

Nicholas “Nick” Lambros ’59

# Celebration of Life

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Hartwick College • Lambros Arena

1 p.m.



## Remembering Nicholas “Nick” Lambros ’59: The Heart of Hartwick Athletics

For more than 60 years, Nick was the heart of Hartwick athletics. As a student-athlete, alumnus and longtime coach, he gave his energy, wisdom and love to the College. He guided the men’s basketball program to national recognition over 21 seasons, compiling a record of 353–191 and earning NCAA Coach of the Year honors in both 1979 and 1988. He also coached baseball and golf and stood as a model of loyalty and pride in Hartwick.

Nick was also an accomplished athlete. A four-year starter in both basketball and baseball, he earned a tryout with the Los Angeles Dodgers, later won three consecutive City Tennis Championships and captured an Oneonta Country Club golf championship. His impact extended to the broader community as well, serving as the general manager of the Oneonta Yankees baseball club.

Yet Nick’s true legacy is not only measured in wins and championships, but in the countless lives he touched. Generations of Hartwick students were inspired by his mentorship, uplifted by his encouragement and shaped by his steadfast belief in their potential. He was also the proud parent of two Hartwick alumnae, his daughters, Maria and Jacey, a reflection of how deeply his love for the College extended to his family.

Nick was the first inductee into the Hartwick College Athletic Hall of Fame, a member of the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame and a recipient of the 2003 President’s Medal for Extraordinary and Exemplary Loyalty to the College.

In 2009, Hartwick dedicated Lambros Arena in the Binder Physical Education Center to him, a fitting tribute to the place where he shaped so many lives. In 2021, the College proudly renamed its annual tradition, “The Classic Nick Lambros Golf Tournament,” in his honor, ensuring his name and spirit remain woven into the fabric of Hartwick.

## Nicholas “Nick” Lambros ’59 Celebration of Life

Sunday, October 12, 2025

[Hartwick College Welcome](#)

President James H. Mullen, Jr.

### Prayer

Pastor Paul Messner, Oneonta Lutheran Church

### Scripture

Les Parker, friend

### Song

“On Eagle’s Wings” performed by Vali Entertainment

[View back page for lyrics](#)

### Welcome

Timothy McGraw ’88

### Reflections

Nick Stam, nephew  
Nicholas Wanes, grandson  
Jim Boeheim, friend  
Vince Foti, nephew  
Johnny Bertuzzi, nephew  
Richie “Freak” Freda ’77, friend

### Poem

George Foti, Casey O’Malley, nephews

### Tribute

Jacey Lambros Carrino ’02, daughter

### Closing remarks

Timothy McGraw

### “On Eagles Wings”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, “My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust.”

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

For to His angels He’s given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

And hold you in the palm of His Hand.



The Lambros family would like to thank the following:  
Hartwick College, President Jim Mullen, Heidi Hofbauer, Stacey Grady, Paul Vecchio, Tim McGraw, Vali Entertainment, Hurley and Pietrobono Funeral Home, Pastor Paul Messner, Nick Stam, Aramark Catering, Wade Tours, All of our friends and family for your love and support.

