



## Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind

April 11, 1940 - August 7, 2024

Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind passed away on Wednesday, August 7, with his wife and daughters by his side.

Nick was born on April 11, 1940 in Wabash, Indiana to Katherine "June" and Howard Hipkind. He was raised in a loving home, next door to his grandparents. He attended St. Bernard Catholic School through 8th grade and was a proud 1958 graduate of Wabash High School. He maintained lifelong friendships with many of his beloved classmates.

In the fall of 1958, Nick began his journey in higher education at Ball State University, where he was a member of the Cardinal football team.

He obtained a BS in 1962 and a MA in 1963. He was a Speech Clinician in the Birmingham, Michigan Public Schools from June 1963-August of 1965. In 1968, he received his Doctor of Philosophy (Audiology) from Michigan State University.

He married the love of his life Sandy Sundy, who he met at Ball State, and on June 27, 2024, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

His first faculty position was at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. Although he and Sandy enjoyed the experiences of a different part of the

country, they were thrilled to be closer to family when the opportunity arose to join the faculty of the department of Speech and Hearing at Indiana University.

In January of 1970, Nick began his decades long relationship with IU upon his appointment as Assistant Professor of Audiology.

Over the years, in addition to serving as a faculty member, he held the titles of Director of Audiology, Hearing Clinic Director, Associate Dean of the University Division and Professor Emeritus.

Other IU activities that Nick was proud to be involved with included, the Distinguished Scholarship Interview Program (1978-1980), official timer/scorer for the Men's (1979-2019) and Women's (1988-2019) Little 500, Academic Advisor for Pre-registration, University Division (1981-1985), Bloomington Varsity Club Board (1995-2002), Residence Hall Faculty Fellow (1997-2005), and the Office of Student Advocates (2005-2021).

Nick assisted in student-athlete recruiting and faculty sponsorship for IU football under coaches, Lee Corso, Sam Wyche and Bill Mallory.

Nick and Sandy have been IU football and basketball season ticket holders since 1972 and avid supporters of all IU athletics.

In 2013, he was presented the Bill Orwig Award. This award is given annually by the I-Association to a non IU alumnus who has impacted IU Athletics in positive and important ways.

Following this past IU women's basketball season, Nick told his daughter that the past few years of watching the women play, both in person and on tv, were some of the most enjoyable he had experienced in all of his years of following IU sports! To know he had this joy, in what would be his final year to cheer on

a Hoosier team, provides his family with an enormous amount of gratitude.

Nick's contributions transcended the Bloomington community. He served as chairperson for the Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ISHA) and Indiana Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology (IBESPA), and was an active member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) program committee. He forged great relationships with his professional colleagues.

Nick received many honors and awards over his career. A few include, Sagamore of the Wabash (1988), Kentucky Colonel (1993), Outstanding Teaching Award (1993), nominee for Outstanding Alumni Award in the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences, Michigan State University (1996), TERA Teaching Award in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences (1998), IU Campus Division Faculty Award (1999), and the IU Foundation President's Medallion (2005).

For many years, Nick delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. His final deliveries would be this past Christmas morning, with his grandson, Zach. This is a tradition that he shared with several of his grandchildren over the years.

Although he formed deep and meaningful relationships with fellow faculty and staff at IU, his passion was always the students. He loved the students. Until his death, he continued to stay in touch with a remarkable number of his former students. It is an understatement to say that the students loved him back.

Over his lifetime, Nick amassed a large and diverse circle of friends. Although he claimed to be deficient in the ability to remember names, he never forgot a

face and almost always remembered at least one thing about the person. Regardless if you just met Nick, knew him a few months or several years, he likely made an impression (and you probably have a story)!

Nick and Sandy were co-owners of the Bloomington Driving School for many years. Certainly, there are those of you reading this that were lucky enough to have him as your Driver's Ed instructor!! He often regretted that he didn't keep a permanent record of those he taught to drive. Along with the numerous high school students, he also taught IU international students and faculty, world renowned musicians and even a legendary former IU swimming coach!

Nick was a long time member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. In the early years, Nick was an active member of the Men's Club and played a number of years on the St Charles softball team.

Although it sounds cliché, there was nothing more important to Nick than his beloved family. He took immense pride in being a husband, dad and "pap" and he leaves behind an incredible legacy. He was a constant source of advice, support, encouragement and love throughout their lives. Attending the athletic events of his grandchildren over the past 25 years provided him with immense joy and gratification. In his final days, it was apparent that it was this very thing that he was going to miss the most.

