



## Dr. Kazys A. Sukys

March 3, 1923 - April 14, 2012

Dr. Kazimieras Antanas "Kazys" or "Kaz" Sukys, 89, of Kankakee, died Saturday (April 14, 2012) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Lithuanian Catholic Mission in Lemont. Father Antanas Saulaitis will celebrate the Mass. Before Mass, a visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the mission.

Burial will be in St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery, Chicago.

He was born March 3, 1923, in Melduciai, Lithuania, the son of Juozas Sukys and Agota Mikalajunaite.

Growing up on a farm, he graduated from nearby Utenos Gimnazija. Excelling at his studies, he enrolled in the medical school of Vilnius University, attending from 1942 to 1944 while the area was in the midst of war. As war made his studies impossible, he and his sister, Elena, fled Lithuania on horseback. With harrowing stops along the way and seeing the bombing of Dresden, he and his sister made it to the American battle lines and eventually settled in Munich, Germany.

While in Munich, he restarted his medical school studies in 1946 and in 1949

graduated from the medical school of Ludwig Maximilian University.

On March 18, 1949, he married Genevieve Domeikaite, of Lithuania, who had also fled during the war with her father, Juozas, brother, Pijus and surviving sister, Janina, of Lemont. Genevieve Sukys died in Kankakee Aug. 27, 1998.

Genevieve Sukys' uncle, Antanas Domeika, a pharmacist in Rochester, N.Y., sponsored the young couple's immigration to America, and they lived above his pharmacy. Dr. Sukys was an intern and resident in internal medicine at Rochester General Hospital from 1950 to 1952. From 1953 to 1954, he was a resident physician in Iola Tuberculosis Sanitarium. From 1955 to 1958, he took the position of director of tuberculosis control at Manteno State Hospital.

In 1958, he entered into a private practice in Bradley until 2004. During that time he raised three children, Irene, Dona and Raymond; enjoyed weekly visits to Chicago; played chess; and played regular tennis matches in Cobb Park. He loved the Kankakee area for its farmland and very much appreciated the thick loamy soil that the county is blessed with.

Dr. Sukys and his deceased wife, Genevieve, are survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Irene Z. and Donald A. McGovern, of Los Altos, Calif., and Dona K. and Jeffrey E. Browne, of Oldsmar, Fla.; one son and daughter-in-law, Raymond P. and Amy J. (Powell), of Orinda, Calif.; one sister, Dr. Elena Deckys, of Indian Head Park; and eight grandchildren.

His eight grandchildren are, Kristina McGovern Tenenbaum, of New York, N.Y., Genevieve McGovern, of San Francisco, Calif., Nicholas Browne, of Raleigh, N.C., Alexandra Browne Sweeney, of Denver, Colo., Jordan Browne, of New York, N.Y., Cameron Browne, of Gainesville, Fla., Benjamin Sukys, of Seattle, Wash., and Alexander Sukys, of Orinda, Calif.

Deceased are brothers, Juozas, Jonas, Antanas and Balys; and sisters, Ona and Zose.

He married Dalia Lapinskaite of Panevezys, Lithuania, on Dec. 29, 1999. Dalia Sukys is mother to daughter Sandra Peleckis, who is married to Tadas Peleckis, of Lockport, and daughter, Ineta Indrasiute-Sukys.

The family cared for him with dedication through the end.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Casimir Cemetery

Chicago, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Lithuanian Catholic Mission  
14915 127th St.  
Lemont, IL 60439

## Funeral Mass

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Lithuanian Catholic Mission  
14915 127th St.  
Lemont, IL 60439



# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for the loss of your father, husband and brother. I worked in his office during my high school years for my father, Dr. Setlik. We shared many wonderful conversations and laughter. He always had a smile for me, and took the time to talk with me. He was a very compassionate and kind man and physician. He is also the reason I became a pharmacist, and a compassionate clinician as well. I was able to see him at my fathers funeral and thank him for having a large part in my career path. Our family was very touched by his attendance and support during our grief. He and my father are now two angels shining down on us, may they find rest and peace in each other and the Lord.

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**Rena Setlik Bielinski** - April 25, 2012 at 09:50 AM

CD

“ I was with Dr. Sukys from 1962 until he retired in 2004. He doctored my family as well. He was a very special person and he always took interest in his patients. He was a kind man and I pray he is resting there in Gods arms.

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**Charlotte Ditterline** - April 23, 2012 at 11:37 AM



“ Rena Bielinski lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kazys A. Sukys



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**Rena Bielinski** - April 23, 2012 at 09:48 AM

TI

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Dr Sukys passing. 7 Years ago I was working on my new home and he drove past our house as he inspected the new crop of winter wheat that was growing on his property next to our home. We talked for a bit and I invited him into our house to see the construction project. He was very interested in the design and thanked me for the visit. I talked with him about hunting on his Inad and he gave me permission to do so. I have loved walking the creek and putting up many pheasants over the years. I wish I could thank him again for the enjoyment he allowed me to experience on his property. I hope you will accept it for him and Thank you. Your Father/ Grandfather was a very generous man. As I read his history and what he went through as a young man to experience his dream of becoming a physician I see he was that very generous man throughout his life.

Tom Ivanoff  
Peotone Illinois

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Tom Ivanoff - April 23, 2012 at 08:26 AM

DP

“ My wife and I were both patients of Dr. Sukys in the 1970s and 80s. He was always very thorough in his medical examinations, and gave the shots himself. He was a good doctor who recognized his limitations, and quickly referred us to other specialists when necessary. I also had the good fortune to play tennis with him periodically. He was always a strong opponent in those doubles matches, and I felt honored to play with him--a much more superior player than myself. We offer our deepest sympathies to Dr. Sukys' family. He touched many lives as he made the world a bit more beautiful.

James and Patricia Paul

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Dr. James Paul - April 22, 2012 at 02:55 PM

MM

“ Dr. Sukys is very special to our family and was a "brother" to our dad, Dr. Edward Setlik. May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

*Mary Setlik Marron*

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**Mary Setlik Marron** - April 21, 2012 at 09:16 AM

JR

“ My condolences to Dr. Sukys family. I first went to him when he was practicing above the Johnson Drug store in Bradley in the early days of his practice in the Kankakee area. I was a young married man and had come to Kankakee to work and I chose him to be our family doctor. He was very wise in his evaluation of diseases and its cures and saw us through many difficult times. I considered him a friend as well as my doctor and we shared many happy times together discussing our families and our activities.

*I know he has been retired for several years, but I still held him in my memory as one whom I loved and respected. May his family be blessed of the Lord in these difficult times.*

*John & Lois Reader*

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**John Reader** - April 20, 2012 at 03:27 PM

KJ

“ Kaz made great contributions as a healer, as a devoted family man, and as a tennis player. I always enjoyed hearing his stories of perseverance as a medical student in Lithuania and in Germany during and immediately after WWII. My condolences to his family. He has been taken too soon.

*Ken Johnston*

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**Ken Johnston** - April 20, 2012 at 03:11 PM

DD

“ Donald & Virginia Dominick lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kazys A. Sukys



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Donald & Virginia Dominick - April 20, 2012 at 08:38 AM

DC

“ To all...you need to know that I believe that Dr. Sukys was someone special...Kaz made a difference in this world...he will be missed.

*His friend*

*Dominic*

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Dominic Ciaccio - April 19, 2012 at 08:59 AM

PM

“ My condolences to Raymond and the rest of the Sukys family and to all of Dr. Suky's friends. I went to high school with Raymond. Great family. Keep his spirit in your hearts. Stay strong and always remember the good times.....Peace. Patrick J. Martinez Los Angeles, CA

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patrick j. martinez - April 17, 2012 at 08:28 AM

BM

*We lost a great friend, physician and a kind man, who was a role model for all of us. With deepest sympathy to the family.  
Bipin N. Bhayani M.D., former Chief of Medical Staff at Provena St. Mary's Hospital and Riverside Medical Center*

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Bipin N. Bhayani M.D. - April 20, 2012 at 06:43 PM