



Thaddeus "Ted" C. Korkosz

August 17, 1935 - August 18, 2020

The simple life of a simple man, has made his journey back home.

Ted Korkosz, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020, just one day following his 85th birthday. He was surrounded by the love of his life, his wife Diane of 64 years, and his six children who he always said were his greatest accomplishments in life...his pride and joy.

Survived by his wife Diane (née Schuch) and their children Ken (Heather) Korkosz of Cuenca, Ecuador, Debbie (Pat) Rancatore of New Buffalo, Michigan, Kathy Korkosz of Orland Park, Illinois, Tammi (late Jim Kanak) Korkosz also of Orland Park, Thomas "Tomas" Korkosz and Dyana (Ron) Pisani of Chicago, Illinois.

He was the very proud grandfather/papa of Aimie (Mike) Dempsey, Todd (Katie) Korkosz, Erik (Megan) Rancatore, Nathan (Jillian) Rancatore, Kelsey Rancatore, Giacomo and Charise Pisani. He was honored to be the great grandfather of Michael and Delainey Dempsey, Ava Korkosz and Flynn Rancatore.

Born and raised in Chicago, a resident of Bonita Springs, Florida since 1985, Ted and Diane have enjoyed their Florida family at The Bonita Beach and Tennis Club while never forgetting their family and friends in their hometown of

Chicago.

Above all, Ted loved his family and extended family beyond words. He was an active resident of The Beach and Tennis Club where he served on the Board of Directors, called Sunday Bingo, maintained a handyman service and loved his "Winey Wednesdays". He could be found many Fridays at the Naples-Fort Myers Dog Track for his favorite \$1 hot dogs and beer night. He always loved gambling at the Ching Ching and relaxing on his lanai while enjoying the beautiful views and playing Slotomania on his iPad. He had a love for music and dance, especially the Golden Oldies and Ted and Diane were our own Fred & Ginger. He rooted for all the Chicago sports teams but the Cubs were his favorite. Ted's passion for cooking grew over the years and he loved to share his creations with neighbors and friends. His home was always open and all were very welcomed. His zest for life was contagious and he touched everyone's hearts in his own unique way.

Ted was a respected and dynamic force in the retail industry for over 30 years moving his family across the country and finally returned to Chicago until his early retirement from Ben Franklin Stores in 1985. Once he "retired", he found himself busier than ever helping out his son, Ken, with a landscape business and establishing his own "B&T Handyman Services".

Everyone who came to know and love Ted will miss him dearly. The Korkosz Family is beyond grateful for the compassionate care given to Ted in his final days at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a service for Ted will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers and in Ted's loving memory, a remembrance in his name would be greatly appreciated to support Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

To sign his guest book or to leave your personal condolences to the family,
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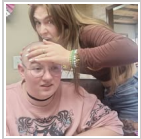
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Tribute Wall



“ *Thaddeus "Ted" C. Korkosz*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My grandma, Margaret Thum, said Ted was the best boss she ever had.*

Shauna Fox - October 29, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *I will miss you dad greatly, with my lifetime of memories, you will be there.*

Like the eagle, you were an educator, fearless protector, loyal mate, master architect, tender father and #1 fisherman! You can soar with the eagles now!

*Love always,
Tammi*

Tammi Korkosz - September 03, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tammi Korkosz - September 03, 2020 at 02:15 PM

ER

“ 1 file added to the album Video: Celebrating Ted Korkosz



Erik Rancatore - August 31, 2020 at 08:19 AM

WA

“ Dear Diane,

I have started this letter over and over - it is so hard to find the right words, even though every nice word about Ted would be suitable. We have known each other for ... let me think ... over 25 years now ... and every year when we were in Florida we made sure to knock on your door to say hi and collect hugs! Twice a year even if it was for just a few minutes we just wanted to see both Diane and Ted. Our daughter loved talking to him even though in younger years she did not understand a word :) We were so disappointed that we could not keep up with the tradition of visiting both of you in July due to this stupid pandemic and we were so sad that we were not able to say goodbye to Ted. He was always so nice to us stupid Germans - we will never forget the moments when he saw us struggling with something in our condo and he came by with his tools and good advice. Diane ... we wish for you all the strength you need in these hard times. Keep your head up ... Ted will always be by your side. We are with you with our hearts and in our minds. Love Wanda, Vivien and Andreas

Wanda, Vivien and Andreas - August 26, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CS

“ *Death is a passing of the body. But the love that was there will always remain in your heart and in your soul forever*

carol sweeney - August 26, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BG

“ I extend my deepest sympathies to the family of a wonderful blessed man. He always made me feel welcome. Prayers and fond memories, rest in peace Ted.

