



Judge Henry Nicholas Kuntz, Jr.

May 7, 2018

Kuntz, Honorable Judge Henry Nicholas, Jr.

Age 74 of Dayton

Passed away May 7, 2018. Nick lived a life of love and service.

He attended Chaminade High School and the Kentucky Military Institute. Nick earned a Bachelor's Degree from University of Dayton and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from University of Toledo, College of Law.

He served as the Administrative Judge for Montgomery County Juvenile Court. Judge Kuntz's career spanned 45 years with Montgomery County. His positions included Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Referee, Legal Director and Court Administrator before being elected Judge in 1994.

Judge Kuntz served on numerous religious and criminal justice committees such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, C.A.S.A.(Court Appointed Special Advocate), Family and Children First Council and the Criminal Justice Council. Judge Kuntz was a leader in Juvenile Justice reform instituting many new programs and initiatives to better the lives of youth and families in the Montgomery County community. One of his favorite and valued programs he initiated was the Start Right Educational Program which emphasized to parents the importance of education for their children and making sure they attended school. He was also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Dayton.

Nick's devotion, love and support to his family was unparalleled. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his loved ones. He also enjoyed playing golf with close friends, attending his grandchildren's events and spending time at the beach.

Preceded in Death by his parents, Henry Kuntz Sr. & Mary G. Kuntz; Sister, Beverly Anderson; Brothers in-law, Richard Anderson and Ronald Tateman; Nephew, Robert Bierbaum III.

Survived by his loving companion; Christine Volz Kuntz, his former wife Bonnie Kuntz, his children, Rhonda Krogh & husband Tony of Centerville, Dr. Nick Kuntz III & wife Sandra of Dayton, Kelly Koonse & husband Monty of Denver, NC; Carrie Houtz & husband Joshua of Centerville, sister Patricia Tateman of Vandalia and brother William Kuntz & wife Mitzi of Jacksonville, FL.

Grandchildren; Dane, Christian, and Peyton Kuntz, Ava and Grace Parnell, Olivia

Calhoun, Navy, Maclane, & Chamberlin Houtz. Nieces and Nephews; Kim Hawley, Tammy Butler, Joy Rivera, Laurie Singer, Marcie Brooks, Barclay Bowen, Cameron Kuntz, Christine Kuntz, Richard Anderson, Ronald Tatem Jr., Patrick Tatem, Billy Kuntz, Michael Yates and numerous cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, May 17th at Westbrock Funeral Home, 5980 Bigger Road from 4-8 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at the Church of Incarnation on Friday, May 18th at 10:30am with Bishop Joseph Robert Binzer presiding.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to the Judge Nick Kuntz Memorial Fund, intended for the Montgomery County Juvenile Court Foundation established by Judge Kuntz.

For On-line donations: Go to <https://www.gofundme.com/judge-nick-kuntz-memorial-fund>

Mail checks to: Juvenile Court Foundation, 380 W. 2nd St., Dayton, OH 45422

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Westbrock Funeral Home

5980 Bigger Road, Kettering, OH, US, 45440

MAY **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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Church of the Incarnation

7415 Far Hills Ave, Centerville, OH, US, 45459

Comments



“ Our deepest sympathies to Rhonda, Nick Jr., Kelly, Carey, their spouses, and Bonnie. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Emmet and Debbie Roth

Emmet and Deborah Roth - May 18, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ I so admired Judge Kuntz. He was a mentor to everyone he met. Caring, kind, compassionate and smart. He helped more people than I can even begin to count. Most importantly, the community, children and families who he positively impacted as Judge, but also countless young attorneys who he patiently and deftly guided and trained with intelligence, wit and charm. The Juvenile Court, along with his countless friends and beautiful family, is his great, lasting legacy. We will miss him forever and never forget the lessons he taught us. You all have my deepest sympathy.

Helen Wallace - May 18, 2018 at 05:46 AM



“ Thank you, Helen for your kind words. Dad had such an impact on so many lives. It is so amazing to hear the stories. With Gratitude, Rhonda, Nick, Kelly and Carrie

Rhonda Krogh - May 29, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ Lawrence Silver, Kathy Brookley, Jim Eskew Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Judge Henry Nicholas Kuntz, Jr..



Lawrence Silver - May 16, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ I can't begin to tell you how much Judge Kuntz & Chris Kuntz has helped me out . He has helped me out so many different times. The biggest help was when I was trying to get Visitation Rights to see two of my grandchildren who had been in my life since Birth . I had to file ProSe'. I worked really hard on this myself & I wasn't going to give up . Judge Kuntz & Chris talked to me & welcomed me into the office / chambers & made me feel so comfortable. For their kindness & to show my appreciation I took Judge Kuntz & Chris a box of candy & a Thank You card . Chris called to thank me for it & that meant so much to me that I actually saved the recording . I know I'm not anyone Important to the public , nor am I related in anyway but His death has hit me hard . I am always talking about how Much I Admire Judge Kuntz & All he has done for Children & Our Community . Hearing of his retirement was even hard but he deserved to try & relax & spend time with his Family . I can't express How DEEPLY he will be missed . My Deepest Condolences to The Family , Co Workers, Close Friends & The Community .



