



Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale

November 7, 1951 - November 24, 2022

Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale left this earth at his home in Chestertown, MD, on November 24, 2022, after a lifetime of environmental advocacy, traveling, and kayaking.

Born in Rochester, NY, to Alex and Harriet (Galli) DiPasquale on November 7, 1951, he found his lifetime calling was environmentalism after reading *Silent Spring* as an early teen and committed his life and career to advocacy and education. He started his environmental advocacy by serving for six years in the U.S. Navy's nuclear power program. He went on to get his undergraduate degree from SUNY at Brockport and his Master's degree in Energy and Environmental Policy from Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

Nick had a long and impactful career in both the public and private sectors, championing the need for environmental regulation. His achievements included being: a researcher for four environmental committees in Missouri; Director of Waste Management Programs for the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources; worker for the Air Pollution and Waste division and as a secretary of the Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources; Director of the Environmental Management Center at the Brandywine Conservancy in Chadds Ford, PA; Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Air, Waste, and Radiation Protection; six years in the private sector as a senior environmental consultant; and finally, Director of EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office

from 2011 to his retirement.

His former colleagues remark on what a wonderful mentor he was. He has also been recognized as an “Admiral of the Chesapeake” by the Governor of Maryland. He is particularly proud of his work as Chair of the Quicksilver Caucus, a consortium supported by the Environmental Council of Secretaries that aimed to identify and reduce mercury pollution in the environment.

Nick has been recognized for his leadership in orchestrating and laying the groundwork for a first-time collaboration between multiple states and stakeholders which has been critical to the success of the Chesapeake Watershed Agreement. This agreement is one of the most successful cross-state/federal regulatory agreements in environmental protection, a fitting legacy for a great man.

After retirement, Nick continued his advocacy for the environment by serving on a variety of Boards and speaking engagements. Nick settled in Chestertown. He loved the Bay and could be found navigating its waterways in his kayak with his wife, Becky, whenever the weather was fine. He also loved to travel and managed to cross the globe. He was happiest with a glass of good red wine in his hand, either on his porch or in a piazza, soaking up the culture in some far-flung destination. He delighted in the four-footed members of his family, including Gunner, Miya, and his two current trouble-making huskies, Mocha and Mac.

He joins his parents, Alex and Harriet, and his brother, Al, and leaves his beloved wife, Becky Robson; his daughter Laura DiPasquale, son in law and two grandchildren, Eric, Alex and Addie Zupan; his sister and her husband and daughter, MaryEllen, Craig, and Alexandria Colling and her husband David Linn; his brother, Jim DiPasquale and his two children, Danielle and Benjamin; and his stepdaughter, her husband, and two children, Jess, Simon,

Caroline, and Emily Nichols.

He would ask that in lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to the environmental or conservation organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ I was so saddened to recently learn of Nick's passing. He was a true champion for nature and all things green. What a wonderful legacy of environmental advocacy he left behind him. There is no doubt that he is still fighting for us over on the other side. Many blessings to his family. ❤️



Patti Lowe Deptula - May 31, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

KF

“ Many Missourians like me are so sad to hear of Nick's passing. We had the honor and blessing of working with him as Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Waste Management Program in the 1980s. While there, he fought hard for staff training, expanded outreach opportunities, and led lasting environmental improvements. He sincerely and openly LIKED his staff and learning from them and other MDNR partners. That likely was not politically beneficial to him, but it built a loyal team, lasting friends, and healthier Missouri air, land and water. I remember seeing people cry at his MDNR farewell picnic. Then, as now, we hate to see him go.

Kathy S. Flippin - December 28, 2022 at 11:31 PM

EM

“ I remember Nick as the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. It saddens me very much to learn of his passing. I will miss him and his beautiful posts. Especially his loving posts about his wife, Becky. My heartfelt prayers go out his family. Ellen Morris

Ellen Morris - December 12, 2022 at 10:24 PM

RS

“ Having known and worked with Nick since his days with the Missouri Environment and Natural Resources Agency, I will remember him as an honorable, dignified and highly committed professional who contributed greatly to the health and protection of world environment. Nick will be greatly missed by so many. Peace my friend!

