

Thoughts on Nagypapa

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Holocaust survivor, beloved father and grandfather, and an inspirational leader. Nagypapa you were an incredible man. All the things you accomplished in your life and all the people who's lives you touched. It really is unbelievable.

You always told me all these amazing stories, I always loved to listen to them and was a little bummed when they ended, although I knew more were to come. I remember when I would stay at the house and the first thing I would do in the morning is go and knock on your bedroom door. I would hear nagy say "come in" and I would go crawl right in between you guys. You asked me one time to finish the sentence "how wonderful it is that..." and I responded "how wonderful it is that it is Saturday and I can watch cartoons".

Just a few months ago I was visiting, you gave me a button that said "ugyes", which means skilled. At the time I was excited to have a new button, but now I realize you were giving it to me because you thought I was skilled. And I think of that as a big deal. Hearing that from Nagypapa, one of the most skilled men I know.

For the last few weeks, nagypapa, you made sure everyone knew how appreciative you were of all their help. I was lying in bed Monday morning just down the hall from you. About 20 minutes before you passed on I hear you talking to the nurse, you said "you are so wonderful" and she said "thank you George". I listened to that and it warmed my heart.

For my whole life and for as long as I can remember you always made sure no one forgot how much you loved them. When I used to visit and it was time for me to leave, you would hold my head in your hands and tell me how wonderful I was and how you loved me. And you would say "I love you I love you I love you" and Nagypapa I love you too! I will never forget all of our great memories together, you were so loving and inspirational and I know your memory and spirit will live on within all of us.

We all love you very much and we will miss you with all of our hearts. I love you nagypapa
Rest in Peace