



Nick "Papoo" Gineris

October 10, 1919 - November 21, 2012

Nick "Papoo" Gineris, 93, of Kankakee, died Wednesday (Nov. 21, 2012) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, with his family by his side. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. Sunday until the 7 p.m. prayer service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee. Father William Conjelko will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Mr. Gineris worked at Roper Corp., Bradley Div., retiring after 47 years of service. He was born Oct. 10, 1919, in Chicago Heights, the son of Louis and Evanthia Chrysankopoulous Gineris. His wife, the former Alberta LaRoche, whom he married June 2, 1940, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, died April 23, 1994. He was a 1937 graduate of Kankakee High School. He was a 33-year official. He began refereeing in 1943. He was the first referee to go from Kankakee to referee in the championship game in 1964. He was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1984. He was a former president of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, and a 50-year member of Ahepa (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association). Family had always been the most important part of his life. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Louis and Janice Gineris, of Summerville, S.C.; one daughter, Yvonne "Penny" Denoyer, of Kankakee; eight grandchildren, Derek and Melissa Denoyer, of Kankakee, Daphne and Steve LaGessee, of Bradley,

Drew and Stephanie Denoyer, of Argyle, Texas, Desiree Denoyer, of Chicago, Dominique Denoyer, of Chicago, Louis Gineris and Andy Gineris, both of Jacksonville, Fla., and Nico Gineris, of Charleston, S.C.; 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Helen and Anne; and three brothers, Gus "Dino," Steve and Tom.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

NOV **26.** 9:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
296 N. Washington
Kankakee, IL 60901
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Chur

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Sorry to hear of Nick's passing. I have many memories of him and your family growing up in the neighborhood. I can still see Nick in his referee shirt, whistle around his neck. I am very sorry for your loss. My sympathy to all of the family. Jack Hilliker

Jack Hilliker - November 27, 2012 at 12:07 PM

MC

“ To the family of Nick Gineris. We are sorry for your loss, of your father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Nick , was a wonderful man and he will always be remembered. Jim and Marlene Crawford

Marlene Crawford - November 27, 2012 at 10:37 AM

TG

“ geez, just reading all of these passages makes me so proud to be part of this family. We are all so lucky to be who we are and we have Nick and my grandpa Gus and the rest of the senoir members of the family to thank for paving the way for us. Like so many other immigrants, our family came here to realize the American dream and we are able to live a great life due to the blood, sweat, and tears of our grandfathers and grandmothers. Our motto rings true - We truly stand on the shoulders of those who would not quit. If I could say one more thing to Uncle Nick, I would tell him how proud and lucky I am to be a part of his family that I love so much. - Tim Gineris

Tim Gineris - November 27, 2012 at 09:34 AM

TG

“ To the family of the RICHEST MAN IN KANKAKEE! What a testament to a great man, great family, and true legacy. I had Brayton read the article from the newspaper. He was just born when we had the family reunion in Illinois and his comments were that Uncle Nick sure must have been a "special man" to have something that cool written in the newspaper! This is a celebration of life. Uncle Nick is now refereeing for God's team (probably IU) in Heaven! He is with his brothers and Ya Ya. What a great feeling. We remember going to the Gineris reunion several years ago. Dama and I both remember Uncle Nick treating us like we were his own kids. That is the Gineris way. Never concerned about their own happiness, rather always concerned about others. Knowing that, I am sure Uncle Nick would want everyone to rejoice in the life and legacy we were lucky to be a part of. Even though we couldn't be there, we are all thinking of you and will continue to pray for you.

Tony, Dama, Brayton, and Brooks Gineris

Tony Gineris - November 26, 2012 at 08:20 PM

SG

“ Please remember, in this difficult time, that we have all been so very blessed to have Nick in our lives. Like his brothers, Nick was a true gentleman and will be deeply missed. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you!!!

Steve and Amy Gineris - November 26, 2012 at 07:44 PM

RB

“ I have found out that when my aunt passed away, she was a retiree from Ropers, that the company provided their retirees a \$5,000 life insurance policy as a part of their retirement package. You could do some checking at the corporate headquarters in Atlanta for information. Sorry about your loss. Bob Blaesing

robert blaesing - November 26, 2012 at 03:35 PM

MG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you say goodbye to your Papoo. The Gineris family in Virginia thinks of you all often and we wish we could be there in full force. Know you are loved.

