



Ainars E. Pavlovics

August 22, 1945 - September 30, 2021

Ainars Eriks “Nick” Pavlovics, age 76 of Royal Oak, passed away on a sunny afternoon September 30, 2021. Ainars was the beloved, yet sometimes grumpy, husband of Frances (married 1978). Devoted father of Elynnor (Tom) Kant and Emily (also Tom) Spring. Loving brother of Chris (Harry) Radtke and adoring grandfather of Zigmund Kant, Ozwald Kant, Nathan Spring, Hannah Spring, Jake Spring, and Molly Spring.

Born in Stuttgart Germany during World War II, Ainars experienced a migrant and at times tumultuous childhood, eventually settling in Detroit. Always athletic, he played numerous sports and participated in just as many shenanigans leading up to his graduations from Austin High School and Wayne State University (electrical engineering). Ever the loyal employee, Ainars completed a career at Detroit Edison culminating in almost 40 years of service.

A bit of an introvert in his older years, Ainars truly loved helping others and was always there when anyone needed anything...including his adult daughter who is often afraid of zombies and her hot water heater. Following his retirement, he has lent his hand to many endeavors, including outdoor retail at Eastern Market and tutoring with Bound Together.

Ainars loved his wife, family and friends fiercely yet quietly, which was his way

and he is already greatly missed. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Bound Together in Pontiac: <https://boundtogetherpontiac.squarespace.com/donate>.

Visitation will take place on Monday, October 4, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Additional visitation will take place on Tuesday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. until time of the funeral service, 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home. The family has requested that attendees please wear a face mask to the visitation and funeral service. The funeral home will have face masks available for those entering the building.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ Nick was the best! A gentle, sweet, kind man. This world needs people like Nick. We're terribly sorry he is no longer with us. We consider ourselves lucky to have known Nick and have him in our lives for so many years. He was a lovely man. We will miss him!

Tom and Susan Anderson

Tom & Susan Anderson - February 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

PR

“ Palmer and Angel Reed & Family. Although, we didn't know Nick long. When you met him, he made it feel like you've know each other your entire lives. He was a kind spirit, he always shared his knowledge and wisdom. We are saddened to see him gone from this place. He will not be forgotten.

Palmer & Angel Reed - October 31, 2021 at 04:18 AM

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Palmer & Angel Reed - October 31, 2021 at 04:17 AM

JL

“ I am very sad to learn of Ainars' death. I was a classmate of his at Austin and the Class was just sent notice of his death yesterday. At Austin we were grouped into sections based on our academic ability and, of course, Ainars was in the highest section ("A" Section) for all four years. We were always seated alphabetically and therefore he was always in the row next to me or seated right next to me. He would regale us with stories of Latvia (which country none of us had ever heard of). There was no question that Ainars was the smartest one in our class; and he would explain the assignments and answers to us as necessary. I am sorry that I did not see more of him after High School, except for reunions. Please accept my condolences to the entire family. James Lavigne

James Lavigne - October 23, 2021 at 11:53 AM

JL

“ Nick was my Supervisor at DTE and our relationship provided opportunities for us to discuss work, family life, and several construction related repair projects for his home, Eastern Market Business and the Scarab Club. Nick encouraged me to join him as a tutor for the Bound Together Organization for a couple school semesters. I will miss our occasional conversations. Sincere Condolences!!!

Julius Lawrence

Julius Anthony Lawrence - October 05, 2021 at 08:09 PM

JW

“ I reconnected with Nick after not seeing him since high school graduation at Austin Prep. About a year ago I looked him up and gave him a call. We had several phone conversations, catching up on our lives or sharing thoughts or memories about high school. Then he stopped by to see me in Evanston, Illinois, as he was returning from treatment at Mayo.

It was great to see him after so many years. We had lunch together and shared experiences and conversation about his health, about high school friends, and about our mutual interests in architecture, skiing and sailing.

I have memories of him from high school. We were both on the nerdy side and would spend all kinds of time on the phone talking about calculus (Who does that?). I also remember car pooling with Nick, Mike Mihalek, Dennis Casmer and Tom Whalen. Nick's mother's old Ford seemed to never have heat. Nick would be scraping ice from the windshield as the rest of us would be in the back seat freezing to death.

I was looking forward to being friends again. I feel so sad that I will never have the chance to see him again and my heart goes out to his family.

John Walter

John Walter - October 05, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JJ

“ I did not know Nick very well, but one thing I knew well about him was that he was a good man. He was very approachable and easy to engage in conversation. We shared a lot of time together on the sidelines while our daughters played on the soccer field. Whenever our paths would cross, he was eager to chat about anything and everything. I will surely miss him. My sympathies to Fran, Elly, Emily and family.

