prayer. Nick will most definitely be missed.*



**Katrina** - September 07, 2021 at 02:49 PM

PW

“ *So very sorry for your loss. May God keep you and hold you close at this difficult time.*  
*Bill & Pam Waller*



**P Waller** - September 07, 2021 at 01:41 PM

SP

“ Steve & Yvonne Parrish lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



Steve & Yvonne Parrish - September 07, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nick Sapounakes.



September 07, 2021 at 12:03 PM

BL

“ Thinking of you and your family, so sorry for your loss.

Barbara Louhoff

Barbara Louhoff - September 07, 2021 at 11:59 AM

ST

“ So sorry sweet lady. We are prayer for you and the family. ♡♡



Stuart & Lisa Taylor - September 06, 2021 at 07:11 PM

ST

So sorry sweet lady. We are in prayer for you and your family.

Stuart & Lisa Taylor - September 06, 2021 at 07:12 PM

CL

“ *A lifelong friend. My condolences to the family.  
Karo*

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**Carl Lewis** - September 06, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RH

“ *Penny, we are so very sorry to hear about the death of your husband. May God bless you and your family through this most difficult time. Prayers for all.  
~~ Rhonda & Tim Gammon*

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**Rhonda** - September 06, 2021 at 03:25 PM

DR

“ *My thoughts, love and prayers go out to Penny and family. Nick was a great friend for many years always willing to help others whatever it be. He will certainly be missed. May God hold Penny and family close in care during this difficult time.*

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**Daryl Rigney** - September 06, 2021 at 09:13 AM

JA

“ *So saddened to hear of Nick's passing. What a wonderful man! Each time we lose a loved one on earth, it makes heaven so much sweeter. Praying for your family.  
Gregg and Jan Jones*

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**Jan** - September 06, 2021 at 07:54 AM

TM

“ *So sorry to hear of this sad news. Knew Nick all his life and will miss seeing him around town. He was always there when he was needed. My prayers for his family.*

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**T Neal Morris** - September 06, 2021 at 07:31 AM

AW

“ *RIP Nick you will be missed*

Angie Watlington - September 06, 2021 at 04:56 AM

DM

“ *David Mangrum lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



David Mangrum - September 06, 2021 at 02:16 AM

KJ

“ *Kaye Jones lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



Kaye Jones - September 05, 2021 at 09:35 PM

KJ

*So sorry of your loss*

Kaye Jones - September 05, 2021 at 09:36 PM

MR

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mac and peggy ragans - September 05, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MR

*Penny and Nick jr we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Nick. We are heart broken . God Bless you and the entire family . We always enjoyed our Christmas get togethers. Love Mac and Peggy Ragans*

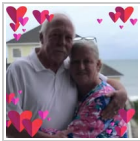
**mac and peggy ragans** - September 05, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Nick Sapounakes.*



September 05, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *Becky Dishman lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



**Becky Dishman** - September 05, 2021 at 06:47 PM

GR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Nick truly cared for his community , I will always remember our volunteer days with DLSC and what that meant to all of us. Gale Rodgers*



**Gale Rodgers** - September 05, 2021 at 05:15 PM

GH

“ Praying for the family. Sorry for your loss 🙏  
❤️



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**Gloria Hodges** - September 05, 2021 at 04:06 PM

EH

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for the family. 🙏

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**Ellen Hargis** - September 05, 2021 at 03:23 PM

TS

“ Tim & Elaine Shelton lit a candle in memory  
of Nick Sapounakes



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**Tim & Elaine Shelton** - September 05, 2021 at 03:11 PM

LJ

“ Louise Laprade, Nick and I were the duty crew in Chatham Rescue  
Squad, every Thursday night for many years. Miss them both, a lot  
of wonderful memories. RIP Nick.

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**Leon Jones** - September 05, 2021 at 03:10 PM

BB

“ *Brittany Barham lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



Brittany Barham - September 05, 2021 at 02:50 PM

TF

“ *So very sorry for you and your family’s loss. I met Nick back in the days of “ Riding Riverside.” He did a lot for our community. Treasure all those special memories you made.*

Tammy C. Foster - September 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nick Sapounakes.*



September 05, 2021 at 12:20 PM

KC

“ *So very sorry Penny and Nick Jr. for your loss of Nick. He was a great person and will be missed. Keeping all of you in my prayers.*



Katharine Jones Cesil - September 05, 2021 at 12:09 PM

YD

“ I am so sorry to hear that Nick passed away. He was a friend to everyone and one of the nicest people you would ever meet. I remember Nicky from his days working in the emergency room at then Danville (Hughes) Memorial Hospital as well as our days in the Danville Life Saving Crew. It will be difficult to find anyone to fill his shoes in the community. God bless the Family. Dr. G. Dewey Yeatts. Melbourne, Florida

Yeatts Dewey - September 05, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nick Sapounakes.



September 05, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BR

“ Brent & Susan Robertson lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



Brent & Susan Robertson - September 05, 2021 at 09:11 AM

DE

“ Prayers for you and rest of the family!



Delores Evans - September 05, 2021 at 08:06 AM

TB

“ Tina Brown lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



Tina Brown - September 05, 2021 at 07:42 AM

MO

So sorry to hear about Nick he devoted his life to helping others when they needed it most. Praying for Peace for his family during this time. God bless Michael and Deborah Osborne

Michael Osborne - September 05, 2021 at 08:26 AM

JD

“ Johnie and I are heartbroken by this loss of such a great man! Nick, you were truly one of a kind and your loss is being felt by so many people because you touched so many lives! We love you and know you are in a better place but it does hurt. Penny and Nick Jr, we are praying for you and are here for anything y'all need.  
Johnie and Ami Dooley



Johnie & Ami Dooley - September 05, 2021 at 06:55 AM

MC

“ I've known him for 40 years. Nick was a wonderful person. He will forever be missed .  
Gone but never forgotten 💔



Michelle Chandler - September 04, 2021 at 09:53 PM

AA

“ April Arias lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



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**April Arias** - September 04, 2021 at 09:15 PM

AD

“ Annette Dodd lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes



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**Annette Dodd** - September 04, 2021 at 09:00 PM

TW

“ I remember the times we had when he was still in high school and about to graduate and his mother would grab me by the ear and drag me across the restaurant and tell me to lead him in the right direction and tell him to go to college and quit driving that wrecker for Searce Wrecker Service. I wanted him in the WHVFD although his mama wanted him in college. I always loved going downtown Danville and sitting in his mama's restaurant. She always had nicky and me a wonderful lunch to eat. I'm gonna miss sending him messages. God bless Penny and Nicky,jr. I pray He will wrap His loving arms around them both at this heartbreaking time.

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**Tim Westbrooks** - September 04, 2021 at 08:54 PM

BB

“ *BRENDA BARTS BRYANT lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



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**BRENDA BARTS BRYANT** - September 04, 2021 at 08:13 PM

FL

“ *Falina Long lit a candle in memory of Nick Sapounakes*



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**Falina Long** - September 04, 2021 at 07:49 PM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Nick . May God comfort the family during this difficult timei know he will be missed .know my thoughts and prayers are with y'all*



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**Debra Hankins** - September 04, 2021 at 07:43 PM

LJ

“ Penny and Nick Jr I am so very sorry to hear about Nick. I know there are no words that can make this any easier and I am so glad you have so many beautiful memories. I always loved seeing you all together you are the type of family everyone would love to have. I will be thinking of you and ask God to hold you both tightly during this horrible time.  
Linda Satterfield James Durham NC



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**linda james** - September 04, 2021 at 07:31 PM