



David Keith Nikoloff

July 22, 2026

David Keith Nikoloff, 69, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, formerly of Harrisburg, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kero and Elsie Nikoloff, and his brother, Marty Stambaugh.

A 1974 graduate of Susquehanna Township High School, David continued his education at Harrisburg Area Community College and Penn State Harrisburg, earning his bachelor's degree in 1978. He went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

David's distinguished career in economic development spanned more than four decades. He began his career in 1983 with SEDA-COG, the 11-county Central Pennsylvania economic development agency, before becoming Director of Economic Development, Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority, where he greatly enjoyed working alongside Chris Gulotta.

From 1991 to 2014, David served as President of the Economic Development Company (EDC) of Lancaster. During his tenure, he led the development and financing of several transformational projects, including Clipper Magazine Stadium, the Lancaster County Convention Center and Marriott Hotel at Penn Square, and the URBN Distribution Center. He also established Small

Business Administration (SBA) offices in Lancaster and York and partnered with numerous existing and emerging businesses throughout Lancaster County to strengthen the local economy and create jobs.

Following his leadership at EDC, David continued to share his expertise through positions with Blackford Ventures, Community First Fund, and AIM Advisors.

David was a lifelong fan of Penn State football, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Green Bay Packers. Yet no team or pastime ever meant more to him than the pursuits of his children, Alex and Jackie. He immersed himself wholeheartedly in every stage of their lives—from cheering them on with the Golden Meadows Swim Team (and managing the pool for an extra summer to keep it open), to Hempfield Youth Soccer, to supporting Jackie's filmmaking and Alex's music. He was especially proud of Alex's band, Strangest Life, whose EP, David, was dedicated in his honor.

David possessed an extraordinary breadth of knowledge about history and his family's heritage. He was quick-witted, loved inside jokes, and delighted in good-natured banter. A fantasy football champion and longtime member of the Historical Miniature Gaming Society alongside his son, he also remained a devoted supporter of Arsenal FC and was thrilled to witness the club capture the Premier League title earlier this year.

David and his wife, Janice, shared 33 years of marriage, building a life grounded in partnership, love, and mutual support. He also devoted himself to caring for his disabled brother, Marty, helping ensure that Marty could remain at home, surrounded by the comfort and love of family.

David is survived by his beloved wife, Janice Olson Nikoloff of Lancaster; his daughter, Jacqueline ("Jackie") Nikoloff of Philadelphia; his son, Alexander

("Alex") Nikoloff and daughter-in-law, Kayla, of Delaware County; along with many extended family members, friends, and colleagues whose lives were enriched by his generosity, humor, and unwavering dedication.

His legacy lives on in the communities he strengthened, the family he cherished, and the countless lives he touched with his kindness, wisdom, and steadfast support. David generously contributed to the Gift Life Program in Philadelphia.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. 17603, on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Friends are welcome to greet the family starting at 1:00 p.m. A Catholic burial service will be held at a later date.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Keith Nikoloff.*



August 11 at 02:02 PM



“ *Shane Mcquaid planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Keith Nikoloff.*

Shane Mcquaid - August 08 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jeffrey and Laura McQuaid purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Keith Nikoloff.*



Jeffrey and Laura McQuaid - August 07 at 06:19 PM

RW

“ Very sad to hear about Dave's passing. I remember Dave for always having a positive outlook despite professional or health challenges and for always looking for ways to provide opportunities and help people in business, including me. It's been years since I have seen him but I fondly remember his dry sense of humor, his wit, and his knowing (sometimes enigmatic) smile. Wishing peace and comfort to his family. With sympathy, Rich Wolman/Compass Real Estate, LLC

rich wolman - August 05 at 02:03 PM

LH

“ I was saddened to hear about David's passing. He was integral to my career development and gave me my chance at EDC. He was enjoyable to work with and deeply caring for others. Many many good memories from those times together. Prayers with the family during this time of loss.

Lyle Hosler - August 05 at 08:36 AM

IL

“ Dear Jan,

*I was saddened to hear of the death of your husband David. May you experience heavenly comfort as well as the comfort of friends.
Ivan (and Mary Ellen)*

Ivan Leaman - August 02 at 11:28 AM

JS

“ So Sorry for the family's loss. I met David at Alex and Kayla's wedding. Prayers and blessings to the family.. Jessie

Jessie Solomon - August 01 at 01:28 PM

KW

“ Kathleen W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Keith Nikoloff.

Kathleen W. - August 01 at 08:30 AM

JM

“ Joseph & Sandy Metcalf purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David Keith Nikoloff.



Joseph & Sandy Metcalf - July 31 at 04:34 PM

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