



Nicholas Castelli

July 22, 1916 - April 23, 2018

Nicholas Castelli, 101, of Leesburg, FL, passed away on Monday, April 23, 2018. Born on July 22, 1916, in Capels, WV, to Onofrio and Angelina (Bonono) Castelli, he spent his childhood in Capels, then moved with his family to Brooklyn, New York. In 1942 as an enlisted man with the US Army Air Corp he was stationed in Leesburg, FL, where he did sheet metal work on warplanes. In 1943 he met Helen (Lynch) and they married a year later and established their lives in Leesburg.

In 1946 when he was discharged from the Army he and Clarence Burleson started B & C Body and Paint Shop, which is still owned by his son Peter. Nick was a member and past president of the Leesburg Lions Club, a member of the Elks Club, and a charter member of St. Paul Catholic Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards with his buddies.

Nick and Helen (deceased 1971) had three children Nikki (Gary Lee) Hoort, Toni Atkins and Peter (Kris) Castelli; six grandchildren: Sola, Clayton, Todd (Skyelar), Melissa (Steve), Troy (Kristi) and Nicholas; and seven great-grandchildren.

In 2003 Nick married Elsie (Polly) Arnold Lynch and became Pop to her children Mark, Molly (Jesse), Michael and Melissa (Orlando); and 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be Saturday, June 23, 2018, 11:00 am, Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.

In lieu of flowers please contribute to the Lions Club International Foundation or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Nikki and Family,*

We were sorry to see the notice your Dad had passed away! Bobby has filled me in with lots of memories of your Dad from back in the day. I know you all with miss him. Please know we are praying for you all with lots of LOVE and SYMPATHY!

Jan and Bobby Nappi

Bob and Jan Nappi - May 02, 2018 at 09:33 PM

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“ *Nothing but great childhood memories of Mr. Castelli, Peter and the whole family. Good people always remain in your memory as bright spots despite the march of time. Mr. 'C' was one. Godspeed Nick and my best to the Castelli family.*

Greg Feustel - May 01, 2018 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Fond memories to one of the great characters of all time. Lion Nick Rest in peace !!*

Bill Hayes - April 29, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ *Dearest Nikki and family, I'm so very sorry for your dad's passing. My prayers are with all of you for strength and peace. May God comfort you through this most difficult time.*

Carole Baier - April 27, 2018 at 11:33 AM