



Mr. David W. Nicholson

May 9, 1944 - January 23, 2014

Mr. David W. Nicholson, age 69 of Maitland, Florida passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2014 in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Mr. Nicholson was born on May 9, 1944 in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273)

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
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Rosary

JAN **26**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Reception

JAN 27. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
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<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ My late deepest condolences to the family of Professor Dr. David Nicholson. I just found out. I took his classes (although I am a Structural Civil Engineer), during my Master studies. Thanks to his great way to teach and approach a student with simplicity and encouragement, but at the same time with discipline and a request for hard work, I was among the best students (only female in the class) and received (A) for one of my student works. He will be greatly missed.

May you rest in peace great Professor.

Ms Dragana Jankovic

Dragana Jankovic - September 13, 2017 at 10:30 AM

AA

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Dr. David W. Nicholson. I recently learned about the sad news of Dr. Nicholson’s demise. It is a great loss to the scientific and engineering community. I first met Dr. Nicholson at UCF in 1999 while finishing my Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Looking at my background, he advised me to start taking graduate level courses. He was the finest professor I have ever met in my entire life. I took many of his courses such as Continuum mechanics and advanced finite element analysis. He was a great advisor, a mentor, an excellent personality with a great sense of humor, always felt comfortable talking to him. His encouragement led me to finish my Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering at UCF in 2003. I will always remember the valuable education and guidance he provided me during my advanced studies at UCF.

*My thoughts and prayers are with his family.
May he rest in peace.*

-ARUN ARORA-

Arun Arora - June 03, 2014 at 09:05 PM

SJ

“ *"Gentleman, Greetings". This was always his first words before starting the class.
Dr. David Nicholson was one of the finest professors I have ever come across. As a Co-Adviser for my dissertation during my Ph.D. (1999-2004), I cannot forget the knowledge he gave me, which has carried with me even today. I owe him a lot for my successes.*

May you rest in peace. With heartfelt condolences,

Sanjay Jayaram

Sanjay Jayaram - April 07, 2014 at 03:35 PM

SK

“ Dr. Nicholson played a pivotal role in my graduate coursework at UCF. Not only was he an excellent educator, he was a true mentor to his students, providing guidance and a laugh whenever he could. His classes were challenging, but he truly cared for his students and made sure they were set up to succeed. Outside of the classroom, he provided support and direction to my research projects, helped with career choices and served on my theses committees. I will truly miss Dr. Nicholson and I send my condolences to his family.

Scott Keller - February 19, 2014 at 07:17 AM



“ Dr. Nicholson was a member of my MS Thesis committee in 2009. His Continuum Mechanics and Finite Element Methods courses were my favorite during graduate school at UCF. I learned so much from him and model my lectures after his teaching. He retired before I could add him to my dissertation committee. I remember him in the classroom deriving equations and cracking jokes. He was always up beat. He will be missed.

Calvin Stewart - February 11, 2014 at 03:09 PM

SA

“ It is really sad news. For some moments I am not getting any words to express my grief about this. I will always remember him in my thoughts. Dr. David Nicholson was Co-Advisor for me during my PhD work (1997-2000) and taught me many courses, he was very helpful, full of knowledge and great educator. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues at the UCF.

Salih N Akour

Salih N Akour - February 09, 2014 at 04:54 AM

MA

“ *What a sad news and a huge loss. Dr Nicholson was very kind and helpful to me during my PHD work and his commitment to assist all his students and myself personally will never be forgotten. Of course his explosive laughter that brought joy will be always remembered as well. Dr Nicholson is a role model to me, I hope I can do some of what he did to all his students. I wish his family well.*

Mohamed AlQaradawi

Mohamed AlQaradawi - January 31, 2014 at 10:43 PM

AB

“ *Very shocking news. I had the pride of having Dr. Nicholson as my adviser during my Master's program. He was always accomodative with his trademark laughter for any kind of help. The way he mentors students and his personal care on each student was admirable.*

- Ashokkumar Balasubramaniam (India)