Bob Gallagher

Bob Gallagher - August 23, 2020 at 01:36 PM

DS

“ Today I think back on so many fond memories. The more current times that we spent with you in Bonita just seem so very precious now. Dan learned to love you as I always have. My beautiful family. God bless.

Donna Sain - August 22, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MU

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I personally did not know Ted, but I know his son, Tomas (Tom). Know that my heart and prayers are with all of you. Much ❤️

Mundo - August 22, 2020 at 05:23 PM

DP

“ The two grandpas are buddies in heaven. I love you Grandpa Ted and Grandpa Romeo. love your grandson, Giacomo Pisani



Dyana Pisani - August 22, 2020 at 04:08 PM

GP

“ *My two grandpas are buddies in heaven now
I love you Grandpa Ted and Grandpa Romeo*



Giacomo Pisani - August 22, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Tammi is a wonderful neighbor and I know she was influenced and learned so much from her great family. I know you all will help each other during this difficult time.
Micky*

michaleen safka - August 22, 2020 at 03:41 PM

BZ

“ *Diane, I'm so sorry about your loss of your dear husband Ted. I will always remember wonderful hours together at the Atrium and at your home of Beach & Tennis Club. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Barbara Zinke*



Barbara Zinkw - August 22, 2020 at 11:21 AM

KK

“ *My father my friend my mentor my partner in crime...what memories we had..and more to come in the next life we undoubtedly will share...i am so glad you are at peace...it is a great life you shared with us..and taught us to be who we are...all great individuals that were with you until the end...te amo siempre mi padre*

Ken Korkosz - August 21, 2020 at 10:37 PM

KK

“ *23 files added to the tribute wall*



Ken Korkosz - August 21, 2020 at 10:34 PM

JM

*Dear Diane and Family,
Paul and I are so deeply saddened for your loss of Ted. I have so many fond memories of him and will always remember what a kind, gentle, friendly and helpful neighbor and friend he was. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and Blessings,
Jan and Paul Maranto*

Janice Maranto - August 22, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Ted was always there when i needed help at the Beach and Tennis Club. It will be sad to go back this upcoming season and not have Ted be there. He was kind, very gracious and always willing to help. He and Diane were a perfect couple. He will be missed by so many people.*

Rose Mary Brennan

Rose Brennan - August 21, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ *Mr. Korkosz is a family man to the core. Any time he spoke about his children or grandchildren his face would light up. Most of my memories of him are thru his daughter Kathy. All the amazing things over the years she shared told me what type of man he was. I did along time ago attend a Chicago baseball game with him which was the very first meeting and his personality filled the field. My prayers go out to his beautiful wife, family and friends as this will be one of the biggest losses in their life. Much love, Angie Marvin*

Angie Marvin - August 21, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ *I just loved your sweet handsome Dad. He was so full of life and he reminded me of Frank Sinatra. I loved his infectious smile . He was a great father and role model and I know he made the world a better place with his presence . You'll have stories forever about him . Prayers to the entire Korkosz family during this time .
Beth Albright*

Beth Albright - August 21, 2020 at 09:01 PM

MG

“ *The Minichilli's are so sorry to hear this. Ted was such a great friend to our Dad Bernie. He was so helpful to them (Char and Bernie) while they lived there. We loved hearing his stories, such a great guy! Thinking about Diane and the whole family. Love you guys! ❤️❤️*



mike and jill greenan(minichilli's) - August 21, 2020 at 08:34 PM

EU

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult loss. Ted was an amazing man, husband, father, grandfather, friend and neighbor. Not a single memory growing up does not have Ted in them getting sun on the driveway watching over the neighborhood. He always said hi and would strike up a conversation with you. I enjoyed the opportunities over the years to see him when he and Diane returned to Chicago and we would have “old neighbors get togethers”. May Ted Rest In Peace and comfort.*
Erika Ukockis

Erika Ukockis - August 21, 2020 at 07:46 PM

RA

“ My condolences to Diane and all the Family 🙏, sorry for your loss, I was Lucky to enjoy Teds conversations and company to know what a great loss you all are feeling Bless one and all.

Raymon



Raymon - August 21, 2020 at 06:17 PM



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Angie Marvin - August 21, 2020 at 08:19 PM

TF

Our deepest condolences Diane and family. Ted was such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed. God bless.

The Fasso Family - August 21, 2020 at 10:06 PM