



Dr Nolan Joseph Rindfleisch PhD

June 27, 1927 - February 2, 2022

Dr. Nolan J. Rindfleisch, PhD, age 94 of Worthington, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2022. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy (1945-46). On August 6, 1945, as a volunteer draftee, Nolan was on a train to the US Navy Great Lakes Training Center when the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. He spent his year of service in Chicago and Minneapolis. Nolan is preceded in death by his parents, Lillian and Adolph Rindfleisch, son Michael, infant son John, and brother Norval Rindfleisch. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rita Mae (Savard), a brother Greg Rindfleisch (Sally) of Minneapolis, and children Roberta (James) Gail (Doug) Noel, Leah (Jesse) and Sarah (Peter) and grandchildren Danielle, Molly (Andy), Shawne, Nathan, Joseph, Ethan, Abigail, Alexis and Emily, along with beloved nieces and nephews.

Nolan was a 1945 graduate of Cretin High School, St. Paul, MN: The College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, (B.A.) Latin and Greek, 1949. His first job was teaching English and Latin at Blackduck High School, Blackduck, Minnesota. In 1958, he graduated from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (MSW) and in 1976, he received his PhD from Case Western University. He accepted a teaching position in 1964 with the Ohio State University College of Social Work, and settled on Chatham Road in Clintonville, eventually moving to Worthington in 1978. Nolan held Buckeye football tickets in Section 27C for fifty years and was eager to share those tickets with family and friends.

In 1994, after thirty years of service with Ohio State, he retired to write poetry, learn Spanish, and starting in 2000, began his association with the Central Ohio Senior Softball League to play first base for the Worthington senior softball team. He hung up his cleats and glove at 92 years old.

As a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Nolan served as a lector and was active in the church's Social Seniors group, and enjoyed activities as a member of the Ohio State Retirees Association.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 10 from 10:00-11:00 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus 43229, where a Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00. Burial will follow immediately at Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 North High Street, Lewis Center, 43035.

Nolan enjoyed his years of teaching at Ohio State and knew the sacrifices students make to finish college. If you wish, memorial contributions in Nolan's name can be made to the College of Social Work Anne Hayes Memorial Scholarship (643027) Donations to the St. Elizabeth Church Food Bank is also welcomed.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd
Columbus, OH 43229

Funeral Mass

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr Nolan Joseph Rindfleisch PhD*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Rita and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these difficult days. I know he will be missed. Cindy Irick*



Cindy Irick - February 09, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ *Dear Rita and family. We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers Klaus and Sharon Fricke.*

sharon Fricke - February 08, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Ann and Guy Shadiow and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr Nolan Joseph Rindfleisch PhD.*



Ann and Guy Shadiow and family - February 08, 2022 at 09:08 AM

MD

“ whenever Aunt Rita and Uncle Nolan visited for a family gathering, Nolan would seek me out and sit and chat for at least a half hour, he would ask about our kids and our jobs and whether or not we had any fun plans for the summer. He genuinely cared about making that connection with the people in his family. Such a warm, loving person. He will be dearly missed

Mary Dehart - February 07, 2022 at 06:58 PM

 Gail Jenkins

Thanks for sharing the great memory Mary! He loved traveling back to Minnesota

Gail Jenkins - February 08, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr Nolan Joseph Rindfleisch PhD.



February 07, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dr Nolan Joseph Rindfleisch PhD.



February 07, 2022 at 12:29 PM

FS

“ Sorry for your loss. I had Prof Rindfleisch while a student at OSU in the 1970's - he was a great teacher and mentor. Frank W. Stoy, Columbus.

Frank Stoy - February 07, 2022 at 09:05 AM

 Gail Jenkins

Mr. Stoy, thank you so much for your kind words. My dad would be truly humbled by your sentiment.

Gail Jenkins - February 07, 2022 at 12:15 PM

CM

“ Chris and Denise Moellentine purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Dr Nolan Joseph Rindfleisch PhD.

Chris and Denise Moellentine - February 06, 2022 at 07:08 PM