



Thomas H. Nikkel

November 20, 1948 - December 13, 2013

In New Haven, Dec.13,2013, Attorney Thomas H. Nikkel, 65, of Southington. Beloved husband of Helen " Lynn" Gourd. Brother of Mary Doyle Zuskin of FL. Uncle of Crystal Gray, Katie Doyle and Jed Doyle. Also survived by his canine companion Lily. Born Nov. 20,1948 in Wilmington, DE, a son of the late Henry and Mary Hynes Nikkel, he was a graduate of Hillhouse High School, class of 1966 and then S.C.S.U and the University of Conn. School of Law from where he earned his law degree. Thomas was presently a Public Defender for the State of CT , a position he had held for many years. Prior to becoming a lawyer he was a surgical orderly at the Hospital of St., Raphael, an oyster boat captain and a Public Space Inspector for the City of New Haven. He was a member of the American Bar Assoc. and the Criminal Defense Attorney's Assoc. He also served with the U.S. Marine Corps.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday morning at 11:00 in St. Brendans Church, Whalley Ave., New Haven. Interment will be private. Friends may call at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Friday from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., I 91 Tech Center, Rocky Hill,CT 06067. Thomas's family would like to thank Dr. Eric Liben , Dr. Thomas Flynn and the entire staff of Verdi 3 and 5 North at the Hospital of St. Raphael for the outstanding care given to him during his time there.

Previous Events

Calling hours

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Brendan Church
455 Whalley Ave.
New Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

D'

“ *Death of a loved one is never easy. May you find an abundance of comfort in your family, friends and especially the future blessings found in God's word. He has promised to swallow up death forever and reunite us with all who fall asleep in death. (Isaiah 25:8, John 5:28,29) As a God of love who cannot lie we can certainly trust all he says to come true. (1 John 4:8 & Titus 1:2) It is my hope that these words and the fond memories of your loved one sustain you through this most difficult time.*

D'Anita - February 05, 2014 at 07:59 AM

MC

“ *God bless tom I will miss you and our chats on classic rock*

matt costello - December 20, 2013 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Nikkel.*



December 20, 2013 at 11:06 AM

WH

“ *You were a constant in my life for almost a half a century, and will be missed very deeply. If only everyone could experience such friendship!*

*Your Bro,
Bill Hanson*

William Hanson - December 19, 2013 at 04:06 PM

JM

“ Tom and I shared a love of gardening and would often talk about our fall plans for new plantings or how much we needed more rain. I knew Tom as hard working, kind and empathetic, he never had a harsh word to say about anyone. I will miss Tom very much.

John M.

J. Morrisson - December 19, 2013 at 02:06 PM



ES

“ Esmeralda Soto lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Nikkel

Esmeralda Soto - December 18, 2013 at 11:30 AM



RW

“ So long for now old friend.
Hope to see you again,
just don't know when.
Dick Walker
Love,
the Boston Walkers

Richard Walker - December 18, 2013 at 06:48 AM

JW

“ Lynn,

Jen and I are so sorry for the huge loss you are experiencing and the lengthy, albeit quiet, pain you both endured prior. Tom and you were truly life partners and we hope you can focus on the many positive memories and achievements of a remarkable man, none of which will fade into obscurity. God bless you, young lady, and bye for now, Tom.

Love,

Jim and Jennifer Walker

Jim Walker - December 17, 2013 at 04:38 PM

DW

“ Dick Walker lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Nikkel



Dick Walker - December 17, 2013 at 02:06 PM

BE

“ Tom was the best brother in law I could have ever had. Both Tom and my sister Lynn we're always there for me no matter what. In the good and bad times I could count on Tom to kick me in the ass if I needed or a hug when needed.

I'm so great full to Tom for loving my sister the way he has for as long as I have known him. They were one very special couple, one I looked up too.

All my love

Beth

Beth - December 17, 2013 at 12:48 PM

PG

“ Tom will be missed by his "condo mates" in the office basement space. He was the "condo president". Condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Love,

Phet, Dave & Jeff

Phet G. - December 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM

GD

“ Gina DesBiens lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Nikkel



Gina DesBiens - December 17, 2013 at 07:39 AM

FR

“ My deepest condolences



Fortunato Ruscito - December 17, 2013 at 07:32 AM

PP

“ Lynn,

I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Truly a great friend and one of the most wonderful people I've had the privilege of knowing. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Pamela Pasha*

Pamela Pasha - December 17, 2013 at 07:21 AM

BG

“ Beth Gray lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Nikkel



Beth Gray - December 16, 2013 at 10:11 PM

BC

“ Brenda Cotto lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Nikkel



Brenda Cotto - December 16, 2013 at 12:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Nikkel.*



December 16, 2013 at 12:06 PM