Jeff Jablonski

Jeff Jablonski - October 05, 2021 at 09:51 AM

MP

“ Nick hired me in and was my first boss at DTE. He was very influential to me starting my career. We continued to stay in contact, he was always there and would be truly happy to talk and catch up from time to time. My condolences to his family during this difficult loss.

*Sincerely,
Matt Pierson*

Matt Pierson - October 04, 2021 at 10:19 PM

CG

“ Very sorry to hear of Nick's passing. I knew and worked with Nick from the 60's till retirement. Such a nice guy, always a gentleman. God bless him and God be with his family during these sad days.

Cheryl Huff-Groncki

cheryl groncki - October 04, 2021 at 07:34 PM

KH

“ Nick and his wife Fran shared Block Captain duties in our Vinsetta East Homeowner's Association. They dutifully stayed connected with the residents of the 18 homes in their piece of Vinsetta Boulevard. It was always a joy for me to go to their home to deliver flyers for them to distribute. I loved being in their iconic Royal Oak home where they often made time to chat with me at the kitchen table. Those out for a walk would often pause to admire the beautifully landscaped terraced gardens on the hill in front of their home. Nick was a true gentleman and it was evident how much he loved Fran. I am so grateful that our paths crossed. Kathy Howell

Katherine Howell - October 04, 2021 at 03:27 PM

TG

“ My condolences go out to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Nick at DTE. He was outstanding in his field and very dedicated to the safety of employees, particularly in the area of tools and equipment. He will greatly missed.

*Blessings,
Tom Grant*

Tom Grant - October 03, 2021 at 01:36 PM

MR

“ I am very sad to hear of Nicks passing. I've had the privilege of knowing Nick for over 55 years, from our days at Wayne State to working together at DTE. Nick was a fine gentlemen and my go to guy. He will be missed.

marc rich - October 03, 2021 at 10:37 AM

MW

“Mr. Nick” was a deeply loved member of the Bound Together community, where we provide afterschool tutoring, nutrition, and most of all the intentional presence of caring adults in the lives of our kids. While he “retired” from BT in the spring of 2019, Nick came back that fall to lend his steady, patient guidance not only to our students but also to me, the brand-new director. Always kind and often appearing on those days when we so needed another tutor, Nick also checked in on us during the pandemic, and when we pivoted to emergency food service for those months in 2020 he was among the first to supply us with PPE and moral support.

Children know who cares about them, and Nick was one of the volunteers that our students were invariably drawn to. I was, too, and words are not quite equal to the task of conveying just how great his impact was on the kids who had the privilege of working with him. My deepest condolences to Nick's family and all of those who loved him.

Mother Theresa said that we should do small things with great love. Nick did amazing things for small people with a bottomless heart. I know that he made the world a better place because I got to watch him do it, over fractions and verbs, for our children during those precious afternoons. Thank you, Nick.

Michele J. Wogaman - October 02, 2021 at 06:45 PM

RB

“ Nick was my ‘little brother’ in our fraternity Theta Tau. I have known Nick since our freshman year at Wayne State. We have remained friends, close buddies, shared many a success story and shared our personal issues, losses, concerns and worries. We first met on the basketball court, then were friends through our journey of life. You have always been there for me and my family. Your kindness to everyone we know is legendary. You were a good husband to Fran and a wonderful father to your daughters. And a great, loving grandfather. I will miss our cell phone calls, funny back and forth texts, and mostly just hearing from you. Phyllis and I will miss you but never forget you. May God Bless your memory. Ron and Phyllis Bennett

Ronald Bennett - October 02, 2021 at 02:02 PM

LD

“ got to know NICK at DTE.. so sad to hear of his passing..great man..condolences to NICKS family and friends...you will be missed...R.I.P.

larry pratt retired dte.. - October 02, 2021 at 11:00 AM

HR

“ Great guy, father, husband, grandfather, brother, and for me a great brother-in-law. Thanks for all the cottage memories and fun we had at the A-hole golf outing. You will be missed. Hang in there Fran, Emily, Elynnor, Tom, Tom and you wonderful grandkids. You, Chris and I were very fortunate to have him in our lives. God bless you.

Harry Radtke - October 02, 2021 at 10:41 AM

RW

“ *What a fine man, a generous and giving man, a Man who showed his love through doing for others. I’ve loved Ainars for decades; I won’t stop now. Rob Wachler*

Robert A Wachler - October 02, 2021 at 10:40 AM