



## Captain Nicholas Jan Rozanski

April 4, 2012

Captain Nicholas Jan Rozanski, 36, of Dublin went to Heaven on April 4, 2012 due to combat injuries sustained in Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Frank and Anna Rozanski, Charles and Frances Mitchell and his Aunt, Anne Bownas. He is survived by his loving wife of 5 years, Jennifer (Schiller) Rozanski, his two beautiful daughters Emma Kathryn and Anna Elizabeth, his mother, Pamela Mitchell, his father and stepmother, Jan and Jan Rozanski, his brother Keith (Christy) Rozanski, brand new nephew Benjamin Nicholas, his brother Alex (Melissa) Rozanski, nephew and niece Jack and Reagan, stepbrother Brent (Kelsey) Walton, niece Clara, father and mother-in-law, John and Jeanne Schiller, brother-in-law Jeff (Kerry Stankowski) Schiller, aunts, uncles, cousins and his best friend Chris (Renee) Weaver and their children Colin and Maryn. Nicholas was born in Columbus and lived his entire life in Dublin, Ohio or "God's Country" as Nick commonly referred to it. Nick graduated from Dublin High School in 1994 where he played soccer. He loved soccer and continued to play throughout his life. Nick had a mischievous side that most of his high school teachers could probably attest to and he absolutely loved coaching youth soccer. Nick coached for nearly fifteen years for Ohio FC and Eagles Soccer Club. After high school, Nick went on to The Ohio State University where he received a BA in Communications. Nick was an avid runner and completed 3 marathons. His marathon training program was unique, and

usually involved a Buckeye tailgate the day before a big race. Nick loved the Buckeyes and counted down all year to football season. He was always in the stands to see the band march on the field to the "Buckeye Battle Cry" and he was there until the last note of "Carmen Ohio" was sung. Nick loved to have a good time and he has many great memories with his friends. He had a witty sense of humor, which always involved a twinkle in his eye and a silly grin. Nick loved his family above all else. Nick loved his wife very much and he especially enjoyed "romantic" dinners with her at his favorite places, the Dublin Village Tavern and Rusty Bucket. He dreamed of their future together and looked forward to growing old with her. And, there was nothing more that Nick wanted than to be a father. He adored his little girls and he couldn't get enough of playing and snuggling with them. He secretly hoped that he could get one of them to love NASCAR as much as he did. The Christmas holidays were also very special to Nick. Each year his family got together to make pierogies, a Polish tradition passed on from his grandparents, and his mom made a big breakfast each Christmas morning. In 2003, Nick decided to join the Ohio National Guard where he served for eight and a half years. The military was a natural fit for Nick and he excelled at it. He started as a Specialist because he wanted to earn the respect of the enlisted, but quickly realized that he preferred to be a leader rather than a follower. Nick went on to Officer Candidate School where he became a model leader. Nick was very modest about his military service and never wanted the public recognition for it. He simply felt that he was doing what was right for his country. Nick was deployed in 2004 to Kosovo, 2007 to Kuwait/Iraq and 2012 to Afghanistan was his final deployment. Nick was employed at DSCC in Whitehall where he had worked since 2009. He loved his job and was excited to get back to it. His family and friends are extremely proud and honored to have known Nick. He is truly an American hero and will be missed by his friends, family, community and nation that he served. Family will receive friends from 2:00-8:00pm. TUESDAY at ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH, 10700 Liberty Rd., Powell, Ohio 43065 with Reception of the Body Service at 2:00pm. Mass of

Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00am. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 with The Reverend Raymond Larussa, Celebrant. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Dublin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nick Rozanski Memorial Fund. The fund will provide Nick's family a way to touch the lives of others year-after-year in honor of Nick, and will serve as a way to give back to the community that Nick was such a big part of and which had given so much to him. Please make checks payable to the Nick Rozanski Memorial Fund and mailed to Chris Weaver-Advisor, 2095 Kentwell Road, Columbus, OH 43221. Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell assisted the family and friends are asked to send condolences or remembrances to: [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com). "On thy grave the rain shall fall from the eyes of a mighty nation." Thomas William Parsons

# Tribute Wall



“ *Captain Nicholas Jan Rozanski*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Rozanski family, Please accept our heartfelt condolence. Both of our boys were among those lining the streets of Dublin today and both were very moved. Your family has been and will be in our daily prayers. Thank you.*

Rachael Binder - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Jan, Alex, and Family, Please accept my condolences on the loss of Nick. Also know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. If I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call.*

Kristin Maier - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I didn't know Nick but I wish I had! What an incredible hero he was! May his spirit be with you always! God Speed! Jill Love*

Jill love - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I cannot express to you enough the appreciation my family has for your family and the sacrifice made so we can live in freedom. We are dublin residents and my second oldest son (19) is a Marine so I understand your pride and sympathize with your loss and sadness. If it were not for all service members we could not live in the land of the free. You are in our hearts and on our minds. May GOD bless each of you and thank you again for your unselfish sacrifices.  
Semper Fi

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**Shaw Family** - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Pam, Jan....We are so very sorry to hear about your son, Nick. May the love of family and friends comfort and strenghten you in the days ahead. You are in our prayers.

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**Kathy & Greg Metzger** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Pam and Jan, I will be at the funeral Mass tomorrow for your son, Nick. Most likely, I will be unable to talk to you, so let me say how truly sorry that I am for your loss. My heart aches for all of you. Please take care of yourselves. You will be in my prayers. Barb

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**Barb Ofrenzo Hoffman** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ To the Rozanski family, my sincerest condolences go out to your family and all of Nick's friends. I graduated with Nick in 94 and knew him growing up through junior high and high school. He was a kind, warm-hearted soul who was good to all around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time.

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**Geoff Ozier** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Pam and Jan...My heartfelt sympathy to you and your families. Nick was an exceptional young man and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Joann Bigler - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of serving with Nick in Kuwait in 2008. He was a good man,

Dan Levenson - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Rozanski family through this rough time. I had the privilege of working with Nick at DLA and will miss his witty sense of humor and contagious smile. Nick thank you for my freedom, you will NEVER be forgotten. RIP

Norma Saenz - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ jenny, I want to express my sympathy to you and your family and my gratitude to a "Hero" May God watch over you and your children.

Barney Greenbaum - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Thank you for your service to our country. May God comfort your family.

Beverly Family - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sending your family the strength to navigate this difficult time-Nick will never be forgotten.

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**David and Jo Blaugrund** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We are friends of Nicholas' parents, Jan and Pam. Please accept our sincere condolences to the entire Rozanski clan on your tremendous loss. We are grateful for Capt. Rozanski's service to our country and will include all of you in our prayers. God bless you.

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**Ted and Linda Mosure** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ You shall never be forgotten. For though you may be gone from this world your spirit will live on forever. It lives in the laughing eyes of children who are free from want or oppression. It lives in the bravery and conviction of those who still struggle for liberty. And it lives in me for I promise to cherish every breath of freedom that you paid the ultimate price to secure. I ask only that I might be granted some small fraction of your courage and strength to face the challenges of my life with an honor and dignity worthy of your legacy. May you rest in eternal peace, safe in the knowledge that your sacrifice was not made in vain.

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**Sandy Eckstine Coleman** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Jan, your family has been in our hearts and prayers since the tragic news reached us last week. I mourn the passing of every single military hero who has made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, but this one hit close to home, and really hurt. I have not seen Nick since he was a little boy. I recall he was a great little kid, as were Keith & Alex. I regret not having known him as a man, but from all I have read about him he was an exceptional human being, and a loving family man. God rest his soul, and may God bless your entire family.

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**Tom & Kathy Sochor** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Pam, Jan - There are just no words. Know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you both. Kathy

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**Kathy Thomas Haines** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jan and Pam, although many years have passed since our days at DeSales, as a combat veteran I send you my deepest sympathy on your loss. God bless you and Nick. May he rest in peace. Mike McGuire

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**Michael McGuire** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ May God will give you comfort and strength during this very difficult time.

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**Norm and Lynn Schweitz** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jan, if there is anything we can do to help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us. we have gone through this ourselves and we feel your great loss.

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**Robert and Marilu Sochor** - April 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I will always remember Nick at Muirfield. He always had a huge grin on his face. Nick will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to his family and friends.

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**Diana O'Brien** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Jennifer and Family, I am so very sad and sorry for your loss. My husband and I have been thinking of you and your family. Thanks to your husband and people like him... we are able to live in freedom. AOT, Leslie (Jones) Anderson

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**Leslie Anderson** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My sincerest condolences go out to you. I've known Nick for many years from his pre-officer days working in the Marketing Section in Recruiting Command to our serving together on the Military Funeral Honors team a few years ago. I will not forget his sense of humor and always enjoyed when Uncle Sam would bring us together for one purpose or another. Freedom isn't free and a great price has been paid by him and all that he has left behind. Where I have been off the Honors team now for the past 6 months, I contacted the team leader upon learning of his loss so as to participate in some fashion for the honors he is deserving. God bless his soul and you his loved ones.

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**CPT Mark A. Ruffing** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM