



## Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson

April 19, 1979 - November 26, 2015

Nicholas "Nick" Dawson, 36, of Plant City, Florida, passed away on November 26, 2015 at Tampa General Hospital. He was an avid fisherman, golfer, softball player, hunter, and Gator fan. He is survived by his mother, Sandra Copeland Riley; father Gordon Dawson and step-mother Susan; paternal grandmother, Judy Dawson; step- grandmother, Vera Daniels; siblings, Greg McCullough (Christina), and Gina Orellano (Leo); aunt, Shelia Sparger; nieces and nephews, Danielle McCullough, Bailey Shepard, Daimon Shepard, Isabella Orellano, and Emilia Orellano; special to his heart friends, Ashley Hon, Gracie "Ruby" and Parker "Nelson" Miller, Jeramy Gomer, and Zach Hagadorn; maternal aunts and uncles, Vickie Auten (Dale), Charles Copeland Greer (Cathy), Gary Copeland, Jackie Bridges (Sonny), Nancy Watson (Tim), and Mary Wheeler; and cousins, David Lawless, Paula Butler, Kenny Flint, Shelina Copeland, Sabrina Copeland, Misti Chaney (and her son Chase Chaney), and Tara Johnson (and her son Reilly Johnson). He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Jack P. Dawson and his maternal "Nana", Dollie Bass Copeland Smith; step-father Gregory Riley Sr.; step- grandfather, Gene Daniels; niece, Alex Prescott, and cousin, Toby Dozier. A Celebration of Life, officiated by Pastor Mike Pippin, will be held on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 6:00 P.M. The honorary pallbearers are Jamie Hon, David Lawless, Patrick Ogden, Wade Zarecor, Aaron Parrish, Matt Smith, Josh Harner, Mike Wrenn, Jeramy Gomer, Keith Hernandez, Ben

Massaro, Danny Nails, Rooster Geiger, P.J. Chancey, Levi Chancey, Dusty Geiger, Alex Alexander, Michael Alexander, Clark Mayo, Bobby Perez, Jason Bagley, Brian Alderman, Freddie Baxter, Brian Daigle, and Bobby Stanton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the TGH foundation care of the MICU, or Relay for Life Riverview Showman's Club Association. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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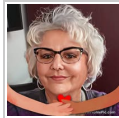
# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson

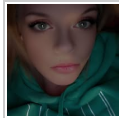


Hopewell Funeral Home - November 30, 2015 at 04:10 PM



*Just awesome*

**Bettie Wade** - December 01, 2015 at 05:41 PM



*BEAUTIFUL may you rest in peace my friend*

**Leslie Marquez** - December 01, 2015 at 07:00 PM

RU

*That was BEAUTIFUL, Sandi Copeland Riley*

**Ruthannbennett** - December 02, 2015 at 09:19 AM

LB

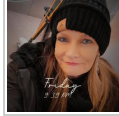
*Just beautiful*

**Lisa Broome Bermudez** - December 02, 2015 at 10:52 AM

BM

*Beautiful may you rest in peace Nick!*

**Bob and Gloria Mann** - December 02, 2015 at 01:06 PM



*Beautiful such a great man RIP so sad!*

**Toni Jones Christie** - December 02, 2015 at 01:39 PM



*Beautiful! I Loved it !*

**Elaine Love Davis** - December 02, 2015 at 05:19 PM



*Missing my Baby Boy💙💜 Love & Miss You So Much!! Mama & Chibbs*

**sandra Riley** - April 28, 2016 at 04:56 PM



*“ Buddy, we can't believe it's been a year since you left us. You are always in our thoughts and we continuously speak of all fond memories you gave us. There is not a day that goes by that you aren't being remembered for some of the funny, crazy, sad and especially aggravating things you did to all of us. We cherish the special times you gave us and will always be in our hearts and minds. Until we see each other again. Love and miss you with all our heart! Dad and Susan.*

**Gordon Dawson** - November 26, 2016 at 08:17 AM



*“ Today is your tenth month anniversary in heaven baby mama and Chibbs misses u so.. been a ruff few weeks for us it god has got us*  
💕🙏💔💜💙



**sandicopelandriley** - October 25, 2016 at 11:11 PM

SR

“ Yesterday was your tenth month anniversary day baby boy.. It feels like ten years to me. Not a second goes by that you are not in my thoughts . I know God gave you to me as a gift and he needed his gift back 😞 until we reunite again love and miss you so much!! I bet your Nanas birthday was the best yesterday with you and Toby both there with her celebrating her day !! 💜😞💜 hugs from Mama and Chibbs...

sandi Riley - September 27, 2016 at 05:10 AM

SR

“ Labor Day son missing you so much!! Love Mama and Chibbs💜💔💔  
💜

sandra riley - September 05, 2016 at 05:46 AM

SR

“ Tomorrow marks 9 long months @ 9:58 am it's seems like 9 years already.I will carry you with me till I see You again.. Love and miss you so much my baby boy.. Love Mama & Chibbs 💜💔💔💜

SANDI COPELAND RILEY - August 25, 2016 at 04:24 AM



“ Monday was your first Fourth of July in Heaven I know you had it sparkling....Mama And Chibbs Loves and misses you so much!!!!

Sandi Riley - July 06, 2016 at 11:07 AM

SA

“ My son this world is in the biggest mess you have ever seen 😞💔 I know your new world have streets of Gold.. Can't Wait to be reunited With You.. Love and miss you so very much. Mama💜💔  
💜

sandicopelandriley - June 15, 2016 at 02:59 PM

SA

“ Tomorrow is 178 days since you left us for your heavenly home.. I miss you so much my heart still hurts don't think it will ever stop until I'm reunited with you my baby boy.. People say keep praying it will get easier well they have never lost an only child.. I thank God everyday for letting me have you for 36 & 1/2 years.. When you lose a spouse it a pain you learn to live with daily Gregs love and memories are with me everyday..But the void I have of losing you is unbearable at times.I speak you Name And talk about you all the time.. And will continue to do so until I can't speak or breath any longer.. Missing you So MUCH Love Mama & Chibbd💙💔💜

sandicopelandriley - May 25, 2016 at 05:07 PM

SA

182 days

sandicopelandriley - May 25, 2016 at 06:03 PM

SA

“ Today is six months my baby boy it seems like 6 years .. Can't wait unit we are united and both are whole again.. Missing you so much 🙄 Love you Mama And Chibbs💙💜🙄

sandicopelandriley - May 20, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ Missing You My Baby Boy 💜💔💙

Sandi Riley - May 17, 2016 at 09:08 AM

SR

“ Mama missing you so so much.. My first Mother's Day without you is coming up💙💔💜

sandra Riley - May 05, 2016 at 02:00 PM

SR

“ Yesterday was your first heavenly Birthday.. Mama misses you so much it hurts so much.. Got your Gators brick placed on April 9th sec P14 Row 22 mama can't wait to see it in September.. Your Bricks At Angel Of Hope In Temple Terrace Will be out there The first sat in October .. Everyone keeps saying it will get easier for me I don't think it Ever will..Love you so much Mama

sandra Riley - April 20, 2016 at 09:10 AM

SR

Today marks your five months that you got your angel wings @ 9:58 am mama misss you so much.. The pain is unbearable at times.. Until we meet again 💔💙💜 love mama and Chibbs

sandra Riley - April 26, 2016 at 09:38 AM

MW

So sorry for your loss. I knew he was the love of your life. Mercy

mercedes whitehurst - April 30, 2016 at 06:54 PM

SR

“ Missing you my one and only son and child, mama

sandi riley - March 23, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ Each and everyday my heart is breaking a little more each day!!! As most of you know he was my whole life.....everywhere I look he's here god I would give my own life just to talk to him and hug him just one more time!!! People says it's gets easier everyday well I don't believe this....god I love and miss him so much phone calls and text every day...and at the end always love ya mom take care of my son his fur baby Chibbs...

