



Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy

December 30, 1929 - June 11, 2022

Mihaly “Mike” Ladanyi-Nagy, 92 of North Port, Florida, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Mike was born in Budapest, Hungary on December 30, 1929. He is survived by his loving wife of 66

years, Julie Ladanyi-Nagy (nee Josza); his daughters Julie (George) Janatik and Eva (Steve) Mailhiot; his

sister Ilus Gyori; his granddaughters Nicole (Nick) Shields, Renee Mailhiot, Emily (Chris) Quinn, and

Merissa Janatik; and his great-granddaughters Nora Shields and Cacerria Handtke. He was preceded in

death by his parents Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy and Terèz Ladanyi-Nagy (nee Böcskei), his sister Teri Lucas,

and his brother Laszlo Ladanyi-Nagy.

Mike lived in his native country of Hungary for 27 years, where he served three years in the Hungarian

Army and played on the professional soccer team in Budapest for three years.

He met his future wife

Julie at work, where she quickly fell in love with his fun-loving personality and sense of humor. They

ended up leaving the country during the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, eventually moving to

Amsterdam where they had their first daughter, Julie. In 1959, the family left

Europe and headed for the United States. They moved to the south side of Chicago, where Mike's brother Laszlo had relocated. The family expanded with the addition of their second daughter, Eva, and they lived in the surrounding area for nearly 30 years. Mike worked as a tool- and die-maker and machinist, and he retired from International Harvester in 1984. In 1988, Mike and Julie moved down to North Port, Florida, where they spent the rest of their time together, with their family visiting them for years to come.

He will always be remembered for his fiery and loving personality. Mike was quick-witted with a vast knowledge of world events. His pride for his home country was strong, and he frequently took an opportunity to educate someone about Hungarian history or tell an entertaining anecdote from his past.

He also was a devoted and caring father, grandfather ("Nagypapa") and great-grandfather to his family, always sharing a laugh or a hug.

Mike was also a passionate sports fan. As a former professional soccer player, he played the sport well into his 60s, and he coached youth soccer at the Homewood Flossmoor Soccer Club. He had become a lifelong Chicago sports fan, rooting for the Bears, Blackhawks, and White Sox. Mike also enjoyed showing his dogs in dog competitions, once even winning first place.

Visitation will be held at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.
14538 Tamiami Trail
North Port
North Port, FL 34287
amanda.gendronfuneralhome@gmail.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Nagypapa was a true treasure. We'll miss his spirit and his engaging personality. Ever since the first time I met him and Nagymama when I started dating Nicole they treated me like part of the family. That continues to this day with them always welcoming us into their home. Whenever visiting, he was always happy to sit out in the garage, listen to sports-talk radio, and talk about sports, life, family, and stories from the past. I was always amazed at how sharp he was and what an amazing life he led. It was always a treat for me to hear stories from his life. Once he referred to a man's hands as "Coal Shovels" and I still use that descriptor to this day. He was the type of guy that was such a survivor that I wouldn't have been surprised if he lived forever. He was the embodiment of the American Dream and he made it possible for his family that followed to also live that dream. He'll be dearly missed.*

Nick Shields - June 16, 2022 at 11:19 AM

TK

“ My condolences to the family. My prayers are with you. God bless you all.



Tammy Kieszkowski - June 16, 2022 at 06:43 AM

NS

“ Nagypapa was a true treasure. Ever since the first time I met him and Nagymama when I first started dating Nicole, they instantly treated me like family. He was always interested in what was going on in my life and when we visited he was very happy to sit out in the garage, listen to sports talk radio, and talk about our lives. His stories were endlessly fascinating and it's hard to imagine how someone could live such an eventful life. He was such a survivor that at times you thought he would always be here. However, he lived such a great life and he made it possible for his family to live the American dream. He will be dearly missed.



Nick Shields - June 15, 2022 at 08:12 PM

SK

“ Special Love, Kenny purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy.



Special Love, Kenny - June 15, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy*.



June 15, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of *Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy*.



June 15, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Mihaly Ladanyi-Nagy*.



June 15, 2022 at 10:06 AM