Christine Hedrick - May 16, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Thank you it is very much appreciated as an employee of his for many years. I agree he will be sorely missed by staff and most importantly by his family. God rest him and I hope to see him again.

Jenny Alcala - May 18, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ Thank you, Christine for sharing your story. We love hearing them all it is helping us as we grieve. God Bless. -Rhonda, Nick, Kelly and Carrie

Rhonda Krogh - May 29, 2018 at 12:41 PM



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Kim - May 15, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ I met Nick when I was 18 yrs old, in Nursing School @ Good Sam, in Dayton, Ohio! He was dating his future wife, Bonnie, & she was one of my classmates. Over the years we had get togethers w/them & other couples. His loss will be so impactful, on the Dayton community, including the Juveniles' lives, his personal friends & most of all his family! Rest In Peace, Nick.

Melanie Hamilton-Swisher - May 14, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ Nick and I met in kindergarten and I found out we only lived 3 blocks apart, over the years we became life long Best Friends even though we were separated by many miles most of our adult lives, we stayed in touch. Nick was my Best Man and a favorite of my folks, he visited them frequently and included them in a lot of his family and friend get together's. A really good man and a true best friend. RIP I'll miss you.
Mick Harrison

Mick Harrison - May 14, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Actually, I was already a court employee when Nick came on board. His door was always open and he was never too busy to hear you out regardless of the situation. One of my fondest memories of "De Judge" goes way back to a Saturday when we (Tom and I) were involved in an outing with the BB kids. Afterwards, we all gathered at Marion's Piazza at the traffic circle. After downing pizza and enjoying the company of kids and staff, we had to leave....but, as we walked out in the parking lot here was Nick and staff and kids in a do or die fight with those Super Soakers. Just about everybody was drenched, but Boy! were they having a good time! God bless you Nick, you will be s-o-o-o-o missed!
Dana Kane

Dana Kane - May 13, 2018 at 07:25 PM



“ Dana, we never heard this story. Thank you for sharing it with us. It's so hard for us right now to imagine life without Dad. I know his court family is feeling the same. God Bless. -
Rhonda, Nick, Kelly and Carrie

Rhonda Krogh - May 29, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Judge Henry Nicholas Kuntz, Jr..



May 13, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ My deepest sympathy and love are sent to all of you during this very difficult time. Nick and I worked together at Juvenile Court for many, many years. He was such a kind, caring and fun guy and will be deeply missed. There will definitely be a void left that no one will ever fill.

Connie and Charlie Waymire - May 12, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ He was such a kind boss and cared about his employees. It was an honor to work for him. Our prayers are with the family. He will surely be missed at the court. May God bless you all.



Brenda hall - May 12, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Judge Kuntz was the most caring person that I have ever met. He made you feel so much at ease and had a funny character. When Nancy Brooks used work for him he would say Brooksie I need you in here. When he would visit the clerks office he would like with us and say who's in charge here and I told him you are sir. If I was coming into work and he was at the back door he would waive for me to come in. I told him I'm sorry judge I can't run and he would say neither can I.

Jenny Alcala - May 11, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ What I meant to say is the

Judge would come in and talk and joke with us. To the family may the many fun memories of Judge Kuntz stay in your heart

Jenny Alcala - May 11, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ To the entire Kuntz family. Just wanted you to know that I am offering my prayers and love in Nick's memory. When I was just 10 years old, was spending time with my parents at Nick's parents home remembering how kind Nick was to me. I was just a little girl and he was studying for an exam and he took time to spend with me. I just remembered how sweet he was to me. He did not have to take time out of his study time to pay any attention to me but he did show his true self and worthiness. Wishing you all time to absorb all the wonderful memories that you will never forget. Prayers and love to all of you. Cheryl Kuntz Fleck

Cheryl Fleck - May 09, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Judge Kuntz's family and loved ones, also to his many friends and workers in the Juvenile Court, Prosecutors Office, with whom he had made such an impact on their lives. Being a 32 year employee of Juvenile Court, I can say Nick was a very caring, fair Judge, he treated all employees well and if you needed to speak to him, he would make time to listen. I remember he and Judge Capizzi speaking at my retirement luncheon and how he joked with me about my plans. He will truly be missed in the Court and community.

Sharon Stevens Mc Clain - May 13, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Judge Kuntz's family. I did not have many cases in front of him but those that I did, he was very fair and an absolute pleasure to work with. He will be greatly missed.

Kellie Hamilton - May 15, 2018 at 08:21 AM