



Noel Epley Jr.

May 28, 1944 - August 16, 2025

Noel “Nick” Epley Jr., a devoted husband, father, papa, and friend, passed away on August 16, 2025, at the age of 81. Born on May 28, 1944, Nick led an impactful and joyful life in all that he did.

In 1967, Nick married the love of his life, Joan Mathews, and together they shared 57 years—a true testament to their enduring love and partnership.

Nick was a proud and supportive father to his daughter, Aimee Epley, and Papa to his granddaughters Alexandra Mayse and MacKenzie Baker. Family was always his priority. He never missed a volleyball game or dance competition, earning the affectionate title of “everyone’s Papa” in the community.

He loved sharing his passions with others—whether it was attending baseball games, introducing people to his favorite music, or passing along a good book. But above all, his greatest joy was fishing. Teaching others the art of it created lasting memories his family will cherish for generations.

Nick devoted more than 50 years to the steel industry, beginning in operations and international trade before building a long and successful career in sales until his retirement. His generosity was evident in the many hours he volunteered with Catholic charities and in his steadfast dedication to providing

for his family.

A life surrounded by lifelong friends, Nick cherished laughter, games, and shared stories—always quick to keep score and quicker to brighten the room with his humor. Known for his goofy personality, his famous and his genuine kindness, Nick never met a stranger and made friends wherever he went. He was a storyteller at heart, always ready with advice, words of wisdom, and lessons wrapped in humor and love.

Nick is survived by his loving wife Joan, daughter Aimee, grandchildren Alexandra (Liam) Mayse and MacKenzie Baker, siblings Louise Wagener (Ron), Michael (Karen), Rebecca Romesberg (Jerry), Lisa Frazier (Gary), James (Pam), and Douglas (Vickie), along with many nieces, nephews, and dear friends who will carry his memory with love. He was preceded in death by his parents, Noel Sr. and Norma (Nauman) Epley, and brothers Lee (Mary) and Gregory (Dale Ann).

A celebration of life will be held on September 6, 2025, at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters, Missouri, where friends and family will gather to honor the rich and iconic life Nick lived. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to all who walked alongside him in his journey with Pulmonary Fibrosis. The compassion, care, and love shown in his final days—and throughout his life—are a true reflection of how deeply he was cherished.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Missouri Conservation Foundation or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Nick will be deeply missed, but his love, laughter, and lessons will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Joan,
We were deeply saddened to hear of Nick’s passing. We will always remember how much we enjoyed spending time with both of you at the ILIC Christmas parties, and we will treasure those memories. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Judith and Doug Durham

Judith Durham - September 10, 2025 at 01:43 PM

AC

“ Uncle Nick was my Uncle through marriage, and what a great man to meet in my lifetime, He absolutely was a great storyteller, always great with advice, crazy about his wife Aunt Joan, daughter Aimee and granddaughters Lexi and Kenzie. There was never a year that passed by at the Lodge where I didn’t learn something new or wisdom that I could take home from Uncle Nick, he was always kind to me and so welcoming .. always a smile when he greeted us as we arrived each year with arms out wide to give the best hugs .. he will be missed dearly by myself and family, my husband Adam especially, lots of good times spent with him fishing when he was younger. Rest In Peace and Paradise Uncle Nick, Fly High in the Heavens.

Angela Cason

Angela Cason - September 05, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SS

“ Sam, Ashlee, and the 5th floor staff purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Noel Epley Jr..



Sam, Ashlee, and the 5th floor staff - September 05, 2025 at 02:12 PM

LH

“ Noel was such a role model for Lexi and McKenzie Always being there for them throughout their lives. the love, support and dedication he always had will stay with them forever! I'm so sorry for everyone loss. God bless Clay & Linda Henry

linda henry - August 29, 2025 at 03:31 PM

KS

“ Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Noel Epley Jr.



Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff - August 27, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JM

“ Joan & Aimee, So sorry to hear of the passing of Nick. Our prayers for you to get thru this difficult time. We share lots of memories from Spanish Village. RIP Nick.
Gary and Jackie Mitchell

Jackie Mitchell - August 22, 2025 at 03:31 AM

BS

Nick was a good man that treated others with empathy and respect. My condolences to his family.

Bill Sedlack - August 25, 2025 at 07:22 AM