



## Louis J. Nigro

January 6, 1945 - May 24, 2020

Louis J. Nigro, Age 75 of Chesterfield Township passed away on May 24, 2020. Lou was a Lieutenant Colonel and Pilot in the U.S. Air Force and the Michigan Air National Guard. Lou was also a member of the Michigan Civil Service while in the Michigan Air National Guard. He was the longtime director of the Selfridge Military Air Museum. Under Lou's guidance, the Selfridge Military Air Museum grew and became a "must see" small museum in the southeast Michigan area. Lou was a member of St. Mary Queen of Creation Church. He enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, telling jokes, camping and canoeing. He will always be remembered by his children as a caring, loving and supportive father with a sense of humor like no other. Beloved husband of the late Susan, who passed away on April 6, 2020. Loving father of Louis (Laurie) Nigro and Lisa (Robert) Kosalski. Dear grandfather of Andrew and Anna Nigro and Tyler and Jacob Kosalski. Dear brother of Charlotte Senulis, Mary Jean Florio and the late Erik Nigro. Predeceased by his parents Louis and Mary. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Selfridge Military Air Museum. Due to the COVID 19 situation, there will be a private funeral service for the family.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *It was a pleasure to have worked with Lou at the museum and he brought the museum to a new level. He was a true Patriot and a credit to the Air Force and the Michigan Air National Guard.*

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May 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *June 9, 2009- Roger "Spad Daddy" Krings with Lt. Col. Lou "Shaka Zulu" Nigro on the day we rolled out the Spad XIII at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. Good men and mentors. I can say it only one more time now...Bye Lou!*

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May 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear the passing of Lou. When I was assigned to the 19st/127th Lou was one of the first to ensure I was welcomed as a new member of the unit. He was truly a professional, Patriot and outstanding officer. I worked with Lou with bringing groups to the museum. RIP my friend. I am sure God has a special place in heaven for Lou. Frank J Walker*

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May 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to Lou's family. Lou was a great guardsman and friend , Lou and I go back many years , service schools , aircraft maintenance needs and most of all his devotion to the museum . He will be missed.

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May 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks, Sir it was a pleasure serving with you! You had a heart of gold!

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“ Louis J. Nigro

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“ I knew Lou from Family Support- he was the back bone to the program- always available for whatever we needed. I depended on him for a lot and he never let me or our Wing members down. Our Saturday meetings he would always attend with a smile on his face, a snarky remark to make, and a few jokes to share! He was such an amazing man and so devoted to his wife and family... and Selfridge! We were lucky to have you in our lives Lou, thank you for the laughs and the fond memories - you will be sorely missed.

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“ I'm thankful for the opportunity I had to serve with Lou. I first got to know Lou when he served as my instructor pilot in the C-26. What a gentleman and excellent instructor. A few years later, Lou was the first one to welcome me to the 191st AG in 1995. His support and friendship was so important during my time at Selfridge. I could always count on Lou for honest, unfiltered advice. I also loved his great sense of humor! I encouraged Lou to serve as the museum director when he retired and, once again, he showed such great leadership and dedication. Lou and Susan were wonderful friends, we loved serving with them, and we will miss them both! Tom and Chris Cutler.

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May 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I am saddened to learn of Lt Col Nigro's passing. Having worked with him over 25 years, I both learned a lot and laughed a lot. I will always remember his enjoyment at telling folks how I gave him his Xtra hide, which was a large rawhide bone, because he was constantly asking me how he could get more funded positions. I was sad to learn of Sue's passing a few weeks ago and remember how he cared so deeply for her. I know they are reunited for all of eternity. You will be missed. Prayers to the family

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“ Lou is one of those people a person both likes and respects at the same time. It was always a pleasure to see him when I was at the museum. His support of our Navy VP squadron's alumni activities allowed us to keep in touch with each other after our decommissioning. Under his watch the museum has thrived and expanded. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

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May 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Lou was a great asset to the Selfridge Military Air Museum over the last 20 years. He gave his all & then some. I value the friendship we had over the last 30 years and I'm going to miss him & his lovely wife, Susan, who also went home to be with the Lord recently. Prayers for the Nigro Family. RIP, Lou.

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May 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ This weeks passing of Louis Nigro has too soon brought us all back to now mourn for our dear friend/father/co-worker. With Louis's passing now only a little over a month from his beautiful wife Susan , we again must try to understand and come to grips with grief so painful we can hardly stand . We all have heard from time to time how a surviving spouse just can't go on living without his or her beloved partner , I have to believe this was Louis's wish. I have watched Lou& Sue for over 45 years and seen the dedication, love and respect they have shown towards each other. God has reunited Lou& Susan now to live without pain forever in heaven. My heart will never stop thinking about my Nigro's . My heart will miss so much stopping by for a chat and some great jokes that Lou would tell. My heart will never stop missing Susan's smiling gentle manor and kind personality, only once in a lifetime can you know someone so sweet and kind. Louis and Susan were perfect as perfect can be for each other, 2 separate soles happily locked together forever plus one day more. May God Bless and watch over you until we once again get to see and be with you both forever.

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“ Lou, it was an honor meeting you and I am glad for the couple of years I got to know you while volunteering at the museum. Godspeed, Lou..... my USAF brother.

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