



## Tom Finiw

November 13, 2016

Tom Finiw passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, November 13, 2016, after a brief illness. He is predeceased by his wife Mary Andreychin Finiw, who died 22 years earlier on November 14, 1994. He is survived by his sister Anastasia Korman; children Alexandra Finiw, Ronald Finiw and MaryAnn Finiw; daughter-in-law Marisa Lago and son-in-law Nicholas Fountas; grandchildren Maria Fountas and Helena Fountas. He lived 93 years full of hope and faith, always kind and thoughtful, despite the hardship of his early years. Born in Pavlikewka, Ukraine, he was forcibly taken to Germany during World War II. After the war, he met his wife Mary in the Displaced Persons Camp at Berchtesgaden, Germany. They came to the United States aboard the S.S. General Macrae and eventually settled in Stamford, CT, where Tom worked at Pitney Bowes as export shipping coordinator for 38 years, retiring in 1988. His family and friends know him as Mr. Fix-It, always generous with his time and craftsmanship. He was a skilled artisan whose attention to detail made everything he touched into a work of fine art. He was also an expert tailor, whose sewing projects included altar-cloths for St. Vladimir's Cathedral. He was happy to share his joy and gratitude in life. His words and gestures of appreciation touched people more than he knew. Tom had an amazing life and never lost his optimism or his priorities--making a good and safe life for his wife, children and grandchildren. He was so lucky to be able to enjoy the fruits of all his hard work for so many years. His life began in such hardship, but its length and richness were a living testament to the triumph of love over all. He has been an inspiration to everyone he met. Family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, November 18th from 4 pm - 8 pm at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Ave in Stamford, CT. A funeral service will take place at 10 am on Saturday, November 19th at St. Vladimir's Cathedral, 24 Wenzel Terrace, in Stamford. His burial will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, 230 Oaklawn Avenue, in Stamford. If you would like to leave an expression of sympathy for the family online, please sign the guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or visit the funeral home Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome) to share memories of with his family. Вічна Йому Пам'ять. May his memory be eternal.

# Comments

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“ Maryann, Ron and Lesha - I am sorry for the loss of your father. From everything I've heard from you, the recollections of your family and friends, and the handful of times I was with him, it is clear Tom was 'a good egg'. I'm hopeful all the warm memories will ease your sadness.

**Chuck Gaertner** - November 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ From our family to yours, please accept our deepest sympathy. We will always remember the yearly get togethers with Tom. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Joann Sydor, Elaine and Joe Madus, and families.

**Elaine Madus** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Lesha, Ron and Maryann, I'm not sure if you know or remember but your dad was my Godfather. Not long ago I discovered some photos from the day I was baptized in 1953, including the one I've posted here. I will truly miss your Dad's kind and gentle way. Love, Paul

**Paul Adams** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Ron, Lesha and MaryAnn: Although I never met Tom, over the years I have had the pleasure of Ron's friendship and meeting MaryAnn on occasion (don't think I've ever met Lesha!) -- and in this way I feel I have come to know Tom through his children. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, but I know his legacy lives on in you. Michael and I send our love, and our hearts are with you and all your family members at this sad time.

**Pamela Parker** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Lesha, Ron & MaryAnn, My heartfelt condolences to all of you on the passing of your beloved dad. Vichnaya Pamyat!

**Marian Koczanski** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Lesha, Ron, and MaryAnn, Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your dad. I enjoyed talking with him when Lesha was in town, and was amazed at his accomplishments in his later years. May his memory be eternal! ' !  
Sincerely, Sue

**Sue Rubino** - November 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Lesia, Ronny, and Maryann - Sincere condolences to all on the passing of your dad. He is now with your mom. Prayers being said for all.

**Steve and Mary** - November 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM