

*In Loving Memory of
Nicholas "Grandpa GG" Lavadnuk
March 12, 1930 – May 24, 2013*

Nicholas "Grandpa GG" Lavadnuk passed away peacefully with his family and partner of many years in Fort Smith, NT, at the age of 83.

He is pre-deceased by his wife Margaret Levadnuk. He is survived by soul mate of the last 14 years Maggie Kurszewski, his children Deloris Shiels (Ray) and his son Kenny Daryl Piett (Brenda); grandchildren Colin (Sandra), Troy (Zina), Dean (Carol), and Keith Bradbury and Shelly Cole (Herb); great - grandchildren Candace, Brandon, Tyler, Amanda, Dakota, Seth, Olivia, and Chelsea Bradbury, Dillon Roesch, Tiffany Shiels, Kody Eddy, and Brenton Levadnuk; his god daughter Kathy Paul-Drover, best buddies Charlie White and Paul John.

We send our heartfelt thanks to the Fort Smith Health Centre doctors, nurses and staff for their care and support given to him during his illness and in his final days.

Special thanks goes to Betty Bird, Freda Schaefer, Margie Shott and family, and many others who provided overwhelming support, throughout this difficult time; Father Paul for attending to him daily to pray for, anoint and provide the most beautiful funeral mass for our father, grandfather and great grandfather; Annette and Jeremy Hopkins for their generous donation; and the numerous people who brought us food, laughter, and memories.

Finally, to the Kurszewski and Funk families, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for loving and taking the best of care of our Grandpa GG, for accepting him as part of your family and being there for him while we could not for so many years. We are truly grateful to you for this. Thank you to his best buddies for always visiting him to have a few drinks, play cards and crib, and for taking him fishing that he loved so much.

Although this was a difficult time for us, the presence of numerous families and friends helped to lighten our burden. We are very grateful to have enjoyed all of you and your company and hear your lovely memories. Your love, support, and generosity will be forever remembered.

Funeral took place in Fort Smith, NT, on May 24, 2013.

Thank you. The Shiels, Piett, Levadnuk, Bradbury, and Cole families.



Heavens Fishing Hole

For years, the riverbank was where
Your soul felt most at peace
Your heart was most content when there
With the fish and the geese
But then, your spirit came to rest
Where angels chose to roam
And once equipped with ten pound test
You made yourself at home.

The sky became your deep blue sea
The clouds became your shore
And there, for all eternity
You sat with friends galore
Each angel was a fisherman
Who had traded his pole
For golden wings and a game plan
At Heaven's Fishing Hole.

The tales you told about each catch
Its stature and its girth
Will live in memories unmatched
As days pass here on earth
Until we meet again, one day
Upon God's golden sand
We'll picture you, no other way
Than with a fishing pole in hand.

– Jill Eisnagle