Sandi Riley - February 08, 2016 at 02:03 PM

RE

*You will always grieve. You will not get over the loss Nicky, you will just learn to live with it. You will heal and you will rebuild yourself around the loss you have suffered. You will be whole again but you will never be the same. Nor should you be the same nor would you want to that's because you loved him unconditionally you are is mother. But you have so many people who love you and don't expect any different and we are all here to pick you up when you need us. Love you Granny/Mama Sandi*

Renee - March 02, 2016 at 11:24 PM

SR

*Thank you Renee its hurts so bad💔*

sandi riley - March 23, 2016 at 08:06 PM

AZ

“ *I will always look at you as a brother and you will forever be apart of the Zarecor family. I love and miss you dearly. Always, Ashley Zarecor*

Ashley Zarecor - December 07, 2015 at 05:44 PM

RE

“❤️



Renee - December 02, 2015 at 11:50 PM

RE



Renee - December 02, 2015 at 11:21 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Broome Bermudez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



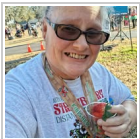
Lisa Broome Bermudez - December 01, 2015 at 10:28 PM

RM

“ *To the family of Mr. Nick Dawson, My sincere condolences go out to your family, you are in our hearts and prayers and we can all take solace in the Lords promise.*

*Sincerly,  
Robert Moody  
Hills, Cnty, PUD*

Robert Moody - December 01, 2015 at 06:33 AM



“ *He will be missed A Angel has gotten his wings . Praying for his family and friends Go Gators And Durant C/O 97 🐢🐢 From Tamara Cundiff*



Tamara Cundiff - November 30, 2015 at 05:52 PM

Brandi Locke

“ *Brandi Locke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



Brandi Locke - November 30, 2015 at 03:44 PM

MS

“ *So many memories I will cherish forever.*



MANDY SALLING - November 30, 2015 at 02:10 PM



Awe 💕💙

Sandi Riley - December 29, 2015 at 06:16 AM



*In Cali on spring break with mom*

Sandi Riley - December 29, 2015 at 06:27 AM

LW

“ *Lynda Williford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



Lynda Williford - November 30, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson.*



November 30, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ *a good working buddy will miss him everyday*

**Manny cordoba** - November 30, 2015 at 10:58 AM



💔💜 *thanks Manny*

**Sandi Riley** - December 29, 2015 at 06:42 AM



“ *Tracey Futch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



**Tracey Futch** - November 30, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *I never met Nick but i have worked with his father Gordon. My prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. God Bless*



**Dan Orlosky** - November 30, 2015 at 09:23 AM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jessica Chancey** - November 30, 2015 at 06:15 AM



*my boys*

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**Sandi Riley** - December 07, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JC

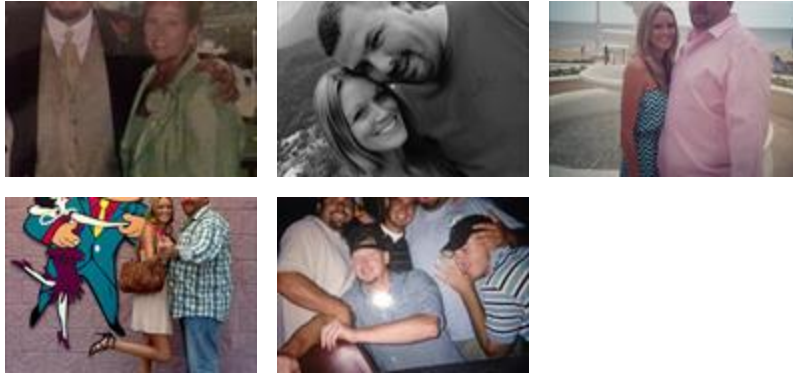
“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jessica Chancey** - November 30, 2015 at 05:45 AM

JM

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Jordyn Mayo - November 29, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson.



November 29, 2015 at 09:45 PM

SG

“ Sean Garrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson



Sean Garrison - November 29, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson.



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November 29, 2015 at 06:14 PM

MG

“ Dear Family and Friends of Nicholas Dawson,

*Though I am a stranger, I wanted to extend my heartfelt condolences of Nicholas' early passing. I wanted to share a thought with you. I have done extensive study and research on why the Lord takes some of us way too soon. What I have learned is that when the Lord sees that a particular individual has honed their skills so well, the Lord calls them home. This is the actual birth! Nicholas now enters eternal life to work more closely with the Lord. His life has really only just begun! It states in the Bible that those who have ascended to the Lord now possess the strength and abilities of 100 men. It is readily apparent that Nicholas was very special unto the Lord and He needed him soon. I have been blessed to witness their afterlife and seen what awaits the Ascended Ones like Nicholas. If you could see the Love, the Beauty, and the Peace that awaits us in God's Heavenly Realm, it would bring tears to your eyes.*

*Understand that Nicholas really has not left you at all! He has merely been transformed into his most ascended state of existence in order to be free from the physical body to do the Lord's Work all over the world. Nicholas is set free to help many, many countless people on this earth. Be proud! Nicholas was taken for his excellent skills God needed that the physical body limited him. God Bless you in your time of grief, but rejoice in Nicholas' new Eternal Life with Christ!!! Nicholas now begins a journey that is more immaculate than I can put into words. Those of us who pass in Christ's Name NEVER EVER "die"! There is no such thing as "death" with Christ. Only Life and Salvation into Eternity. It is so beautiful. I Pray that Nicholas may even be able, with God's Permission to show you his eternal peace and happiness he now enjoys. God Bless you all,*

*~~~~~ Mark W. Gregory  
Irving, Texas*

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**Mark W. Gregory** - November 29, 2015 at 05:50 PM

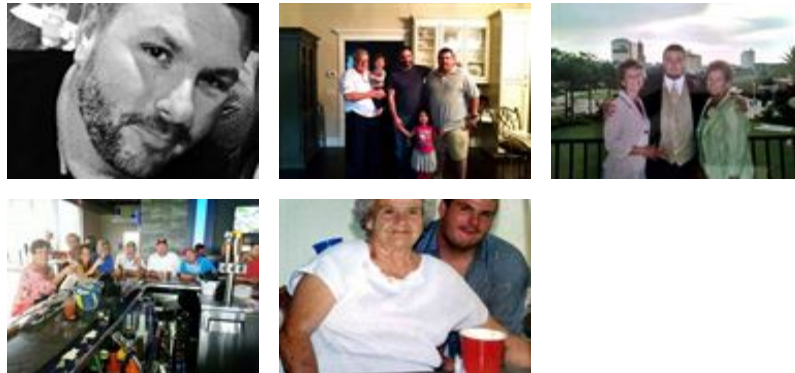


*Thanks for the kind words*

**Sandi Riley** - December 29, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - November 29, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ *Gary & Tami Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



**gary & tami griffin** - November 29, 2015 at 02:19 PM



“ *So many memories as a child with you that I will never forget... You were taken way too soon Nick, but you will never be forgotten. RIP*



**Chivon Simmons** - November 29, 2015 at 01:13 PM

Elaine  
Love  
Davis

“ Elaine Love Davis lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson



Elaine Love Davis - November 29, 2015 at 12:28 PM

Elaine  
Love

Prayers for the family . R.I.P. Nick

Elaine Love Davis - November 29, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson.



November 29, 2015 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ Serena Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Nicholas "Nick" Dawson



Serena Stratton - November 29, 2015 at 11:09 AM

MR

“Gone too soon old friend. Never to be forgotten and Always will be loved.



Mindy Russ - November 29, 2015 at 10:35 AM

PB

“There can be no greater loss. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to family and friends of this young man, for healing and comfort.

Phyllis Benjamin - November 29, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson.