In addition to his wife, those left with amazing memories are, daughters Heidi Dolson (Scott) and Nikki Huff (Joe) and daughter-in-law Angie Hipkind. Grandchildren, Luke, Sam and Zach Wisen and Kristen and Nick Dolson, Liam, Cole and Bo Huff and Charlize and Drew Hipkind. Others who survive are sister, Sara Montgomery, and sister-in-law Barb Winter. Nephews Barry (Shelly) Montgomery and David Montgomery, and nieces Amy (Fritz) Winter, Kim Winter (son Jackson) and Ann (Andy) Montgomery.

The family takes comfort in knowing that Nick is now reunited with his son, Dr. Andy Hipskind, who passed away on September 18, 2021. Others who preceded him in death were his parents and brother-in-law, Michael Montgomery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Michael LaGrange and nurse, Loriann Fechtman for their care over the past several years. Also a special thank you to the care team from IU Health Hospice; Jenny, Alyssa and Angi. The family is grateful for the gentleness with which they cared for Nick these past six weeks.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, August 16 at 11:00 am at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2222 East Third Street. Visitation will be Thursday, August 15 from 4:00-8:00 pm at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old State Road 37.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following:

Andrew S. Hipskind, MD Memorial Scholarship c/o the IU Foundation, PO Box 500, Bloomington, IN. 47402

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2222 East Third Street, Bloomington, IN. 47401

Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, PO Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN. 46206-1410

Online condolences may be shared with Nick's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church  
2222 E 3rd St  
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385  
(812) 336-6846

# Tribute Wall

HM

“ Nick and I have been friends for 84 years. Both born in Wabash, Indiana, six days apart.  
God bless you Nick. God bless Sandy, Sara and the Hipkind family during these difficult times. MerriAnn and I send love and prayers to all the family.

Hoyt Mohr - September 10, 2024 at 10:53 AM

JG

“ Jenni Tony Henry and George purchased the Ginkgo Gift Tree for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



Jenni Tony Henry and George - August 17, 2024 at 09:34 PM

JG

“ Jenni Tony Henry and George planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Jenni Tony Henry and George - August 17, 2024 at 09:34 PM

WB

“ Wil B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Wil B. - August 16, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



August 15, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Deano & Marlene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Deano & Marlene - August 15, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Our family will miss Nick so much. He was giving and kind, and he had a really fun sense of humor. Our families have been friends for many years. We will miss Nick as we have missed his son Andy. Our only consolation is that they are together in heaven and hugging each other in their joyful reunion. Bruce & Shannon Storm and Family

Shannon Storm - August 15, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ The Lindeman Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



The Lindeman Family - August 15, 2024 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ The Lindeman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

The Lindeman Family - August 15, 2024 at 02:28 PM

TS

“ The Stolbergs purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



The Stolbergs - August 15, 2024 at 01:56 PM

TS

“ The Stolbergs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

The Stolbergs - August 15, 2024 at 01:56 PM

MS

“ Mark, Michelle, Haley and Carter Sims purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



Mark, Michelle, Haley and Carter Sims - August 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

MS

“ Mark, Michelle, Haley and Carter Sims planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Mark, Michelle, Haley and Carter Sims - August 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JU

“ Professor Hipkind was one of the friendliest, most approachable professors I had at IU. Although I was a vocal performance major, I took his audiology class to learn more about the perception of sound and music. He had a wealth of knowledge and experience that he shared generously. I was surprised to know that Ralph Appleman, an esteemed vocal pedagogue and the author of a seminal vocal pedagogy book, was a close friend of his.

*He was so supportive of me and attended not only my vocal recital but also my doctoral defense! He will be truly missed.*

Joe Uthup - August 15, 2024 at 11:51 AM

EB

“ Earlston Bean purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



Earlston Bean - August 15, 2024 at 10:34 AM

EB

“ Earlston Bean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Earlston Bean - August 15, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipskind.*



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August 15, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you as you grieve the loss of dearest Nick. I met Nick many years ago when he served as a member of our IU Campus Recreational Sports Board and used our facilities. I loved his wonderful sense of humor and tender heart. I will always be grateful for Nick's constant support and encouragement. He would send me e-mails letting me know he was backing a decision I made or reminding me to do the right thing no matter the opposition. He would seek me out in the building or grab me after a meeting and say the just right thing at just the right moment.*

*He supported our staff members in their efforts to provide outstanding programs and services to ours students, faculty and staff. He had a tremendous heart for students and will be sorely missed by countless people. Uplifting you in prayer.*

*Jackie Puterbaugh*

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**Jackie Puterbaugh** - August 15, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ *To my one and only brother.  
From Sara*



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**Sara** - August 14, 2024 at 09:35 PM