Ashokkumar Balasubramaniam - January 28, 2014 at 08:32 AM

NG

“ *I had Dr. Nicholson's son, Michael, as a student during his last year at Bishop Moore High School, and my husband is a UCF colleague who never had anything but words of praise for Dr. Nicholson. My condolences to Michael and his family.*

Nicole Gonzalez

Nicole Gonzalez - January 27, 2014 at 12:29 PM

RB

"It was very shocking, unbelievable to hear about the sudden, untimely, sad demise of Dr. Nicholson. Never imagined that we would have to hear this terrible news, so suddenly, unexpectedly. Dr. Nicholson was one of the best human beings I met at the UCF, and in fact, in whole of Orlando. He was very friendly and helpful; always ready to help and share his thoughts. He was a thorough gentleman.

He will be deeply missed, not only by me and my family, but all his colleagues, students and the entire UCF community, due to his jovial and inspirational attitude; and caring and pleasant personality.

I am sure, for the past 21 years, he worked very hard, tirelessly for the MMAE department, and his contribution to the department and the college, at large, is tremendous. Apart from being a very respected and extraordinary Professor, Researcher and Administrator, he was a devoted, caring and loving husband too. During this most difficult time, our deepest sympathies and condolences are with Dave's beloved wife Linda, son Michael and the rest of Nicholson family. May the Almighty God give them the necessary strength to sail through this grievous situation; and may time heal their grief." May Dave's Soul Rest In Peace" - Ramesh Bhavsar and family

Ramesh Devlal Bhavsar - January 27, 2014 at 10:29 PM

HA

“*For some moments I could not find the words to express my sadness of the loss of Dr. Nicholson. I am pleased to know and work with Dr. Nicholson for the past year and deeply appreciate his willingness to help and guide me in my research. I promise to continue the work we started together.*

" I extend my deepest sympathies to Dr. Nicholson's family."

Halima Enwegy

Halima - January 27, 2014 at 12:23 PM

AA

“ *The Most Happy Fellow I ever had the pleasure to serve at UCF. My deepest sympathies to Dr. Nicholson's family.*

Andrea

Andrea Adkins - January 27, 2014 at 10:18 AM

DM

“ *I loved David's laughter and his willingness to help others. He certainly was a great educator and leader. My condolences to the family.*

Diane Maldonado

Diane Maldonado - January 27, 2014 at 09:05 AM

MP

“ *David was a man full of love of others which he expressed in all my experiences with him. I will certainly miss him. Mike Proctor*

Mike Proctor - January 27, 2014 at 06:31 AM

AK

“ *Dave was a great educator and a compassionate leader. He was always ready to help and share insightful thoughts, and it was really encouraging to be around him. His wisdom, caring personality and, above all, enlightening laughter are among some of the things to cherish forever.*

Aravinda Kar

Aravinda Kar - January 26, 2014 at 05:00 PM

KC

“ Kevin and Shelly Coffey purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.



Kevin and Shelly Coffey - January 26, 2014 at 04:34 PM

NC

“ Dr Nicholson was one of the first senior professors that I met outside my department more than a decade ago when I first joined UCF. Dave's humble, sincere approach, likeable personality made an immediate appreciation of him. Over the years, I always had felt his encouraging and positive attitude on every occasion that I had with Dave. I was very saddened by his sudden loss, I am sure he will be missed by his family and also by his colleagues and professional family at UCF.
Necati Catbas

Necati Catbas - January 26, 2014 at 03:42 PM

RB

“ *Dear Linda*

It was nearly 15 years ago, when I spent Christmas with your family invited by Dave and yourself. At that time I was a visiting scholar at UCF.

Dave stays in my memories as a great researcher, extraordinary teacher always ready to share his wisdom and experience with students and younger colleagues. I admired his deep knowledge of history, music and literature and his great sense of humor.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May the passage of time heal your grief.

Ryszard Bialecki (Poland)

Ryszard Bialecki - January 26, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.*



January 26, 2014 at 11:52 AM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.*



January 26, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ I had the honor and pleasure of having David as my advisor during my doctorate at UCF (Aug 1997 - May 2001). David 's personal commitment to his students, high working ethics and outstanding mentoring still resonate with me. My thought are with his family Linda and Michael.

Ricardo Moraes & Family



Ricardo Moraes - January 26, 2014 at 09:39 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.



January 26, 2014 at 09:33 AM



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Ricardo Moraes & Family.



Ricardo Moraes - January 26, 2014 at 09:24 AM

MG

“ *Michael Georgiopoulos purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.*



Michael Georgiopoulos - January 26, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.*



January 26, 2014 at 07:45 AM

LG

“ *My condolences to the family. David was a mentor and was always available to talk or share a laugh.*

Lucille Giannuzzi - January 26, 2014 at 07:36 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.*



January 25, 2014 at 09:49 PM

IP

“ *Dr. David Nicholson was a professor of great erudition. He was my mentor and my advisor. I owe him immensely for his guidance and advice over the years. Our thoughts go to Mrs. Nicholson and Michael. With heartfelt condolences,*
Irina and Laurent Perreard

Irina Perreard - January 25, 2014 at 09:23 PM

MS

“ *As a newcomer to UCF almost five and a half years ago, I first met Dave when he was serving as Interim Chair of MMAE. He was one of the friendliest and most welcoming persons I have ever met who loved and was passionate about his department, his faculty and staff, and the entire university community. Dave was a great leader in the MMAE department and a mentor to many of its faculty. His positive impact on the MMAE department will last for a very long time. He will be missed dearly - Marwan Simaan*

Marwan Simaan - January 25, 2014 at 08:52 PM

SS

“ *Sudipta S. purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.*



Sudipta S. - January 25, 2014 at 08:41 PM

AO

“ *I will miss David. He was a constant reminder of what service to UCF meant. May God Bless his soul.*

Amr Oloufa - January 25, 2014 at 08:03 PM

PH

“ LINDA, MICHAEL AND THE NICHOLSON FAMILY, ED AND I WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU ALL, AT OUR BELOVED COUSIN DAVIDS PASSING. I REMEMBER, THE TIMES WE WERE TOGETHER AT FAMILY FUNCTIONS AND THE FUN WE HAD. MOST RECENTLY, FOR ME IT WAS WHEN I WAS WORKING IN ORLANDO, AROUND EASTER TIME AND HOW WELCOMING YOU MADE ME FEEL ,WITH YOUR HOSPITALITY. THANK YOU FOR THAT MEMORY AND DAVID WAS A GREAT PART OF IT. MAY YOU FIND PEACE AS YOU HAVE OUR LOVE.
LOVE,
C. PAULA, ED AND FAMILY

PAULA HAUMANN - January 25, 2014 at 06:12 PM

LC

“ Louis and Anetta Chow purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.



Louis and Anetta Chow - January 25, 2014 at 04:49 PM

JC

“ I am very saddened. Dave always brought bright sunshine and big laughs to our offices and classrooms. His encouraging words changed the tone of meetings. We lost our great friend and mentor. My condolence is with his family. - Joe Cho

Joe Cho - January 25, 2014 at 03:31 PM

FM

“ No words can express our sorrow. I will deeply miss my dear friend and colleague “David”. He will be always remembered. Our deepest sympathy to Linda and Michael.
Faissal & Nihal Moslehy

Faissal Moslehy - January 25, 2014 at 01:42 PM

LC

“ Our foremost impression of David is his pleasant personality. He was upbeat and humorous all the time. His laughter will be missed by all of us. He joined UCF to bring MAE and the College to the 21st century and was hugely successful. His impact continues because of the excellent hire he made.
His love for Linda, Michael and his family is an inspiration for all.
Good bye, our dear friend.
Louis and Aneta

Louis Chow - January 25, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mr. David W. Nicholson.



January 25, 2014 at 11:46 AM

RC

“ Dave was always sunny and optimistic. He was generous with his time and thoughts, which I had many opportunities to enjoy. He was particularly caring about younger colleagues. Dave - your big heart and smile will be dearly missed. (Ruey Chen)

Ruey Chen - January 24, 2014 at 10:51 PM