



## Dr. Nicholas J. Holman

December 22, 1959 - July 18, 2021

LANCASTER- Dr. Nicholas John Holman, 61, of Lancaster, died on Sunday morning at his home with his wife Ilene Holman by his side after a two-year battle with esophageal cancer.

Nicholas was born at home in Wimborne on December 22, 1959. Nicholas John Holman was the youngest child of Ralph (1921-1990) and Sybil Holman (1923-2005) of Wimborne, Dorset, England.

He attended local schools and then studied at St John's College, Oxford University. After graduating with a doctorate, he moved to Nottingham, England, where he worked for many years as a research chemist. Nicholas emigrated to the USA in 2001, first to Syracuse, then Guilderland, both in New York State, before moving to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he met now-wife Ilene at Happy Jacks.

Nicholas worked at Johnson Matthey on Devens, where he specialized in Pharmaceutical Development. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, traveling, opera, and the theater in his leisure time.

He was predeceased by his eldest sibling, Stephen (1952-2017). He leaves his wife, Ilene (Williams) Holman of five years; stepsons: Tony A. Reyes of Leominster and D'vonne J. Williams of Denver, CO, and two older siblings,

Jennifer Holman of Wimborne and Philip Holman of Edinburgh, and two step-grandchildren Aiden and Illiana Reyes.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 11:00 AM in Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer, Massachusetts. In place of flowers on behalf of Nicholas J. Holman, we ask that you donate to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at <https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/get-involved/friends-of-dana-farber-cancer-institute/donate-to-the-friends/>.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer, Massachusetts. For directions or to place an online condolence, please visit Nicholas' Tribute Wall at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

A Livestream and Recording of Nicholas' Ceremony will be available to view Saturday at the following link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/nicholas-holman>.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home  
25 Fitchburg Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
[info@andersonfuneral.com](mailto:info@andersonfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Nicholas J. Holman.*



July 23, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Gino Gabellone and Family purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Dr. Nicholas J. Holman.*



**Gino Gabellone and Family** - July 23, 2021 at 06:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Nicholas J. Holman.*



July 22, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Angela and Roger Pascall and Family purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Dr. Nicholas J. Holman.*



**Angela and Roger Pascall and Family** - July 22, 2021 at 10:09 AM