BA

“ Barry & Shelley, David, Ann & Andy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Barry & Shelley, David, Ann & Andy - August 14, 2024 at 09:23 PM

BA

“ Barry & Shelley, David, Ann & Andy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



Barry & Shelley, David, Ann & Andy - August 14, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



August 14, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



August 14, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JF

“ Sending hugs and prayers to Sandy, Heidi and Nicole, and families. We are sad at the news of Nick’s death. Knowing he is with Andy should bring comfort to you now,

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**Jayne and John Flynn** - August 14, 2024 at 03:42 PM

CB

“ Coach Woody and Indiana Men’s Basketball purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



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**Coach Woody and Indiana Men’s Basketball** - August 14, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CV

“ Christopher V. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

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**Christopher V.** - August 14, 2024 at 08:35 AM

SH

“ Dear Nikki, the world lost a great person when your father died, my prayer is to have the Lord place His soothing hands on you and family.

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**susie hamilton** - August 14, 2024 at 05:50 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.*



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August 14, 2024 at 05:47 AM



“ *The Vaught Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.*

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**The Vaught Family** - August 14, 2024 at 05:47 AM



“ *Lynette & Tom Ryan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.*



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**Lynette & Tom Ryan** - August 14, 2024 at 03:15 AM



“ *Hipkind family, we were so saddened to hear this. Thoughts and prayers with Sandy and all of you. We have such fond memories of our times together. We are so sorry for your great loss! Love, Mark and Kim Wateska*

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**Kim & Mark Wateska** - August 14, 2024 at 12:30 AM

KA

“ Kim A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Kim A. - August 14, 2024 at 12:14 AM

LE

“ Love, Thad and Barbara, Ali and Emily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Love, Thad and Barbara, Ali and Emily - August 13, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



August 13, 2024 at 09:37 PM

GF

“ Greg and Patty Fox and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Greg and Patty Fox and family - August 13, 2024 at 10:18 AM

GF

“ Greg and Patty Fox and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipskind.



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**Greg and Patty Fox and family** - August 13, 2024 at 10:18 AM

PE

“ Nick was a year older than me, but we were playmates in Wabash until I was 8. Just a wonderful friend and person. He had a great life.

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**Phil Eskew** - August 13, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DS

“ Sending my condolences to Sandy, Heidi and Nikki. Nick was a super person who always took the time to say hello to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**David Smith** - August 12, 2024 at 08:05 PM

KB

“ Joining in grief to hear this news, yet gratitude for having the chance for many years to benefit from his warmth, compassion, advice and love of students while serving as a valued member of the IU Campus Recreational Sports Committee. Prayers for Shalom to pour out upon you. Kathy Bayless

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**Kathy Bayless** - August 12, 2024 at 07:30 PM

LR

“ Love, Sherman and Meredith Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipskind.

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**Love, Sherman and Meredith Rogers** - August 12, 2024 at 05:24 PM

LR

“ Love, Sherman and Meredith Rogers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



Love, Sherman and Meredith Rogers - August 12, 2024 at 05:24 PM

DG

“ Dan Cyr and all of Paganelli Law Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Dan Cyr and all of Paganelli Law Group - August 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



August 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JG

“ I will always remember Nick! He liked to give me a tough time! Always calling me Sunny! But he sent so many kind kudos while I worked in the hearing clinic! He was a great person!!!!

Jackie Gentry - August 12, 2024 at 01:25 PM

LF

“ Love, The Agresta Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.

Love, The Agresta Family - August 12, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nicholas M. "Nick" Hipkind.



August 12, 2024 at 01:00 PM

BS

“ So sad to hear of Nick’s passing. In my 40 years at IU, Nick was one of my all time favorites. We worked as Student Advovates and sat near each other at talked often at IU football, basketball and baseball games. He was a gentle spirit who cared deeply about others, especially our students. And, what a wonderful sense of humor! Sending love to his family and friends.

Bill Shipton - August 12, 2024 at 11:45 AM

JM

*Nick was one of the most accomplished persons I've ever met, yet so genuine and easy to talk to. The world's problems were no match and we would solve them on a regular basis (only to have them re-appear the next day)*

*Our paths did not cross until late in life and my only regret is that I did not know him sooner. I could have learned so much more from this amazing man.*

*My heartfelt condolences to Sandy, Heidi, and Nikki.*

*Jim Montgomery*

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**Jim Montgomery** - August 14, 2024 at 12:46 PM

JL

*Shared many a laugh with Nick and Sandy at the Speech and hearing clinic at Ball State. I am sorry for your loss Sandy. What a special life you had together.*

*Jean Lightfoot-Faris*

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**jean lightfoot-Faris** - November 02, 2024 at 08:43 AM