



Nicholas J. Ansara

January 17, 1957 - April 18, 2025

Nicholas J. Ansara, 68, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at his home in Ayer on April 18, 2025. Born on January 17, 1957 in Waltham, he was the beloved son of the late Fred and Elinor Ansara.

He attended the New England School of Photography, where he nurtured a deep love for photography that stayed with him throughout his life. Nick was also a skilled craftsman and carpenter, later he went to New York City, where he spent a decade helping to wire the city's fiber optic cable infrastructure. After returning to Massachusetts, he continued working in carpentry and eventually established his own handyman business—earning a reputation for his strong work ethic, practical skills, and unwavering dedication to doing the job right.

In his later years, after semi-retiring, Nick took on a driving job that allowed him to continue engaging with people—something he truly loved. Helping others brought him genuine happiness, and he cherished the opportunity to stay active and make a difference in small but meaningful ways.

Nick's passions were simple and sincere. He treasured time with his family and friends, found joy in his work, and had a lifelong love for music. He adored his dogs and felt most at peace outdoors, especially while camping or hiking.

He is survived by his siblings, Sue McCarthy and her husband Cal of Arlington, Lisa Doherty and her husband Frank of Westford, and Brian Ansara and his fiancé Laura of Chelmsford; his nieces and nephews, Darlene, Christine, Cal, Sheila, Stacey and Brian. He also leaves behind many great-nieces and great-nephews. Nick will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Calling hours will be held on April 30, 2025 from 4 to 7PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to:<https://www.sunnypawsrescue.org/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Jim, Joel, & Rebekah Ansara purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Nicholas J. Ansara.*



Jim, Joel, & Rebekah Ansara - April 29, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Ansara.*



April 29, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SH

“ Uncle Nick, you will be missed by so many, especially your family. We all loved you so much.

I can still vividly remember standing at Poppie's picture window when I was little, waiting to see your van pull up on the holidays. I couldn't wait to see you!

Our trip to visit you in NYC is one I'll never forget. We got to meet your hilarious roommate and you got to show us around City Island and Times Square. Although you were the most low key person I've ever met, you loved the busy city!

I'll miss our conversations about movies, the unique foods we both liked and what big tea drinkers we both were. I'll miss your quiet laugh when I was making you play my would you rather games. I'll miss our laughs on your birthday about the key lime pie and carrot cake. I'll miss the multiple comedy shows we all went to at Bull Run. I'll miss the dinners you'd come over and make for my mom on her birthday every year, and so much more.

You were also a special Great uncle to Mackenzie and Jack. I'd buy them so many Christmas presents yet yours were always their favorite! Jack's been playing with his lightsaber and board game non stop the past week reminding me that they were from Uncle Nick.

The world was a better place with your kind, gentle soul. You will be missed by everyone who knew you. I hope you're resting peacefully with Nana and Poppie. Love you!

Sheila - April 28, 2025 at 10:46 PM

BE

“ Nick & I were v. Close friends since we met @ 4 yrs. old. Never a harsh word in all those years. To say he helped me out more than I can say, is a bit of an understatement. Friends 4 that many years, stepping up for each other was like breathing. Just a given. Early memories in all his childhood houses in the neighborhood run deep as well as with his exceptional parents Freddie & Elenor. Always easy going like nick. We reminiscent about his parents right up until the last time I saw him & drive him back to his simple place in Ayer. A decievngly siimple charming person. Knew a lot about a lot & appreciated the simplest things in life like his colorful dad did from ethnic cuisine (kibbies) to his personal favorite artists : Jethro Tull & bob dylan. Which caused friendly friction on the "job site".(which were m.a.n.y.! Job sites that is.) always a joy to hang with & talk about stuff which was sort of customized to nickys world. He always saw the funny quirky side of life & people which always provoked a humorous silly shared laugh when the rest of the world was losing their sh...t! So many funny stories in 64 years that if listed would fill up a nicky ansara " mini series" & appear ridiculous 2 most people but sort of hysterical to us.It was always EZ with nicky & the world would be a much better place if there were more kind gentle/funny/ & creative people like him in the world, less wars, better cuisine brighter L.E.D. lights & weathier auto mechanics. It's the understated heroes like nicky that make us all miss him more with every passing day.

