



# Stephen "Nick" Markobrad

October 5, 1953 - May 10, 2018

## Obituary

Stephen "Nick" Markobrad passed away unexpectedly in Crete, IL on May 10, 2018. He was born on October 5, 1953 the son of Peter and Rae Markobrad. He is survived by his wife Sherry Markobrad nee Fell as well as his children Samuel Markobrad of Chicago, IL and Claire (Jeff) Cowan of Barrie, Ontario, Canada. Also surviving are his siblings Brad (Karie) Markobrad of Brookfield, IL, Syndy (Greg) Nugent of Winthrop Harbor, IL, and Diane (Larry) Edwards of Beach Park, IL, nephew Alex Nugent of Denver CO, uncle Joe Zupan of Winthrop Harbor, IL, his mother Rae Markobrad nee Winter of Zion, IL, many loving family members, friends, neighbors, and his loyal companion "Trace". He is preceded in death by his father. Nick enjoyed gardening, reading, boating, golfing, camping and had a great passion for helping others. Nick worked more than 40 years in the fence and guardrail industry for USS Cyclone Fence, GF Structures in Chicago and had his own consulting business. He was also an active member of ASTM, helping to implement standards and specifications for materials in the industry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Rush University Medical Center for stroke care. Please send memorial gifts to Rush University Medical Center, 1201 West Harrison St., Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60607 or visit <http://rush.convio.net/nmarkobrad>.

To send flowers to Stephen's family, please visit our floral section.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hack Funeral Home Ltd. created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen "Nick" Markobrad



Hack Funeral Home Ltd. - January 29, 2020 at 02:01 PM

ME

“ missing our little family....and the way we were.

me - November 14, 2019 at 10:58 AM

JD

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Markobrad family. I worked with Nick at Cyclone Fence and Nick and I played a lot of golf and racquetball during our many sales trips to ASTM meetings. A great guy and good friend!!

Jim DeSmith - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

AA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Nick was an inspiration to all that he met. I will always remember the encouragement he provided at Omni as well as the enthusiasm he had towards his own recovery. Giving up was NOT an option. He will truly be missed.

Anita Addlesberger - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

PN

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. He was a great friend to my mom Fran. She thought of him as a son. She passed away in March and I believe they are spending time together again. I saw a picture in your tribute of Nick with my mom it touched my heart. They will both be greatly missed.

Pat Norton - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

SO

“ To Sherry and family I am sorry for the loss of your dear husband and father. From the many expressions Nick will not be forgotten, neither does God forget those who have fallen asleep in death. That's why we are given the promise at John 5:28,29 it says ; "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his(Jesus) voice and come out."

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**SO** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

FK

“ I am sorry to hear of Nick's death. I know how much he cared for life and loved those around him. My prayers are with his entire family.

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**Fr. Bill Killeen** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

CN

“ I worked with Nick on many ASTM projects and was always inspired by his enthusiasm and energy to achieve positive results. He was a pleasure to know and will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to his family.

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**Chuck Naegele** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

SP

“ My sincere condolences to the Markobrad family. I worked with Nick at the ASTM F14 Committee on Fences where he succeeded me as chairman. No one was more dedicated to the fence industry to which he brought his knowledge and integrity. He will be missed.

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**Steve Peters** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ A RAY OF SUNSHINE was sent on May 16, 2018I'm so sorry for your loss, Sam.  
Xoxo

*With lots of love to you and your family,  
Renee Szewczyk*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

EC

“ A candle was lit by Elizabeth Miller, teacher friend from Crete

on May 16, 2018 7:37 AM

So sorry for your loss! Sending love, prayerful hugs and healing energies to Sam and family. Know that “there is No Death, only a change of worlds” Chief Seattle ! I hope that brings comfort to you all!

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Elizabeth Miller, teacher friend from Crete - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ A DIGNITY IN WHITE PEDESTAL ARRANGEMENT was sent on May 16,

2018Our deepest condolences to Sam and the entire Markobrad family.

You are all in our hearts and prayers.

~Cindy and Blane Boynton

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Expression of Sympathy - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

KL

“ A candle was lit by Koreen Lucas

on May 15, 2018 10:24 PM

My heart goes out to our family members that knew Nick better than I; many prayers and much love to you all from your cousin in Oregon.

Love, Luke and Koreen (Kori) Lucas

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Koreen Lucas - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ So many memories of you and your family back in the day! condolences to all your family

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Jerry Sekulich - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ML

“ Claire and Jeffery our deepest condolences to you and the entire family wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow and comfort in the midst of pain

THE LOFRANCO FAMILY

MIKE MARIANNE ASHLEY AND MICHELE

Toronto Ontario

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marianne lofranco - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ A FEATHERY PALM PLANT was ordered on May 15, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ A DISH GARDEN WITH FRESH FLOWERS was ordered on May 15, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

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“ An A GARDEN PATH was sent by Pro Access Systems on May 15, 2018

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“ A GARDEN PATH was sent on May 15, 2018Our hearts are filled with sadness, but our memories are filled with smiles of the good times we shared. Praying for you all at this time. With Love, the Wimmers: Linda Koepke, Michael & Susan Wimmer, Timothy & Luann Kuehl

Expression of Sympathy - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

BD

“ Our fathers worked together at Cyclone Fence, USSteel. Always enjoyed when our families got together. Glad we had the opportunity to video chat recently. Our condolences to the Markobrad Family...RIP Stephen Nicholas Markobrad Bob and Diane Denikas

Bob Denikas - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ A RAYS OF SUMMER SUNSHINE was sent on May 14, 2018May he rest in peace and let he and is family know the warmth of God's embrace. Remember and hold close the joy of his memories

Expression of Sympathy - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

DL

“ So sad to hear of Nick's passing, if you were a friend of Nick you had a friend for life. Rest in peace my friend.

Dale Lehman - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ *A TRADITION AND SPLENDOR* was sent on May 14, 2018 Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Rick Crandall & The Entire Builders Chicago Family*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

ES

“ *A DISH GARDEN WITH FRESH FLOWERS* was sent on May 14, 2018 Our prayers are with the Markobrad family. May God grant you peace beyond understanding during this time of grief. With love and prayers,  
*Mark and Marilyn Platter*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

BE

“ *A candle was lit by Betsy Evans*

*on May 13, 2018 10:40 PM*

*Dear Nick, old friend and buddy! How sad I am to hear the news of your passing! You are loved by so many! Lots of memories of good times! I know Phil is happy to see you! Rip Nick!! Love you! You will be so missed!! God rest your soul!!*

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**Betsy Evans** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

EG

“ *I am wholly saddened to hear of Nick's passing, and offer my prayers and grief for his family. Nick and I were friends thru School in Zion and group of friends in years after. I've lived in Georgia for the last 10 yrs but saw Nick at Church last year when I visited family up North. I had followed him with amazement through his recuperation.. That guy didn't know Quit. What an inspiration, A kind man, A good friend, a Gentle Giant.. I remember one time when we were in our early 20's Me Nick and Julian Summers were horsing around in the Markobrad Pool, Nick picked me up and threw me into the back yard. I landed hard and got up mad, but there was Nick laughing and I had to laugh too.. I thought I weigh 220 lbs. how did he pick me up high enough to do that? He had natural strength (It's a Markobrad thing) And a wonderful sense of humor. His dad was a man I looked up to and as a man who valued hard work he would have been proud of Nick. I Trust I'll get to see him again some day. .*

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**Ed Goforth** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ Went to grade school and then high school with Nick. No finer a human being. My sincere condolences to Sherry and the entire Markobrad clan. Nick was the pitcher on our summer soft ball team. The world needs more "Nick Markobrads." Rest peacefully my friend. See you later on that baseball field Nick!

*Jim Sinkus, Slatington, PA*

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**Jim Sinkus** - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM