



Nicholas C. Sottos, 89, passed away peacefully on December 30, 2025. He was born on December 6, 1936, and lived a life defined by devotion to family, professional excellence, and an unwavering work ethic.

Nick was the beloved husband of Ruth Sottos, with whom he shared 66 years of marriage. Together they built a life filled with love, laughter, deep friendships, and many cherished memories in New Jersey and Florida. He was a devoted and proud father to Doug (Jessie) Sottos, Nancy Sottos, and Robert (fiancé Anne) Sottos. He was a loving grandfather to Marisa Sottos, Casey Sottos (Eric Elson), Callie Sottos, and Amanda Sottos, and a treasured great-grandfather to Brayden, Caleb, and Daphne Elson.

Nick graduated from Bordentown Military Institute and immediately began his professional career as a draftsman with New Jersey Bell. After serving in the United States Army, he pursued higher education, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Newark College of Engineering (now New Jersey Institute of Technology). He went on to obtain both his Professional Engineering (PE) license and Professional Planner (PP) license.

He dedicated 38 years to New Jersey Bell before retiring—only to begin a second, equally productive career as an independent professional engineer and planner. Nick continued working well into his eighties, finishing his career part-time at Harbor Consultants until the age of 85, a testament to his energy, integrity, and love of his profession.

Outside of work, Nick's greatest passion was restoring classic cars, a hobby he shared with his late brother Bob and his sons. Together they restored his prized, award-winning 1957 Chevrolet, a source of great pride and joy. Known for his directness and honesty, Nick was not only a father to his own children but also a mentor to many, offering wise, candid advice —always with the goal of helping others succeed.

Nick worked hard and played hard. He and Ruth cultivated lifelong friendships, enjoyed great food, laughter, and countless good times. His presence filled a room, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him. He will be profoundly missed and lovingly remembered. May his memory be eternal.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the Visitation at Walter Johnson Funeral Home, Clark on Friday, January 2 from 4 – 8 pm. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 10 am at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth. To offer condolences, please visit www.walterjohnsonfh.com

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Nicholas C. Sottos '71 Scholarship Fund at the New Jersey Institute of Technology or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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