Bob Enik - April 28, 2025 at 07:48 PM

JA

“ Jim Annunciata planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Ansara.

Jim Annunciata - April 28, 2025 at 05:09 PM

JA

“ Jim Annunciata purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nicholas J. Ansara.



Jim Annunciata - April 28, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BA

“ People lose their parents and in my case it was extremely tough, they were the best, but it was expected. Losing your brother is on another level. I think the hardest part is knowing I couldn't say goodbye. I still can't believe he's gone. He was the best guy, he'd give you the shirt off his back. He was a great brother, if I needed a hand or bend his ear, he was always there. One good burning memory is when I was like 6, he was going out. I wanted to hang with him, his 3 friends were waiting. I got upset, he looked at them and said I'm not going, I can't and took me out. I never forgot that. We went through so much together. We had great times. We'd go on yearly camping trips, I'd visit him in NY. When he'd come back to see us, usually he'd stay with me. We both had dogs so it was easier on my Dad. This one time he said I know you love fireworks, I brought some. He had these giant balls with huge wicks. He said I have no idea what they do. It was 3 am, I said let's try. Long story short they made the biggest explosion and set off every car alarm at my condo complex. We never laughed so hard in my dining room. Through good and bad times, I couldn't ask for a better brother. I'm sure my parents were waiting for him and at least he's with them in a better place. Miss you bro, always will.

Brian Ansara - April 25, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DM

“ Nick, this still doesn't feel real. It probably won't for a really long time. There isn't a job site you haven't visited in almost two decades. We were always so busy getting you to the jobs, that I never had you fix my own bathroom light. It's been in a box for 5 years...and I always just thought we'd have time to do it. We've been reminiscing and laughing about the past. Like the time you went to the laundromat and left your clothes there, only to return and find out all your clothes had been stolen. You couldn't believe that because you thought everyone in the world was as honest and good as you. No such luck. There's comfort in knowing you are with your parents now. I also have a feeling you are in a field somewhere taking Spike for a long overdue walk. That must have been one hell of a reunion. I'm glad you are all together again, I just didn't think it would be this soon. Your laugh will be missed. Your old NYC stories will be missed. The way you twirled your hair as you were thinking will be missed. I hope you know how much your family loved you. We will never forget you. Love, Darlene and Beau XOXOXO

Darlene McCarthy - April 25, 2025 at 04:48 PM

AR

“ So sorry to hear I went to school with him from the time I moved to Waltham in third grade through high school he was such a nice human being always welcoming and kind nothing but good thoughts of him my sincerest condolences to his family sincerely Alex (Wayne) Roldan 🙏

Alex Roldan - April 24, 2025 at 10:32 AM

TL

“ *The Freedman Family (Nick’s Landlord) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Nicholas J. Ansara.*



The Freedman Family (Nick’s Landlord) - April 23, 2025 at 08:54 PM

LS

“ *Love Sheila and Stacey purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Nicholas J. Ansara.*



Love Sheila and Stacey - April 23, 2025 at 01:50 PM

PH

“ *Nick and I were friends for over 60 years. We had a lot of laughs together, we saw a lot of shows together from Dylan to Social Distortion and everything in-between. We also worked together doing electrical work. I have had the pleasure of knowing his family over all those years. I have worked with and been working on projects with him for over thirty years. With all that said I can say I have been blessed to have know all of them. When I was young his Parents gave me Shelter from my storm with a place to sleep and a roof over my head The loss of Nick will leave a hole in my heart but his memory will always bring a smile
Hubba*

Paul Huber - April 23, 2025 at 09:19 AM

WJ

“ *William J. purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Nicholas J. Ansara.*



William J. - April 22, 2025 at 11:05 PM