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Nick passed away on November 3, 2013. Born October 16, 1920, Nick Viscardi was the third of 4 children in an Italian immigrant family in New York City. Wanting to be an illustrator, Nick learned to create art in various mediums. Before being drafted into World War II, he was already a published comic book artist drawing Lady Luck and Senorita Rio. Nick's talent was employed to draw portraits on army bases. It was also used to inspire as he updated the 66th Infantry badge to feature the panther head. Later, Nick was transferred to the 3rd Armored division which started a very non-illustrious (pun intended) career as a tank driver in the European theater. Nick already could tell stories in pictures but he could still get laughs telling tank stories in the 21st century. When there was a break in the shooting, Nick would make drawings using ink and saliva. Nick was awarded two Purple Hearts during the war.

Upon his return to New York, Nick painted some magazine digest covers and continued as a comic book artist. He married Ruth Houghtby and they adopted their son, Peter. Later, as Nick Cardy, at DC Comics he became noted for drawing Aquaman, Teen Titans and Bat Lash as well as Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman. Nick left comics in the mid-1970's and

pursued work as an illustrator and fine artist. His work was published in magazines, movie posters and print advertising. Although he worked in the comics industry, Nick was not aware of his appreciation by fans, peers and a later generation of comic book professionals. Nick was most appreciative of professionals whose work he liked. In the mid-1990's, Nick (literally) emerged into a period where comic book fans and professionals blend in the comic book convention melting pot. Nick's popularity and likeability led to an even bigger following. Several books have featured Nick's war drawings, personal, comic book and advertising art. At comic book conventions, Nick would be smothered by fans who wanted his autograph or a personalized drawing. Considered a legend, he's said that he was just glad that people even remembered him.

Nick is survived by his family, friends and fans.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Cardy*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Nicholas Cardy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Nick (Nicolas) Cardy was a true gentleman and one of the few truly great artists. I just spoke to him on his 93rd birthday and all seemed well. At least he is in Heaven with his lovely wife and son who preceded him in death. I myself am shaken to hear that he is gone and miss his wit and friendship! God bless him and his family with peace always!*

*Cordially,
Pastor Joseph "Captain Scotland" Culp*

Joseph Culp - November 12, 2013 at 02:22 PM