Marcy Sterner Gineris - November 26, 2012 at 10:58 AM

LM

“ Dear Gineris Family:

So sad to hear the passing of Papoo. Many fond memories growing up with the Gineris family. He is with Ya-Ya... Lori Morrival-Hoekstra

Lori Morrival-Hoekstra - November 25, 2012 at 03:15 PM

MM

“ Nick and my father, Harold "Jock" Marketto, grew up in Kankakee together and became very close friends. They graduated from Kankakee High together, played football together. I have fond memories of my "Uncle Nick." What a kind, wonderful, gentle man he was. Always got to see him when he would referee high school basketball games in Sheldon, Illinois where I grew up. Always got to hug my "Uncle Nick." My family and I would like to offer our deepest sympathy for the loss of this wonderful man....I know that he and my dad, Harold "Jock" Marketto will be together again. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nick's family. Melanie Marketto-Gordon and family.....Lea Marketto (mother) and Michael Marketto (brother) Rest in peace "Uncle" Nick!



Melanie Marketto-Gordon - November 25, 2012 at 01:40 PM

MP

“ NICK WAS A GREAT PERSON MY DAD(JOE GIUSTO) AND NICK HAD A GOOD TALK DOWN MEMORY LANE IN THE DR. OFFICE. IT WAS SURE NICE TO HEAR THEM AND ALSO LEFT A MEMORY IN MY HEART. IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY HAD GOOD TIMES WHEN YOUNGER. SOMETIMES WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH. YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY. I WILL BE PRAYING FOR PENNY AND SCRAPPY AND THE GINERIS FAMILY FOR YOUR COMFORT AND GODS BLESSING TO STRENGTHEN YOU AND MEMORIES WILL HOLD IN YOUR HEARTS FOREVER -----
MARY ANN GIUSTO PACE

MARY ANN GIUSTO PACE - November 25, 2012 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ JIM CAHILL sent a virtual gift in memory of
Nick "Papoo" Gineris



JIM CAHILL - November 25, 2012 at 11:15 AM

DK

*To the family of Nick Generis,
Nick was one of the nicest and kindest men I have met in my life. He was always a pleasure to be around, and could never do enough for you in your time of need. When I was a 11 or 12 year old Little Leaguer, I got sick and Nick couldn't do enough to try and help me, even stopping at the old Dwight Hospital, or at the free throw line, he would say just relax. The world was a better place because he was in it, and he will be missed by all who were priviliged to have him as a part of their lives. My deepest sympathies to Penny and Scrappy and all of his family.*

Dewey Kilbride

Dewey Kilbride - November 25, 2012 at 11:24 AM

KD

“ I delivered the Kankakee Journal to the Maple Street home of the Gineris family some fifty years ago. Mr. Gineris was such a neat man. He always had a smile and some friendly conversation. He had a great sense of humor and always teased about flipping "double or nothing" for the cost of the newspaper. Mr. Gineris made collecting for the paper a happy experience for a shy paper carrier.

Many years later, there was a little article about me in the Journal. Mr. Gineris cut it out and sent it to me in the mail. I was really touched by his kindness and the fact that he remembered me. I have very fond memories of his kindness.

Kim DesLauriers
Morris, Illinois

Kim DesLauriers - November 24, 2012 at 03:32 PM

AB

“ I didn't know him personally, but remember him from his time as a softball player and especially as a basketball ref. He was a good ref, everyone liked to see he was the ref when their H. S. team was playing. He calmed a lot of exuberant fans with his smile and friendly ways. He knew how to treat the players and fans. Great guy. Art Billings

Art Billings - November 24, 2012 at 08:39 AM

KS

“ You were Papoo to so many people, always cheerful, always a kind word for everyone. 3 generations of our family knew you and loved you. We will miss you and treasure our memories of you always.

Kris Stasicky - November 23, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ I was a can at heritage woods and moved back to texas a month ago. Before I left Papoo gave me a silver dollar a 2 dollar bill and a big hug! He said he gave them to all his granchildren for good luck. I cried feeling like I was an honorary granchild. I was blessed to have been able to take care of him and been given kisses from "the greek man". Sincerely Shari Moorhouse

Shari Moorhouse - November 23, 2012 at 08:16 AM



“ Its only been a couple of days since I said goodbye to you Papoo and I'm already missing the conversations we would have about sports and politics. The thing I will miss the most might just be when you would introduce me as your grandson. Those moments I would feel very proud that you thought of me that way. 9 holes of Sunday afternoon golf at Bon vivant,I miss those days too! Thank you for always being there for me and my family Papoo. Give Gram a big hug from us. Love Steve.

Steve LaGesse - November 23, 2012 at 07:22 AM