Robbi Savage - December 04, 2022 at 06:18 PM

PH

“ Although I only knew Nick professionally, he was eager to help review a book proposal of mine when I asked. He was so willing to help people out. I've very saddened to hear of his loss. What a thoughtful champion of the environment.

Pete Hill - December 01, 2022 at 05:56 PM

HC

“ It was an honor to care for Nick during his last days. Although our time together was brief, it was blessed. We loved meeting Nick, Becky and Mary Ellen. We enjoyed hearing about their kids, grandkids, Nick's career and last but certainly not least, his dogs. We enjoyed his sense of humor and we were especially encouraged by his strength. We consider it a privilege to have known him. Much love from Heavenly Hands Senior Care- Susan, Margie and Heather

Heavenly Hands Senior Care - December 01, 2022 at 03:13 PM

AP

“ I was honored to "meet" Nicki on LinkedIn in 2015, where he didn't know that meant big asks from me would be forthcoming. He graciously responded to a request to present at Christopher Newport University but didn't just do the requested presentation. His full schedule, included bringing a CNU alum, Samantha Watterson, who worked with Nick, back to campus. After driving down to Newport News, VA, he guest lectured in three classes, did a session with Career Services and presented the Dean Parks Colloquium. It was followed by wine and pizza on the James River. Never one to miss an opportunity to share his wisdom and knowledge of the environment, he returned to CNU in 2019 where he was the keynote speaker of our Collaborative Ecosystems Summit. Silent Spring was prominent in his remarks, as was his sense of humor, delight in sharing his wealth of knowledge and mentoring so many students. I feel like I have lost a gracious part of my experience on this planet, but know he is in a good place with good water and fine weather for kayaking.

Anne Pascucci - November 29, 2022 at 03:58 PM

HK

“ What a huge loss. Nick was a rare person - compassionate, earnest, genuine, and a true environmentalist. He worked hard to move things in the right direction for all of us and he was an awesome soul. He will be missed very much.

Hye Yeong Kwon - November 29, 2022 at 01:56 PM

JW

“ I am second-generation DNREC, 2006 to present (my father also worked for the Delaware agency) and I have had the pleasure of meeting Nick and seeing him often at a variety of events and occasions. The man I met late in his career was warm, friendly and humble, and always paused to chat with me at events. His dedication to environmental advocacy was genuine - and he made a genuine and true difference for good - not just a ripple, but a wave. I shall miss seeing him.

Joanna Wilson - November 29, 2022 at 08:37 AM

EN

“ Nick was always so very patient and calm - I will remember fondly the times we sat in the back of a big meeting room, giggling. He will be missed.

Elizabeth Nellums - November 28, 2022 at 04:20 PM

RR

“ I was privileged to know and work under Nick. He was a champion steward of the environment whose legacy includes the improvement of Delaware's air quality.

Ravi Rangan

Ravi Rangan - November 28, 2022 at 10:01 AM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale



Eastern Shore Dental Care - November 28, 2022 at 08:36 AM

CR

“ *Environmental hero and all-around great human. Dogs can spot the good ones* ❤️



cl ra - November 27, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Nicholas A. "Nick" DiPasquale*



John M Larrimore - November 26, 2022 at 04:49 PM

AC

Nick was a good man and will be truly missed.

Amy Clements - November 28, 2022 at 02:08 PM

BM

Worked for Nick in Missouri at the Department of Natural Resources. He was an intelligent, kind and hard-working soul. Condolences to family members and friends.

Bruce Martin - November 30, 2022 at 02:00 PM

PK

It's good that he made such a good public impression. I married a guy like that too. Lots of bad things happen behind closed doors and guys like Nick and my ex-husband are not the saints they are perceived to be.

pamela kelly - January 01, 2023 at 04:09 PM