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Graveside services for Nick Thomas Portacci, 80, of Port Arthur, Texas, Beloved Father, Grandfather and Husband, will be 2 pm Saturday, July 7, 2012 at Lakeview Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Bowden officiating under direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Pallbearers will be Kristopher Portacci, Shawn Harkey, Vincent Portacci, Adam Portacci, Samuel Portacci, David Sonnier and Nick Portacci. A reception will follow services a New Beginnings Baptist Church located at 2137 E. George Richey Road, Longview. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening July 6, 2012 from 6 until 8 PM.

He was born February 26, 1932 in Galveston, TX. He had been a Port Arthur resident since 1964. He died Tuesday, July 3, 2012 in Port Arthur, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Iris Jerlene Portacci and their six children; Dr. Mark Portacci and Teresa Keefer of Monroe, LA, Susie and Gerald Hebert of Beaumont, TX, Kathy and Donald Harkey of The Woodlands, TX, Michael and Paula Portacci of Brentwood, TN, Mathiew and Dana Portacci of Bridge City, TX, Kristy and Matt Pinkston of Magnolia, TX and one niece, Stephanie Mattes of Hitchcock, TX. 18 Grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 2 beloved pets.

The family would like to express special thanks for all the care, kindness, comfort and support from the excellent staff of doctors, nurses and attendants at Medical Center of S.E. Texas. You treated our father and family with respect and dignity. In particular we want to recognize Drs Percenti, Buheis, Rao, Miller, Weatherford, Udonte and Rice who worked tirelessly by his side through his journey. We would like to recognize the Odyssey Hospice team for providing such an uplifting, caring environment. To all our friends and family, your prayers and kind words supported and comforted us more than words can express. And special thanks to his loving



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caretaker, Lea Molina.

Daddy, we are watching the sky for your outriggers. Drop your nets the harvest is plentiful.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org or 800-342-2383.



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Anonymous posted:

I recollect from my early years, that my mother had a profound admiration for her sister, my Aunt Millie's son, Nick. Nick was a known life saver and a prodigious swimmer. My own personal experiences with his exploits were limited; but, I have etched in my mind, the vision of Nick pulling a 300 foot seine out into the Gulf of Mexico when we had a family gathering on the western Galveston beach. I must have been about 10 or 11 years old then. Nick repeatedly pulled the heavy seine out into the water from the beach; and then, hauled it back, laden with all sorts of marine life. My minuscule job was to bash the small sharks on the beach and gather the other fish for placement into coolers. Nick also proudly served our country in the Navy during the 1950's I believe. I also recall the fear and concern when our Aunt Millie and my mother, Anna heard the news that he had been injured while on duty on a naval vessel. There was great concern for his well-being; and fortunately, he was later found to recover without lingering affliction. I also recall some portions of Nick and Jeri's wedding. It was a grand event for all the family. Nick and Jeri's family grew wonderfully over the years. I enjoyed listening to Nick speaking, since he had such a distinctive and strong voice. I always admired my cousin Nick, and really respected him and know that all will miss him very much in the world as we know it. Knowing him has brought forth a positive effect on me and I valued him as a person whenever I thought about him. We all WANT the departed to go to heaven and "be at peace" and trust that God makes that happen. Nick is now in the hands of the one who INVENTED mercy. Our job now is just to pray for the departed to have the Grace to accept that mercy. We're ALL in need of mercy. ##imported-begin##George H Rich##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Portacci, Mark, Susie, Kathy, Mike, Matt and Kristy, My family and I offer our condolences on the loss of your husband and father. He was a good, hard-working man who raised a wonderful family. His obituary was touching and described the man we remembered. May God bless you and bring you peace. CRJJr ##imported-begin##Charlie Jehlen##imported-end##

July 8 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

with deep sympathy for the sadness of your loss , may God give you comfort and strength during this time.... ##imported-begin##JUDY PALOMBO##imported-end##

July 7 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing your loved one is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Martha Terry##imported-end##

July 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I offer my deepest condolences and many prayers for the family! Please let me know if there is anything I can do.God bless each of you. Ted Brisendine##imported-begin##Ted Brisendine##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Susie, our deepest condolences to you and your family. We are never ready for times like this. Please know that you will be in our prayers during this difficult time. You Dad was a sweet man.Love you my friend, Vicki Suire and Family##imported-begin##Vicki Suire##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Michael and Paula and the entire Portacci Family:Our heartfelt condolences on your recent loss. Our prayers go out to you and yours.Jim Sato, Amy Rice, Shanna Pyror, Juril Fonzie, Lana Thompson & the Physicians and Staff at Helena Regional Medical Center##imported-begin##Jim Sato##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of your Dad passing Matt , our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!##imported-begin##Tammy Richard Maturin##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Matt, as well as with your entire family. ##imported-begin##Kay Leysath Smith##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Mrs. Jeri, Susie and the Portacci family, we send our love, deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. May God wrap you all in His loving arms and give you comfort to sustain you through this difficult time. May you find peace in His scriptures:Psalm 46:1-2God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.Your dad was a very devoted family man, and you will all have a special place in our hearts.Love, Shirley, Phillip and Shelley##imported-begin##Shirley McCollough##imported-end##

July 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Susie, you and your family are in my Prayers,##imported-begin##Shay Barnes##imported-end##

July 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kathy,Don,Shawn,Sadie and Kate,Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Shaun Payne and Family##imported-begin##Shaun Payne##imported-end##

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Join us in honoring Nick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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