



## Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin

April 4, 1941 - December 30, 2025

Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin, of Northwest Indiana, passed away on December 30, 2025, at the age of 84. Born in Harbin, China, Nick's life journey carried him across continents and cultures, ultimately shaping him into a man defined by resilience, dedication, and quiet strength.

In his early teens, Nick moved to the United States, where he embraced a new country, language, and future with determination. He completed high school and built a career rooted in craftsmanship and hard work, spending his professional life as a machinist with NIPSCO, where his skill, precision, and unwavering work ethic earned him the respect of his colleagues and friends. Nick dedicated countless hours to volunteering at the Anna Maria Island Moose Lodge, where he proudly served as Governor for a period. In recognition of his decades of service and commitment to the organization, he recently received lifetime membership after surpassing 50 years as a member. A devoted husband, father, and family man, Nick is survived by his loving wife, Jaroslawa (Kruk) Kostromin; his children, Ray Kostromin, Linda (Mark) Kara, and Janet (Paul) Flaharty; his cherished grandchildren, Nicholas, Paige, Halie, and Evan; and his beloved great-grandchildren, Remi and Rae-Lynn. He will be remembered for his strong character, commitment to family, and the deep pride he took in providing for his loved ones.

Services for Nick will take place at Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 8600 Grand Blvd., Merrillville, IN. with Father Jacob VanSickle officiating.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the church on Saturday, January 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The funeral service will start at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Protection of the Virgin Mary's Cemetery on Ridge Rd. in Gary, IN.

Memorial contributions can be made to the church in Nick's memory.

Nick's story is one of perseverance, adaptation, service, and the pursuit of a better life — leaving a legacy that will continue to live on through all who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed and forever cherished.

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# Cemetery Details

## Protection of the Virgin Mary Cemetery

Gary, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church  
8600 Grand Blvd  
Merrillville, IN 46410-7421  
(219) 384-6826

## Funeral Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Protection of the Virgin Mary  
8600 Grand Blvd  
Merrillville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*



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January 07 at 09:42 PM



“ *God Bless, Jason and Amy Roth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*

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**God Bless, Jason and Amy Roth** - January 07 at 09:42 PM

DL

“ I'd like to offer this poem by Thomas Hardy as a way of reflecting on the love and care Uncle Nick and Aunt Slavka gave to each other down their many years together.

*She, To Him (part 1)*

*When you shall see me lined by tool of Time,  
My lauded beauties carried off from me,  
My eyes no longer stars as in their prime,  
My name forgot of Maiden Fair and Free;*

*When in your being heart concedes to mind,  
And judgment, though you scarce its process know,  
Recalls the excellencies I once enshrined,  
And you are irked that they have withered so:*

*Remembering mine the loss is, not the blame,  
That Sportsman Time but rears his brood to kill,  
Knowing me in my soul the very same—  
One who would die to spare you touch of ill!—  
Will you not grant to old affection's claim  
The hand of friendship down Life's sunless hill?*

*As read by Melvin Bragg: <https://www.instagram.com/reels/DSpAWkFDDDa/>*

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Daniel E Levy - January 02 at 09:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*



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January 02 at 12:48 PM



“ *Kim Courson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*

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**Kim Courson** - January 02 at 12:48 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Nick lived catty corner from me. Nick was my favorite neighbor. We would talk for hours standing in each other's yard or the garage or back by my garden. I would give Nick produce from the garden and he would bring me pierogies. It was an excellent trade-off. I can't tell you how much I'm going to miss this man! Love-Ya-Nick!*



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**Timothy Long** - January 01 at 07:58 PM

MM

“ Gerri, Ray, Linda, grandchildren, so sorry for your loss. A quote from Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross: "The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not "get over" the loss of a loved one; you will 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." Mrs. John Manes

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**Mrs. John (Pat) Manes** - December 31, 2025 at 10:03 PM

MM

Janet, I am so sorry I did not mention your loss also

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**Mrs. John (Pat) Manes** - December 31, 2025 at 10:05 PM

AC

“ Ann C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.

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**Ann C.** - December 31, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.



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December 31, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*



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December 31, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*



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December 31, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ *Andy and Dawn Maciejewski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicolay "Nick" Kostromin.*

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**Andy and Dawn Maciejewski** - December 31, 2025 at 12:18 PM