



Frank Dudash

August 31, 1917 - January 8, 2011

FRANK W. DUDASH of Crown Point passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday January 8 2011 at the age of 93. Frank was born on Aug 31 1917 in the city of Gary and graduated from Froebel High School. He worked with the Civilian Conservation Corp prior to his enlistment into the U.S. Army on May 13 1941. Frank served with the 4th Armored Division during World War II and was awarded among other citations the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Upon his return to the U.S. he married the love of his life Ethel Anduski and started a family. Frank was employed by U.S. Steel for over 45 years and attained the position of Senior General Foreman of the Gary Works #3 open hearth. After his retirement in 1981 Frank volunteered his time and efforts to a number of organizations. He filled many roles and served multiple terms as the President of Chapter XXX of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and the 4th Armored Division Association. He also served on the St. Anthony Medical Center Auxiliary for 14 years in roles ranging from admissions and pharmacy assistant to holding the position as president of the auxiliary for over 10 years. During his tenure Frank spearheaded fund raising efforts which led to the largest donations ever presented to St. Anthony Medical Center. Frank was a loyal Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame sports fan. He was a member of St. Helen Catholic Church in Hebron and is remembered for his love of God family and service to his fellow man. Frank is survived by his three children: Reverend Derrick F. Dudash pastor of St. Helen Catholic Church. Terrence M. Dudash CAPT USN (Ret.) and wife Judy & Sandra M.

Dudash of Merrillville grandchildren: Derrick A. Dudash LCDR USN and fiancée Amy and Katherine (Dudash) Durlach and husband Dale LCDR USN great-grandchildren: Connor Jackson Durlach and soon to be born Kaylin Taylor Durlach sister Bertha Konopacki of Crown Point. Frank is preceded in death by his wife Ethel brother Ted Dudash and sister Eleanor Bone. Family and friends may call at Pruzin & Little Funeral Service 811 E. Franciscan Dr. Crown Point (S.R. 55 south of S.R. 231) on Wednesday January 12. A prayer service will be held at 2:00 P.M. with visitation following until 8:00 P.M. St. Anthony Auxiliary service at 2:30 pm. Funeral services will be held Thursday January 13 2011 at 10:00 A.M. DIRECTLY at St. Helen Catholic Church (302 N. Madison St. Hebron IN) with Rev. Derrick Dudash and Bishop Dale J. Melczek concelebrating. There will be visitation at church 1 hour prior to services. At rest Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens Schererville. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Anthony Auxiliary or to St. Helen Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ To Franks family Please accept my sincerest sympathies on the death of Frank. My husband and I volunteered with him at St. Anthony's where he generously gave of his time and talents to serve others. He will be missed.

beverly stanislowski - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the family of one of the most wonderfulst men i new mr. Dudash will forever be missed but never forgotten .. I have learned alot from mr.dudash in the time that i took care of him with st.anothony hospice he was a very special person in my heart he always made me laugh and smile.... Every time i walked in their was a smile from ear to ear and a wink mr.dudash loved god so much we had very deep hart felt conversations about the lord he helped me understand things that i never did understand he is a very loveing man and i belive god gave me mr.dudash to take care of for a resson. I thank sandy and rev.dudash and terrence for allowing me to take great care of their father as i think of him now i see him looking down on all who loves him and telling us to remember him as he was i can see that wink and him giveing me his thumbs up sign i will forever miss you daddy dudash you are in the lords hands now and all the pain is gone for ever you atre a great man an honast man &a man of god.love michelle wilson...

michelle wilson - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My dearest sympathy goes out to your family & friends. Your family is in my thoughts & prayers. Health & blessings to all.

June E. Sonaty - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Even though Frank lived a very long life his 93 years here on earth were not long enough. He was an amazing man who will be truly missed. I loved him and will miss him terribly.

Patricia Steffel - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Frank has been an important part of our parish for 20 years. He will be greatly missed by all of his St. Helen family. We have been honored to have a true hero in our midst surely the heavens rejoice at his arrival home.

Peg & Rich Lukas - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I will still be looking for Frank after Mass when I visit Hebron. We always had to catch up on the Cubs and IU basketball. He had a firm handshake and a pleasant smile. Ill never forget our trip to Wrigley Field with his family when he belted out the National Anthem in our seats. My sympathy and love to his family and friends.

Joe Hren - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family we really loved him. Rehabilitation Unit

Lila Dunham - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *My encounters with Frank were always friendly. I worked with him at St. Anthony and I live next door to Rich and Penny. It was easy to call him uncle Frank because he truly became a family member in my heart. I loved uncle Frank and have great respect for him and his many accomplishments in life. He lived his life with compassion and valor and shared a smile everyday no matter how he was feeling. There are no words to explain the loss of our friend and loved one. You will be missed uncle Frank.*

Eva Tokarz - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM