



Nicholas Vincent Arena

October 10, 1989 - August 1, 2013

Nick (Nicholas Vincent) Arena died on August 1, 2013, in Tolchester, MD, at 23 years old.

Nick lived with his father and stepmother, Chip and Rachel Arena, in Tolchester, and his mother, Janet Higgins, lives in Wilmington, DE.

Nick died in a single car, fatal crash on the road from Tolchester to Rock Hall at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2013.

Having graduated at the top of his class at Valley Forge Military Academy as the Commander of the Corps of Cadets, and second in his class academically, Nick went on to Montreal, Quebec, to found a business with a Valley Forge classmate. Nick then attended Rutgers University and went on to found another business in Newport, RI.

Nick moved back to the Eastern Shore in 2012 and worked at Angelica Nurseries and at Chester River Landscaping, where he was recently promoted to crew chief and supervisor.

He loved the Bay and everything about the outdoors. He loved doing anything with his family, and as a family.

Nick was a very, very hardworking, self-motivated young man who always had a "project" at home in addition to the long hours that he put in at his job. He touched everyone who knew him with his broad, winning smile and with his ability to talk engagingly to anyone—of all ages.

He is survived by his brother, Rocco, 25, who lives in Los Angeles, and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, Nick's friends are invited to contribute to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation or the Nature Conservancy, in his name.

There will be a Celebration of Nick's Life at his home at Baymeadow, 8713 Park Drive, Chestertown, Maryland 21620, on Saturday, August 17, starting at 2 p.m. and ending with a sunset celebration—an event that Nick in some way celebrated each evening.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Residence

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Vincent Arena*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Nicholas Vincent Arena*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Nicholas Vincent Arena*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I have received hate mail from various sources regarding my stepson Nick Arena's tribute on your website.*

Having read it, this site has a large amount of libelous remarks, accusations and hate speech at/regarding me personally and postings that are not originated by me.

I cannot imagine how this kind of awful thing can have continued on your website without any basic rules of behavior having been enforced or, in the absence of that, basic fact checking.

Either the remarks need to be deleted or the site for my deceased stepson, Nick, needs to be taken down immediately.

I will have counsel address this matter if it isn't addressed satisfactorily.

R Arena

rachel - September 30, 2016 at 02:08 AM

JH

Hate mail..... speaks for itself!

janet higgins-arena - August 04, 2018 at 01:00 AM

JA

“ 52 files added to the tribute wall



janet - July 31, 2015 at 09:21 AM

MN

“ Sadly, my last recollection of Nick was the last time I saw him alive, on 6/14/13. He loaded a shotgun and ran up to me putting it under my chin and asked me, "do ya wanna die, do ya wanna die, do ya wanna die?". His father tackled him, but he still got off two rounds as I fled.

makes no difference now - February 06, 2015 at 07:56 PM

WA

Who is this?

wa - February 07, 2015 at 08:46 AM

MN

Hmmm what are the options

makes no difference now - April 28, 2015 at 09:20 PM

MN

1. Middlesex county v Nicholas arena et al see Blair zwillman. Attorney
2. Arena software a company that took money for ??software?? See reviews and chat w Rhode Island attorney or Montreal thugs
Not an innocent. Not a non violent. His father knew what he did.

makes no difference now - April 28, 2015 at 09:23 PM

NA

Sometimes think It would have been easier had he succeeded. But having been on 3 yr parole. It wouldn't have gone well for him, hence his father not reporting it.

not that it matters anymore - April 28, 2015 at 09:28 PM

FU

You are having a hard time forgive, and forget. Your life wasn't that bad, people loved you. And people loved nick, he loved you too.

fu - April 29, 2015 at 03:18 PM

JA

This is someone who was is my son's life, as well as the entire family, who tried to fool everyone that she cared for them. She is nothing but a vindictive witch, evil, liar. HOW DARE YOU PUT THIS ON MY SON'S TRIBUTE? Don't you have anything better to do then keep trying to ruin peoples lives? Take a good look in the mirror. Karma. I cannot wait to write on your triubute wall. That is, if there is anyone left that cares enough to take the time to do it! Don't dare write another LETTER on his page. You will be sorry, Rachet!

janet - July 31, 2015 at 07:45 AM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album My Beloved Son....Forever in My Heart.
Mom



janet - September 27, 2014 at 06:52 AM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Annemarie bertrand - February 03, 2014 at 03:49 PM

JA

“ 3 files added to the album *My Beloved Son....Forever in My Heart. Mom*



janet - September 14, 2013 at 08:11 AM

JA

“ 21 files added to the album *My Beloved Son....Forever in My Heart. Mom*



janet - September 11, 2013 at 08:13 AM

TG

“ This evening, outside the bats are flying about, there is a slight dry chill, and the hummers are sipping for the last time tonight. I remember the dinners with my boys on the patio at the end of summer. My nephew Avert, my son Cameron and my "adopted" son Nick were all here living at my house for the summer of 2012. We often had dinner together outside, and it is now such a bittersweet memory. We all loved living in that moment, now gone. Nick was my helpful son, sweet and generous with his smile, warmth, humor. Forever in my heart, son #2. Your loss is unmeasurable.
Peace to all the family.

tina guldemon

Tina Guldemon - August 16, 2013 at 07:38 PM

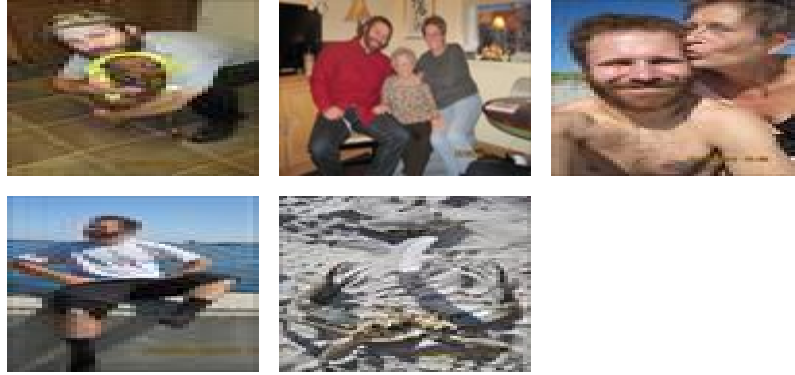
MG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences. It's always so sad when someone young goes to sleep in death. May God keep Nicholas in his memory. Psalms 14:13,14

Mrs. Gant - August 12, 2013 at 06:30 AM

JM

“ 11 files added to the album *My Beloved Son....Forever in My Heart. Mom*



Janet (Nick's Mom) - August 11, 2013 at 08:08 AM

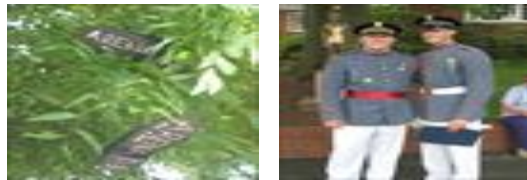
SS

“ *As you face your fresh tears of unbearable grief, feel Nick's spirit. When you find the strength to hope, know that Nick is there. When you do a thing with love, believe that he is close beside you. And most of all, remember that your warm and precious memories of Nick are your treasure in your heart forever. With love from Stephanie and Shag and all the Shagren Family*

stephanie shagren - August 09, 2013 at 09:03 AM

KS

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Kristin Sperry - August 08, 2013 at 07:07 PM

LW

“ We are saddened by your loss of Nicholas. May the many good memories and fun times help you through this difficult time. He will be welcomed to his heavenly home to the loving arms of his grandmother, Mary, and grandfather, Charles.
Linda and Michael Waal



Linda Waal - August 08, 2013 at 02:06 PM

GD

“ I am so deeply sorry for you loss. Nick is in God's warm embrace now.
Grace Diotisalvi

Grace Diotisalvi - August 08, 2013 at 03:48 AM


Marielle
Gates

“ We were so lucky to have known this wonderful, loving young man. His smile lit up a room and touched our hearts. His love for his family was abundant and he will be missed by so many. We love you Nicky and will never forget you.
Mari, Frank, Francheddar and Becca

Marielle Gates - August 07, 2013 at 07:07 PM

BE

“ 2 files added to the album *Photos of Nick*



Benay - August 06, 2013 at 05:32 PM

BE

“ 2 files added to the album *Photos of Nick*



Benay - August 06, 2013 at 02:47 PM

BE

“ 1 file added to the album *Photos of Nick*



Benay - August 06, 2013 at 11:15 AM

ST

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Arena family at this time of such a tragic loss. Though I did not know Nick, I knew his grandparents from service provided to them on the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance and as a Case Manager at Chester River Hospital Center and I know Rachel from the Doctor's office.*

I wish to send you all my most sincere condolences and regards.

Sharon Truitt

Sharon Truitt - August 06, 2013 at 11:04 AM

MJ

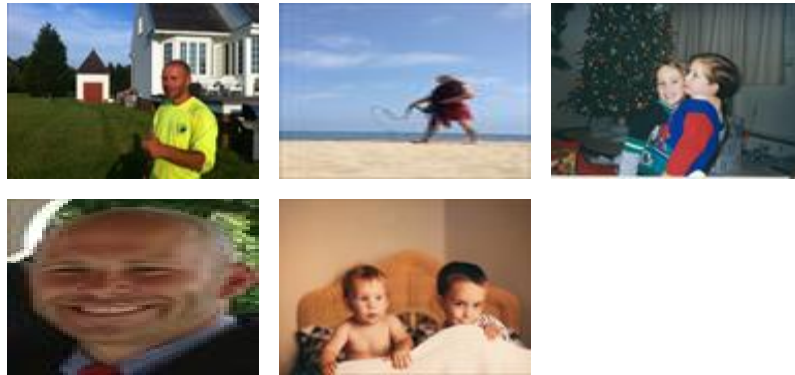
“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Vincent Arena*



Mark & Sandy Joiner - August 05, 2013 at 06:21 PM

BE

“ *31 files added to the album Photos of Nick*



Benay - August 05, 2013 at 05:07 PM

BE

“ *2 files added to the album Photos of Nick*



Benay - August 05, 2013 at 05:01 PM

DI

“ Debi & Craig Ingram lit a candle in memory of
Nicholas Vincent Arena



Debi & Craig Ingram - August 05, 2013 at 07:02 AM

HU


“ Although it is impossible to see beyond your pain,
May we look back to good memories to comfort and help you today
May your heart and soul find peace and happiness.
May the blessings of God be upon you,
May peace is always within your soul,
May its essence illuminate your heart,
Now and forever more

Healing Waters UMC - August 05, 2013 at 06:08 AM

KS

“ Our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy. The Sperry Family

Kristin Sperry - August 04, 2013 at 02:11 PM

 Hillary
Grunberg

“ Hillary Grunberg lit a candle in memory of
Nicholas Vincent Arena



Hillary Grunberg - August 04, 2013 at 01:50 PM

HG

It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, and a day to love them, but it takes an entire lifetime to forget them.

Hillary G - August 04, 2013 at 02:13 PM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Vincent Arena*



Marie Usilton - August 03, 2013 at 05:00 PM

MU

Rachel, Chip and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort, strength and peace during this very difficult time.

Marie Usilton - August 03, 2013 at 05:15 PM

PE

“ *Peggy States Edwards lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Vincent Arena*



Peggy States Edwards - August 02, 2013 at 09:01 PM

PE

Chip, Rachel and family - My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that God be with you during this very difficult time. Prayers will continue for all of you. Love, Peggy States Edwards and Carlton

Peggy States Edwards - August 02, 2013 at 09:03 PM