November 29, 2015 at 09:21 AM

BL

“Bruce Litke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson



bruce litke - November 29, 2015 at 07:53 AM

DZ

“ *Our Hearts are broken, Nick meant so much to our family. He will be truly missed. Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. Love you Nick Dawson! The Zarecors..... Bob, Diane, Wade & Ashley*

**Diane Zarecor** - November 29, 2015 at 06:45 AM

VD

“ *Vivian And David lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



**Vivian and david** - November 29, 2015 at 04:50 AM

MA

“ *May you Rest in Heavenly Peace. Amen.*



**Maria Rodrigues Aloyo** - November 28, 2015 at 10:35 PM

DB

“ *Nick it's been along time but we all had so many fun times! R.I.P.*



**Debbie Boyett** - November 28, 2015 at 10:35 PM

KS

“ *Kenny And Marilyn Starling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



Kenny and Marilyn Starling - November 28, 2015 at 10:01 PM

MI

“ *Martha Isley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



martha isley - November 28, 2015 at 08:54 PM



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



November 28, 2015 at 08:23 PM

DM

“ *I am so sorry to hear about nick him and jeramy thought the world of each other he will be missed do very much my God be with you and your family I lost my mom 2years ago thanksgiving.my name is Diane Morris I am jeramy mother God Bless*



Diane morris - November 28, 2015 at 07:57 PM



“ *Strength and prayers for his family*



**Oscar N Holly Munoz** - November 28, 2015 at 07:49 PM

 Kelly Rosser

“ *Kelly Rosser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



**Kelly Rosser** - November 28, 2015 at 07:17 PM

 Kelly Rosser

*Prayers for the family.*

**Kelly Rosser** - November 28, 2015 at 07:18 PM

CR

“ *Carla Rigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



**Carla rigby** - November 28, 2015 at 07:04 PM

CR

*Sending Prayers* 

**Carla rigby** - November 28, 2015 at 07:05 PM

VH

“ *My heart just breaks for the family of this handsome young man...Very sad. Thinking of you Sandi..*

Vicki Hampton - November 28, 2015 at 06:51 PM

VH

“ *Vicki Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



Vicki Hampton - November 28, 2015 at 06:49 PM

PA

“ *Paula lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



Paula - November 28, 2015 at 06:33 PM

CB

“ *Carriebeth Bagley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



Carriebeth Bagley - November 28, 2015 at 06:31 PM

CB

*I am very sorry for your loss., My deepest sympathies. May he rest in peace, love to the family.*

Carriebeth Bagley - November 28, 2015 at 06:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson.*



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November 28, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ *Jeffro Cotten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



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**Jeffro Cotten** - November 28, 2015 at 06:20 PM



“ *Anne Tillett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



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**Anne Tillett** - November 28, 2015 at 06:01 PM



“ *Robert Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



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**Robert mann** - November 28, 2015 at 04:26 PM

SR

“ *Sheila Belisle Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



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**Sheila Belisle Reed** - November 28, 2015 at 03:30 PM

"T

“ *Rest easy Nick but it was a pleasure to bring you to my home. My condolences and prayers to your family.*



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**"Fu" Tave** - November 28, 2015 at 03:06 PM

JL

“ *Rest in peace my dear nephew, you'll be missed but will always be Loved. My heart, love & support goes out to my sister Sandy. May God keep holding your hand through this sad time. Aunt Jackie*

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**Jackie Copeland Lawless** - November 28, 2015 at 02:22 PM

DL

“ *Don And Mary Lou lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



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**Don and Mary Lou** - November 28, 2015 at 02:22 PM

DO

*Your now at rest and forever in peace God needed another Angel So he took you home.*

**Donna** - November 28, 2015 at 03:31 PM

NW

“ *Nick you will always in our hearts and never forgotten love & miss you always,Love Aunt Nancy & Aunt Mary*



**Nancy Copeland Watson** - November 28, 2015 at 01:50 PM

SW

“ *Sarah Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Dawson*



**sarah weston** - November 28, 2015 at 01:24 PM