



Anthony Nodus

November 14, 1925 - July 30, 2009

Former longtime Kankakee resident, Anthony “Tony” Nodus, 83, passed away 5:15 Thursday (July 30) at Heritage Manor, Normal, IL. Family was at his bedside. Cremation rites have been accorded. His funeral mass will be 10 AM Friday, August 14 at St. Patrick’s Church, 428 S. Indiana Ave., Kankakee, IL. With visitation from 9 am-10 am at the church. Interment will be in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elmwood, IL, with full military rites. Memorials may be made to Heritage Manor 509 N. Adelaide, Normal, IL, 61761 or Catholic Charities, 200 N. Schuyler, Kankakee, IL, 60901. Tony was born November 14, 1925, in Chicago Heights, IL, the son of Joseph and Kazemiera Mitkus Nauduzas. His parents had immigrated to the U.S. from Lithuania, and Tony was very proud of his heritage. Tony married Rita Longenback on June 24, 1950 in Chicago Heights, IL. She passed away on December 11, 2007. He married Edythe Shoven on November 14, 1978 in Kankakee, IL. She passed away on March 18, 1989. Survivors include two daughters, Pam (Gary Ingram) Nodus of Whidbey Island, Washington , Carolyn (Carl) Wenning of Normal, IL, and grandchildren, Gary A. Kawamura, Rebecca Vieyra, and Teresa Wenning. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and one granddaughter. Tony attended Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, IL and later joined the Navy from January 14, 1944 until April 29, 1944. He was given a good discharge. He lived in Momence, IL from 1950 until 1976, and then lived in Kankakee, IL until his move to Normal, IL in June 2009. He retired from Hurst Security in 1987

after over 10 years. He was a member of the American Legion and Amvets. He had been a Senior Services volunteer, a bingo caller, enjoyed reading, watching wrestling, and was an avid Cubs and John Wayne fan. He was a good-hearted man who was always there to help others. His family and friends will deeply miss his laughter, smiles, and generosity. The family would like to thank the staff, doctors, and nurses at BroMenn Hospital and Heritage Manor for all their kindness and compassion during the short time in Normal, IL. Thank you, also, to all those people who helped him in the Kankakee area.

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“ I was glad to have been at my father's side when he passed away. It was not easy for me but I did not want my father to die alone. My youngest daughter, Teresa, was with me. It was a very emotional time for us. Teresa told me to tell her Grandpa that we gave him permission to go be with Jesus, and he took his last breath. We have come to realize that my father is at peace and is not suffering anymore. It was very hard to say "good bye". I still feel sad that my father endured so many health problems after his stroke in March 2009. But, I am very touched to know that my father has had such a great impact on so many people. I have just heard good things about him from those who knew him. I lived 2 hours from my father so I visited him only on special occasions. I big thank you to all his friends that made him feel part of their family. I will miss my father as much as all those who knew him.##imported-begin##Carolyn Wenning##imported-end##

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“ I met Tony at my job- Catholic Charities. I became fond of Tony. He taught me a lot; as have many other seniors, which have come to my front desk here at Catholic Charities. I don't think Tony had local family; so he considered us here his family. Tony would wait outside the door in the morning, and would greet many of us by name as we started our day. Tony was known for handing out little things he collected. He was always very generous. One special gift he gave me sits on my computer screen, as I type, as it will always remain. It is a piece of strophome that has little flowers and a little plastic girl in the middle smiling. It was handmade & I treasure it. He didn't come in for services; mainly to sit and chat & catch me up on his latest endeavors and what gossip he had heard in his buildings and how many garage sales were going on around town, many many more things? Tony taught me how to say many phrases in many different languages?(which I couldn't quite say to remember) but it was always interesting listening to him. He would also sing songs to me! Yeah, right out in the lobby- & he didn't care who was listening!! I learned from him that life was to be directed towards others?not to focus on yourself. He was notorious for stopping at McDonalds daily @ 5am. If he was not there for breakfast, he told me they would wonder if he was ok. Tony's bank was close by, so he would come sit here and chat with me while I was starting up my day; as he waited for the bank to open. He always asked me questions about my children and my husbands overtime?. He told me jokes and always brightened up my day. I will miss him. He once called me the ?QUEEN OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES? Ha!! He, like many others have truly made my job a wonderful experience and a blessing To meet such wonderful senior citizens. I am currently in school, pursuing a degree to eventually work in our senior dept. It is clients like him who make my mission in school to keep working hard and to be determined, so that one day I might be able to help

*more seniors and meet

Many more special clients.

My deepest regrets to his family. He will truly be missed by many.##imported-begin##Erica Bess##imported-end##*

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*“ My son and I are vendors at the Kankakee Farmers' Market. ĩ½Just wanted you to know how much we enjoyed Tony's visits there. ĩ½He would always give my son words of wisdom and leave him with a brain teaser to figure out.

Because he was always looking out for others, we would be sure to send him home with whatever he could carry for himself and others in his building and he was always grateful.

Our sympathies,

 ĩ½Cindy & Austin##imported-begin##Cindy DeYoung & Austin##imported-end##*

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“ This was sent to me, Tony's daughter, Carolyn Wenning, a few years ago. Louise McCallum who wrote this nice note had been a tenant at MidTown Towers along with Tony Nodus, my father. The title was "One Tenant Can Make a Difference". Louise McCallum would like to say a few nice things about Tony Nodus our tenant here at Midtown Towers. Tony is always willing to help everyone he can. He will take them shopping for their groceries, take hem to their doctor, or anywhere they want to go. Tony is always on hand to deliver all packages the mail man has for the tenants and delivers them right to their door. He, also, delivers our newspapers and the newsletter for the highrise. On Wednesday night, Tony calls bingo for the tenants. Each day he will make a trip to the hospitals and nursing homs to those who are ill and cannot get out. These people look for him each day. This I think is the best, last month Tony found keys in the lobby, he tried each mail box until he found who they belonged to. I think he sure went out of his way and time to do this. I hope all who he has helped in the past "Thank him" many times over. Last I want to thank him for things he has done for me. We sure could use more like Tony Nodus. i¿½Louise McCallum i¿½##imported-begin##Carolyn Wenning##imported-end##

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