



Nicolaas Postma

June 30, 1949 - February 26, 2023

Nicolaas Postma (Jr), of Scott Valley, California, lived his life on his terms, as long as he could, in peace before being diagnosed with cancer just 30 days before passing in his home on February 26, 2023, at the age of 73, with his devoted wife and step daughter by his side. Nicolaas was born on June 30th, 1949, to Wilhelmina and Nicolaas Postma (Sr) in Freeland, Holland. Nick was the youngest of 3 brothers. His family lived between Canada and Holland before permanently immigrating to the United States in 1966, where they would call Santa Barbara, California, home.

Nick's passion for automobiles began at an early age. He worked on cars in his adolescent years until he was drafted to Vietnam in 1969. There, he honorably served his country where he worked as a heavy truck and tank mechanic. After he returned home in 1971, Nicolaas and his first wife welcomed their son, Loren Postma, in 1973. In 1976, they made the move to permanently call Scott Valley, California home and be close to Nick's brother, Fred who resided locally.

In 1991 Nick opened his own mechanic and service shop, Mobile Mechanic. His son joined him in 1992, and together they worked along side each other until just a month before Nick's passing. Nick and Loren built a community at Mobile Mechanic. It was here that Nick found happiness being able to care for residents of Scott Valley in the best way that he knew how: through service. Nick met his forever love, Diane Peterson, in 1999, and later married in August, 2004. Together they co-parented Diane's daughter Cricket, whom

Nick treated as his own. Together, built a life that they loved. This included building a home together, opening multiple businesses, lots of DIY projects, and much more. They were partners, best friends, and companions.

Nicolaas Postma would best be described as a humble and authentic man. He was full of insightful knowledge that he shared, solicited and unsolicited, all well meaning. You didn't have to be around Nick for very long before catching wind of his dry sense of humor, that we all came to know and love. He liked listening to opera music and found peace while playing his piano. Throughout his life he enjoyed owning and tinkering on a variety of antique cars. He also had a fondness for riding motorcycles and flying airplanes.

Nicolaas is survived by his loving wife, Diane Postma; children Loren (Tonya) Postma, Cricket (Connor) Martin; grandchildren Ellowyn Martin, Savannah Postma Heilman, and Kelsey Jones. Also, Nick's most trusted and loyal friend and brother, Rick Gephart.

Nick was preceded in death by Nicolaas Postma Sr (father), Wilhelmina Postma (mother), and Frederik (brother).

As stated, Nicolaas was a humble man. He did not like attention nor praise.

Honoring his wishes, there will be no funeral services. A celebration of life will be hosted May 21st, at 2:00pm at his home, 10335 Oro Fino Rd, Fort Jones.

In honor of Nick's sweet tooth, please bring your favorite cookies to share.

Upon arrival, please pop your hood up if he has worked on your car or given you mechanical advice so that we can see his vast impact on our community.

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:51 PM

TW

“ *Nick and I were best friends in Santa Barbara in the 60's. He taught me how to 'soup up' my old Chevy Camaro. Those were the days! What a special man.....lost touch over the years sad to say. His Dad was also a very special man. Gave me my first real job at the gas station on the Mesa....Gulf. Paid me \$50.00 a week cash. Still remember that. Nick and I had some good times there. Then he went to the Museum of Natural History in SB and took care of the property there. A lot of history. RIP Nick.*

Tom Wilcox - July 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *So sad to hear of Nick's passing. That man had a heart of gold. He was always there for me over the years & saved my butt more than once. I had to quit doing his books a few years back due to some medical issues I was going through. I would often think about stopping by and visiting with him, but never did. I regret that, but I am very thankful & blessed to have known him.*

Karen Berryhill - April 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I remember the beginnings of the project in French Creek. Oh my so long ago. Always plenty of free advice and brotherhood. What crazy and wonderful times as planning out the future with such grandiose and all encompassing vision for an amazing blessing for everyone to enjoy. From the metal shop at the log cabin to the ever expanding ranch. What a joyful time with sharing in that dream. Blessings at a magical time and great memories shared. The day the backhoe showed up was the best as Nick saw the tool as his ticket to untold days changing the landscape and carving out a magical kingdom. Love and joy was everywhere multiplied by the whole family. Always a place in my heart for you buddy.

David Traugott - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Our Beloved Nick*💙

The Great Times With Nick Over The Years !!! Of course it started at his mechanic shop in Greenview. Nick and I were both single then. Our friendship grew and grew. I spent every week stopping in at the shop visiting with Nick and Loren. He helped me so much with my car, truck, snow plow truck over the years. Also showing me how to fix too.

We just hit it off and solved the world !!

I met my wife Anita. Later we met Diane.

We were in their beach wedding. The Joy of our Marble Mountain family friendship just grewww !!! The many wonderful gatherings of Christmas Eves,

feasts, blessings, games with family, Cricket, Loren, bbques, boat ride on Trinity Lake (Captain Nick).

At Nicks shop, he would fill me up with coffee and send me home on a caffeine HIGH to Anita ~ he loved doing that !!

Nick blamed Anita for the start of Diane's horse love, of course, she takes it as a grand compliment and thanked Nick !! My Favorite talks with Nick were of God, Jesus, Bible verses.

*We moved to Tennessee, came back to visit. Nick introduced us to new son n law Conner. I later met granddaughter Ellowyn. So Many Treasured Wonderful Times !! Loved Our Last Visit With Nick
GAVE BIG GUY HUGS !!*

Love You Nick ~ Bob & Anita Falk

Bob & Anita Falk - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Condolences to the family,
RIP Nick!*

Karen Ross Brown - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ God bless. *REST IN PEACE* 🙏

Elieene Jones - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Although I didn't know Nick very well I did have some very interesting conversations with him and never quite knew if he was pulling my leg or not! I shall miss the future conversations that might have happened.*

Kathy Graves - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Condolences to his family*

Linda Keno - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Nicolaas Postma - April 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM