



Isidore N. "Diz" Grudzinski

April 4, 1931 - April 12, 2020

Isidore N. "Diz" Grudzinski, 89, of Grand Island passed away on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 at the Central NE Veterans Home.

A private graveside service is to be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Evergreen Cemetery in Loup City with military honors provided by the United States Army. Father Marty Egging is officiating. There will be a Mass and Celebration of Life at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church at a future date when the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

"Diz" was born April 4, 1931 to Anton and Anna (Moraczewski) Grudzinski in Paplin, NE, rural Sherman County. He attended country school through the 8th grade.

On May 21, 1957 he was united in marriage to Shirley Ann (Sekutera) at St. Josaphat's Church in Loup City. To this union, two children were born. The couple made their home in Loup City until 1998 when they retired to Grand Island.

Diz proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, reaching the rank of Corporal. In civilian life, he worked at several different jobs including a utility pole processing plant in South Dakota. In Loup City he worked as a farm-hand, at a service station, a tavern, the Farwell Irrigation District when Sherman Dam was being built, and the Loup City Creamery, before beginning work at New Holland in Grand Island. He worked there for 25 years, retiring in

1991.

He had an excellent sense of humor and liked to have fun. Diz had many friends and was mostly known for his outgoing personality and his telling of stories. His friends and family members all had to hear the story of “Charlie B” (at least once). Diz was one of those guys who loved to talk. He was “very friendly” and could never make it through a social outing without meeting someone he knew and stopping to visit awhile. At his jobs, he was known for his Polish phrases and his fellow employees at New Holland all knew what “Yea kuka hauney” meant (“Oh my gosh” or “Oh my goodness”). He had conversations with many strangers who became his friends.

Diz liked listening to Polka music, especially enjoying the “Big Joe Polka Show” and “The Bohemians” on Sunday morning radio & “Mollie B Polka Party” on TV. Yet, there was only one thing he liked better than listening to Polka music, and that was dancing to Polkas & Waltzes. He was an excellent dancer and spent many weekends dancing the night away with his wife, Shirley.

Diz loved playing cards for fun, namely Ten Point Pitch and was never afraid to shoot the moon, whether he had the cards to do it or not (he relied upon his partners for help). So, if you were his partner, you would either win big, or lose big! After Shirley passed away, he was a fixture at the Grand Island Senior Center where he enjoyed cards and camaraderie with his newfound friends.

In Grand Island, he was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and previously in Loup City, a member of St. Josaphat’s Catholic Church. He was also a member of American Legion Post 100 and the Knights of Columbus.

He was a devoted husband, and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He enjoyed attending his grandkids school and sporting events, and made sure his grandsons knew how to change oil and do routine maintenance on their cars. “Papa Diz” loved entertaining his great-

grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memories are daughter, Deb (George) Lawson of Grand Island and son, Mike (Michelle) Grudzinski of Maryville, MO. Four grandsons: McLain (Holly) Dorsey, Eagle, NE; Jad (Whitney) Dorsey, Lincoln; Morgan (Heather) Grudzinski, Raleigh, NC; Marcus Grudzinski, Maryville, MO; and step-grandson, Merritt (Amber) Lawson, Kearney. Great-grandchildren: Mia and Nova Dorsey, Eagle and Camden and Daxton Dorsey of Lincoln. As well as his brother Tony, of Troy, MI.

Diz was preceded in death by his beloved wife Shirley in 2009, and precious granddaughter Gina Dorsey in 1996. Also, by his parents, and eight of his nine siblings: Stephen, Martha Ciemnoczowski, Clarence, Sally Lonowski, Wanda, Benny, Louise, and Lorraine Bellairs.

Memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Grand Generation Center or Blessed Sacrament Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Isidore N. "Diz" Grudzinski*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My name is Ron Grudzinski, son of Bennie Grudzinski. On one of our trips to Nebraska, we stopped at Diz and Shirley's residence for a short visit. My Dad always spoke well of Uncle Diz. Sorry for your loss. Ron Grudzinski*

Ron Grudzinski - May 09, 2020 at 10:46 AM



I always enjoyed when your dad and mom visited. I remember at least once it was for Polish Days, and once for my sister Deb's wedding. Yep, all of those Grudzinski brothers (Steve, Clarence, Benny, Diz and Tony) were quite close, and truly cared for one another. Now only Uncle Tony is left. I hope all is well with you.

Michael Grudzinski - May 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Deb and Mike-You probably don't remember me but we were neighbors back in the mid to late 60's. If I remember correctly you lived within a house or two of the Don Lampe family, across the street from the Hensley family, which we Jerry & Illa Holmes family) lived across the other street from. Lampe's house was a dead end. We played many games in that dead end street, base soccer, softball, kick the can to name a few. Anyway I just read about your dad passing and wanted to send you my regards. May he rest in peace.*

Deb Cadek (Holmes) - April 16, 2020 at 12:33 PM

MG

Yes I remember you! I used to play with your brother Mike. I hope all is well with you.

Michael Grudzinski - April 20, 2020 at 10:50 AM

BL

“ I knew Diz from the Grand Generation center he was a nice person we played Ten point on Monday and Thursday every week enjoy the games it was the boys against the girls we sat at the same table for dinner enjoyed the gossip. I have moved to Johnson Lake a year ago in November don.t get to Grand Island much any more. Will remember the good times we had together and our Christmas dinner we had at Perkins and playering of cards before we left for the day. Berdena Leitschuck

Berdena Leitschuck - April 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss Deb and Mike. We were neighbors for a while, your dad and mom was missed from the moment they left Loup City. Thoughts and prayers to you.

Teresa Larchick Kehler - April 14, 2020 at 08:43 PM

MK

“ Deb & ike - You know how sorry we are that you lost your Dad and my favorite Uncle. He was a man of great character and honor. He was also funny as hell. Loved that man and will miss him terribly. May God grant you peace and solace in your loss.

Michael Kreller - April 14, 2020 at 08:25 PM

EB

“ SO sorry to hear this! So many memories growing up... Polish Days, when we'd all descend on Loup City, and Uncle Diz would pop out of his chair (so would Aunt Shirley!) and say let's go! And off we'd head downtown, or over to Aunt Sally's. Memories of him & my Grandma chattering & it seems like they would slip into Polish here & there, then LAUGH... Always a smile in his eye, and a hug when he saw us. How his eyes would sparkle when he spoke of his family! Thinking of him - and Shirley - always makes me smile. I wish you comfort and love, and sending our deepest sympathies upon his passing.

Love, Bryan & Eilleen Berry

Eilleen Berry - April 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM

LG

“ *Deb and Mike, sorry for your loss, My dad and yours were 1st cousins. May God grant you peace.*

Leonard and Pat Grudzinski Jr.

Leonard Grudzinski - April 14, 2020 at 01:22 PM

CC

Deb I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was such a sweet person . Sending my love and prayers to you and your family.

Cynthia Carkoski - April 16, 2020 at 12:36 AM