



## Nicholas Michael Pasternak

February 22, 1966 - June 12, 2012

Nicholas M. Pasternak, 46, of Sanford Fla. was found to have died of natural causes on June 12, 2012. Nick was a born in Titusville and was raised in Lake Worth and Winter Park. He attended Glen Ridge Jr. and Winter Park High School. He was founder and owner of "Interstate Tile". Within the last six years, Nick was following his true vocation as a seaman, being a proud member of the Rivership Romance in Sanford. Nick was in the final stages of attaining his Captain's license, as well as planning to start an "Eco Environmental Tour" of the St. Johns river. Nick was a selfless, giving and thoughtful person, always helping others in their times of need, without regard for himself; exemplified by rescuing a friend from drowning, without a second thought or needing any accolades.

Beloved friend to many, Son of Robert M. and Celia J. Pasternak, he is survived by his sister, Lissa Pasternak, uncle Richard Waldsmith and cousins Dinah Dittman and James (Kirk) and Kent Waldsmith.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday June 21 at the Bettye Smith Cultural Arts Center, 119 W. 5thSt., Sanford, FL 6pm – 10pm

Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory; 905 Laurel Ave. Sanford, Florida 32771 (407) 322-5131



# Tribute Wall



Rae  
Vázquez

“ I met Nick in 1984. I had a passing though about Nick after a few people named Nick waiting on me in the past few months. I'm sad to have found he has passed away. It's been since 1986 the last time I saw him. I was on the River Romance the week before Nick past with my husband. It would of been nice to see him.

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**Rae Vázquez** - August 09, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ I met Nick at Winter Park High School back in the 1980's through a few mutual friends. I always found him to be a fun loving person who always seemed to have a smile on his face. Although Nick and I have not seen or talked to each other in years, we were recently reconnected on Facebook, where we would often commented on each other's photos and status updates. Nick will be surely missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him and I will think of him and his beautiful photos the next time I watch another one of those glorious Florida sunsets.

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**Kim Garcia** - June 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM



KF

“ Nick and I shared an experience as children. He recently came into my life and what a special soul. He touched my life very deeply and inspired me to carry on and be the best that I can be. I miss him terribly and may he forever fly on the wings of the angels. My condolences go out to all his family and friends. He touched so many lives. We had a special memorial in honor of him at pier 60 on Clearwater Beach at sunset. And of course the sunset was spectacular! Rest in peace my dear friend.... <3

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**Kimberly Williams Fernandez** - June 19, 2012 at 08:21 AM

KC

“ *Its one of life's rich mysteries..... why two people are drawn to each other, but its this mystery that makes our lives interesting, and worth living. Companionship is a gift, and it's a gift that Nick gave freely. Each of us has our own story and relationship with our dear friend who has left our lives, in our humble opinions, too soon.*

*Nick was one of the most spirited, intelligent, creative and loving people I've ever known. But for anyone who really knew him, there was another side to him that was philosophical and complex, this is what made us curious and want to spend time with him to get to know him better. I feel fortunate to be able to say I've known Nick for most of my life. But whether you've known him 1 year or 46, he was a very special friend to us all, one who cannot be replaced. We love you Nick, and hope to see you on the other side. Karen Moseley Cox*

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**Karen Moseley Cox** - June 19, 2012 at 06:31 AM

LB

“ *Have known Nick for about 3yrs now and although I didnt see him everyday I always looked forward to our chats...I could always count on him to pop up online and cheer me up. MOST of the times no matter how crappy things were, he always had a positive attitude...which is not my strong point. Rest easy now...for your beer will always be full, your computer will work, and the sun will always rise and set beautifully.*



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**Lauren B** - June 18, 2012 at 09:18 PM

PN

“ I first met Nick on the Rivership Romance. He was a very nice person. I had just lost my husband to cancer. We knew each other for about 1 1/2 years before we actually went out for the first time. He was really shy, for an out going person. To make a long story short he moved in with me after awhile. We had some good times, then things changed for Nick. He closed himself off and started going off on his own. So we seperated. I have always cared for Nick together and apart. We were still close friends. My granddaughter also was close to him. We will both miss him always. My heart goes out to his sister Lisa. There is so much more to this story but not enough room or time. May the Lord bless his family.

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**P. Nordine** - June 17, 2012 at 07:19 PM

V.

“ Sorry to read of the passing of your dear loved one. It is so sad when death takes away those we love so dearly. Death was never part of Almighty God's original purpose, however he has made the needed changes that death will not rule over mankind forever. Please notice what is written in the Bible at 1 Corinthians 15:26, there it tells us that death is to be brought to nothing. Yes, endless life on a paradise earth and the ability to welcome back those asleep in the memorial tombs.

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**V.G.** - June 16, 2012 at 03:43 PM

JS

“ My name is Jack Schmidt. I met Nick when he began work on the Rivership Romance. We worked together in the galley and quickly became friends. Nick and his best friend, his dog, Harley, actually stayed with me in my home for a short time. Nick was always a good friend to me even though over the past year we did not see much of each other I always knew we could get together at any given moment. We actually spent last 4th of July together at the marina and planned on doing so again this year. Unfortunately he won't be in the physical form with us this 4th but I still plan on going to Lake Monroe this year to remember one of the funnest days I had with a good friend and a good soul. I love you Nick and I will miss you man. you will never be forgotten dude. your friend ~ Jack

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**Jack Alan Schmidt** - June 16, 2012 at 04:13 AM

CG

“ Nick Pasternak was the kind of guy that could make you smile even when you didn't think you could anymore. He'd get you to laugh at the saddest of situations. He'd give you the shirt off his back. He was the kind of guy everyone wants as a friend, and I feel blessed and honored to have counted him amongst mine. I will miss our talks, but I know he has the Angels in heaven laughing with him now, and that makes me smile.

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**Christa Mikkleson Green** - June 15, 2012 at 08:42 PM