



Willie James “Nick” Nicholson
1947-2009

Saturday, September 15, 1990, 9:30 a.m. That’s when I first met Willie James Nicholson.

The week before I had received a call from Frank Wilcheck, General Manager at Preferred Pipe Products, telling me that their plant was closing, but the reason for the call was to see if I had any position for one of his employees...Willie James Nicholson. He said this man had been with the company for 22 years and was one of his “finest employees ever”.

“Nick” came to my office for a job interview that Saturday morning. His interview was terrific, displaying confidence, great attitude, firm handshake and a broad smile. I offered him the job and he began work at HVAC Sales & Supply on the morning of Monday, September 17, 1990.

I didn’t realize then that I would come to admire this man so much.

Nick worked with me for 19 years and through all that time together, no matter what situation he was presented with, I never knew this man to ever complain. He was always cheerful no matter the weather, conditions or task. His loyalty and devotion to his job and co-workers was only exceeded by his love and devotion to his family.

Not only did Nick become my most dedicated employee; he became my friend. His co-workers loved him. Our customers respected him. His willingness to help anyone with any problem made him admired by everyone.

His passing has left emptiness in all who knew him. God will welcome this very good man!

I wish I’d have hugged him the last time I saw him...

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