



Nicholas J. Minerva

June 10, 1981 - October 22, 2025

Nicholas J. Minerva, 44, of Punxsutawney passed away unexpectedly from an accident on October 22, 2025. Nick was born on June 10, 1981, in Jeannette. He was a graduate of Penn Trafford High School (class of 2000) and the University of New York College at Purchase. Nick worked in management within the hospitality industry for many years.

Nick made friends through all his life travels. Through just sitting down and listening or using his twisted sense of humor, strangers gravitated to him. He never forgot a birthday once he knew yours. He found solace and deep spiritual connection during hikes in nature. Nick had a way with all animals, especially his cats, his childhood dog, Ewok, and all the birds that lived in his sanctuary.

He was a fitness fanatic who enjoyed a good evening beer to relax. In his younger years, Nick enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family and friends, riding dirt bikes, and playing competitive soccer. Later in life, Nick took up boxing, training at Helman's Gym and fighting in matches throughout the Pittsburgh region. He eventually moved to New York where he modeled for Ducati Motorcycles. He enjoyed story and script writing in his spare time and bar hopping in New York City with all his friends.

Nick is survived by his loving parents Betty and Jim Minerva, sister Jonna (Brandon "Ortie") Nedley, nephew & niece, Carson and Payton whom he loved dearly and acted just like them by being a manchild, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He held a special bond with his maternal grandparents,

Millie and Jack Bonifati, along with his aunt and uncle, Michele and Rod Duckworth.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Marilyn Morrison and Gene & Beverly Minerva who were all waiting for his arrival in heaven.

Family and friends will be invited to a Celebration of Life on a future date.

Burial will be private. Money was not of significance to Nick, and he chose to share it with others in need. Either it was giving the homeless a meal, asking his father to give someone a job, or sending money to "Free Willy", Nick always put others and animals first. In remembrance of Nick, his generosity, and huge heart, when you hear the bell ring during this holiday season, be sure to put an extra dollar in the Salvation Army Red Kettle, a favorite of his when growing up.

Services are entrusted to the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200.

For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Tribute Wall

RW

“*Roxanne Wloczewski purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Nicholas J. Minerva.*



Roxanne Wloczewski - November 14, 2025 at 04:19 PM

MB

“*Betty, Jim, Jonna, Millie, and Jack I am so very sorry to hear about Nick. I just found out so I'm sorry this is late. So many of my childhood memories are tied up with Nick. I keep thinking about the middle school birthday party he crashed and our epic snowball battles. Thank you for sharing your son, brother, and grandson with me. He will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers are for your entire family. — Maria (Baugh) Barontini*

Maria Barontini - November 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM

AL

“*I'm deeply sorry for Nick's passing. He was an incredible person to work with. He was the kindest, most loving person. He will forever be in my heart and all the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. Sending a lot of love and prayers to the family and friends.*

Alejandra - November 13, 2025 at 05:43 PM

LS

“ I'm at a loss for words and deeply saddened by Nick's passing. We kept in touch over the years. I'll miss hearing from him. Sending all of you my love and deepest sympathy.



Lisa Spagnuolo - October 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM

LS

“ Lisa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Minerva.

Lisa S. - October 28, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Minerva.



October 28, 2025 at 11:12 AM

DD

“ Danielle D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Minerva.

Danielle D. - October 28, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Minerva.*



October 27, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Forever in our Hearts - Beloved Child 11.5" Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Nicholas J. Minerva.*



October 26, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ *Love from Aurora and Jason Hawk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Minerva.*

Love from Aurora and Jason Hawk - October 26, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ *Giving love to the entire family. We are all thinking and praying for you. Chris will always cherish the memory's he and Nick made. Love you all Kim and Chris Kostyak*

Kim Kostyak - October 26, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ Nick was such a wonderful blessing to work with. He was so kind and went with the flow. He rarely if ever complained. He truly made an impact in my life. I will miss him deeply.



Shawntal Eger - October 25, 2025 at 11:48 PM

SR

“ So sorry for your family’s loss. 🙏📄

Sherry Rager - October 25, 2025 at 09:50 PM

KM

“ We are very sorry for your loss.
The Markovich family

Kim Markovich - October 25, 2025 at 07:23 PM