



Dr. Antonio Yaniz

January 1, 1939 - May 22, 2010

Dr. Antonio M. Yaniz, 71, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully Saturday (May 22, 2010) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Sagua La Grande, Cuba, on New Year's Day in 1939, Dr. Yaniz lived an adventurous life. As a young man, he was forced by Castro's Communist Revolution to flee to Venezuela, where he continued his medical studies. There he met his wife, Naydu Balza, at the University in Caracas. In 1967, they eloped, married and moved to Spain with just the clothes on their backs. Dr. Yaniz completed medical school in Madrid and finally moved to the United States in 1970. Dr. Yaniz's professional career has left a lasting legacy both in the lives he touched as a mentor, teacher and clinician, and in the programs he worked to create. After starting private practice in psychiatry in 1974 at Riverside Medical Center, he assisted in building an adolescent mental health program, served as its clinical director, initiated a partial hospitalization program, and helped open a pediatric mental health program. Throughout his continuing work in psychiatric consulting and services at the Resolve Youth Residential Program in Manteno, the Onarga and Indian Oaks academies, Helen Wheeler Center, Azzarelli Free Clinic, and Riverside Medical Center, one consistent description always surfaced about Dr. Yaniz: his extreme dedication to those with whom he worked and to those he helped as a physician and friend. Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Naydu Balza Yaniz; his three children, Naydu Yaniz Nosse (Joseph), Patricia Yaniz Holecek (John) and Antonio Yaniz (Nicole Pagoria); and seven grandchildren.

They will never forget his love and his intense passion for life. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 295 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Maternity BVM Catholic Church. Father Richard Pighini will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Indian Oaks Academy in Manteno or to Maternity BVM Catholic Church.

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“ *I can't tell you the impact Dr Yaniz had on my life and the lives of the children we worked with together. His impact will live on and on. My prayers are with you in your time of loss but I know there is a celebration going on in Heaven today for a welcome home my son.*

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“ *I cannot begin to express how much Dr Yaniz helped me. ĩ¿½He and I were prone to writing down our deepest thoughts. ĩ¿½He shared one of his thoughts that is very appropriate at this time: ĩ¿½The final fear we must overcome is our fear of death. ĩ¿½I will see you in Paradise, Doctor.###imported-begin##Glen B Reel###imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Dr. Yaniz:

It was truly a joy to have worked with Dr. Yaniz during my years as counselor/casemanager at Indian Oaks Academy. He was indeed a kind, compassionate, and humble human being. He will be remembered by many. May God be with each of you and comfort you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Joyce Shoemaker##imported-end##

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“ Just wanted to say that I'm thinking about all of you during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.

##imported-begin##Heather Sirois-Arnold##imported-end##

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“ Tony and Nicole -

Sorry to hear of your father's passing. ï¿½Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. ï¿½We hoped to attend the celebration of your Dad's life but are unable. ï¿½Do know that we are thinking of you and your family. ï¿½

Craig and Beth##imported-begin##Craig & Beth Witzig##imported-end##

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“ *Naydu A, Naydu M, Patricia, Tony L and all of the families

I am really sadden by the passing of Dr. Y. I will always

remember all of the years that I spent with him. I

miss him so much but he is in a better place now with God.
I believe that he is looking down on all of us with love and joy.

His friendship is always treasured and I will
always love him. If you need anything please let me know, I will
always be there for all of you.

Love Always
Sue

##imported-begin##Sue Kerouac
Pannke##imported-end##*

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“ *our most sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Dr.
Yaniz who served his community well for so many years. To his
wife and children who meant so much to us during our years at
Bishop McNamara supporting and participating in the programs of
the

Spanish program and activities. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you in the absence of such a beautiful human
being. God bless you and keep you and give you
peace.##imported-begin##Ric and Sonia Edwards##imported-
end##*

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“ *I am so sad to learn of Mr. Yaniz' passing. Patty always spoke
so highly and lovingly of her father, and the few times I met him I
could sense that he was an exceptional man. My condolences
to the entire family - who so clearly and unabashedly loved him.
May each day bring you a little more peace and acceptance, and
may his memory live forever with those who loved him so.

##imported-begin##Jennifer Edgcomb##imported-end##*

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“ What I learned very quickly about the Yaniz family is there is a lot of love and laughter in their house. ĩ½Everyone in their family has a wonderful sense of humor and brings joy to everyone they meet...I have no doubt that seed stemmed as much from their father as it did their mother---

Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Carol(Christiansen)Zee

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“ Dr. Yaniz was a wonderful person. ĩ½I learned alot from him our every encounter. ĩ½He is widely respected. ĩ½Dr. Yaniz gave much to our community through his work with patients and his educating other professionals. ĩ½He will be remembered for all his contributions.##imported-begin##Ann Marie Brzeszkiewicz##imported-end##

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“ Tony, I'm so sorry to learn the news about your Dad, and wish you and your family a lot of strength and love during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. - John S.##imported-begin##John Sangimino##imported-end##

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“ I was so saddened to see that Dr. Yaniz

passed. ĩ½He was a great man to many.

You are all in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Eldon & Sheila Hoppel Plante##imported-end##

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“ Dear Naydu and family, Please accept our condolences. We, of course, remember Tony with fondness and admiration. He was a good man - devoted to his family and his patients. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Paul and Sheila Vakselis##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to Tony and his family. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.##imported-begin##Amy Mahan##imported-end##

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“ My sincere sympathy to Dr Yaniz's family. He will always be remembered for all he has done for so many. He was loved by all that knew him. He will surely be missed by all.

Barb
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“ Dr. Yaniz always struck me as an extremely intelligent and very kind man. My sincere condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Heinz Schuller##imported-end##

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“ *Naydu and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Clete Winkelmann##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear John, Patty and Yaniz family,

Our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you at this very tough time. I hope the warm and loving memories you have of your father help to take some of the edge off the grief you must be feeling.

In the few times I met Dr. Yaniz, he was so kind and so warm. He struck me as the kind of man that everybody wishes their father was like.

Please know that he'll be in our prayers tonight and I'm sure he's talking to God as we speak. He was a fortunate man and was truly blessed.##imported-begin##Pat and Lisa Flynn##imported-end##*

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“ *Dr. Yaniz will always be in my memory as a caring, kind and always ready to share his knowledge with those of us who were eager to receive it to help others. He was an empathetic soul and fun loving. I worked with Dr. on Riverside's Mental Health Unit for twelve years. He certainly was an assit to all of the patients he had and the staff.

I will keep him in my prayers.

In sympathy to his family,

Diane M. Viglia

##imported-begin##Diane M. Viglia##imported-end##*

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“ Dr. Yaniz will be sincerely missed. He was a very nice man, and always made me feel comfortable. After he left, things were not the same. Words cannot explain the loss of a very good doctor. I know he is now one of God's top angels.##imported-begin##Carol Pruitt##imported-end##

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“ Our condolences to the Yaniz family. We know this is a difficult time and you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have fond memories of Antonio at the Schullers' home in Limestone.##imported-begin##Ed and Maggie Vogt##imported-end##

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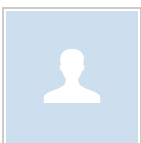
“ God bless you my friend, for I know you sit at the right hand of God. Thank you my friend. My life is what it is, because we shut the door, and we were friends. It was a privilage for us to know each other. And may god have a cubano already lite for you.

With Respects,

The Protector

##imported-begin##Roni Squires##imported-end##

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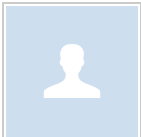
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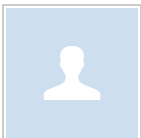
“ Dear Yaniz Family
Dr. Yaniz will always be in my memories. He helped me to reclaim my life, and for that I am eternally grateful. He helped me to be able to get my life on track and go back to work. ½ what a gift he gave to me. ½ There will never be enough thank ½ you
½ I like to think of him the last time I saw him. ½ We were both at a local auto dealership shopping for a a car. That day about 8 years ago Dr. Yaniz said that he was getting a new car to be ready for fishing because he had just retired and expected to enjoy hs life of fishing. ½ I don't know if he went fishing, but I do know he didn't fully retire. ½ I heard of his work with the Azzarelli Clinic and knew that he had to give just a little more.
Please accept my prayers for your family at this time. ½ Dr. Yaniz will always be in my thoughts. ½
Peace be with you
Virginia Lake
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Virginia Lake
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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Yaniz family during this difficult time.
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Kim Mayton
imported-end

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“ How sad to learn that Tony is now in his eternal home. He will be missed and his zest for life especially. May God's loving arms hold you and may your wonderful memories bring smiles through your tears. My prayers are with you.
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Mary Thomson
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“ Dear Naydu and family,

We are saddened to hear of Tony's passing. We are sure that your family has many wonderful memories to support you in this difficult time. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Wayne and Cheryl###imported-begin##Wayne and Cheryl Segneri###imported-end##

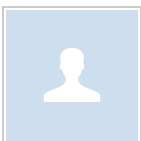
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“ Yaniz Family,

I am sorry for your lost. ĩ½Dr. Yaniz was a great man who never had anything bad to say about anyone and was always willing to help others regardless of how long it took. ĩ½I enjoyed working with Dr. Yaniz at IOA and will miss him dearly. ĩ½When he announced his retirement from IOA I was sad but now that he is retired in heaven I am rejoicing because he has no more pain. ĩ½He's well now. ĩ½May God continue to bless you all. ĩ½###imported-begin##Taneka Jones###imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about your husband and father. I know he has a great man, and will be missed.###imported-begin##Terry and Lana Sirois###imported-end##

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“ Dear Naydu,

We are so sorry to learn of your loss, and we extend to you, Patricia, "little Naydu, and Tony, Jr., and their families our very sincerest and deepest sympathies and condolences. ĩ½You and Tony were blessed with an enduring and abiding marriage, especially gifted with three wonderful and devoted children, and loving grandchildren. ĩ½God bless. ĩ½We will see you on our return from Houston. ĩ½Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Your friends, ĩ½Ed and Jean###imported-begin##Ed & Jean Smith###imported-end##

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“ Dear Naydu and Family, Please know how saddened we are to learn of Tony's passing. ĩ½He will be greatly missed by all. Our memories of Tony will always be with us. ĩ½He was such a caring person and always made us feel that we were good friends. Sincerely, David and Mary Benoit###imported-begin##Mary and David Benoit###imported-end##

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“ Naydu and Family: ĩ½You have my heartfelt sympathies of the loss of a man who meant so much to all of us. ĩ½Tony has always been "good people", loving father and husband, caring and professional practitioner, good friend. ĩ½The Irish have a saying that, "there are no strangers--just friends we've yet to meet". ĩ½Tony seemed to approach life with that philosophy and I will miss his kindness and friendship as you and all the people who loved him celebrate his life.###imported-begin##Brian Ashe###imported-end##

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“ *My sincerest condolences to all of Dr. Yaniz's family and friends.
i¿½He was a truly lovely man, and will be missed.

All the
Schullers were blessed to know him, and to have experienced his
friendship and kindness.##imported-begin##Klaus
Schuller##imported-end##*

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