



Andy Organiscak

September 13, 1921 - September 8, 2018

Andrew "Andy O" Organiscak, 96, passed away peacefully at his home, Saturday September 8, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born September 13, 1921, in Chicago, son of the late Andrew and Anna (Hilla) Organiscak. On June 27, 1942, he married the love of his life, Lottie Handzel. They enjoyed 62 years together before her passing in 2005.

Andy was a proud member of the sheet metal workers union. Upon moving to the Northwoods in 1964, he and Lottie owned and operated Deepwoods Lodge on the Willow Flowage.

He was a member of the Seabees, VFW, Knights of Columbus, and a charter member of the Hazelhurst Lions Club. Andy loved sports, especially hunting, fishing, and watching the Cubs. He and Lottie enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida with friends. In the summer "Andy O" was the Popcorn Man at Tommy O's Playhouse.

Andy was a kind and gentle man, always thoughtful of others and willing to help anyone he could. He'll be remembered for his sense of humor and love for fun. He always had a smile on his face and brought cheer to everyone he met.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lottie, daughter Sandra, three brothers, and three sisters.

He is survived by children, Robert (Judy) Organiscak, Trivoli, IL, Lynda (David) Leanna, Denmark, WI, Sharon (Jerome) Kaziak, Wausau, WI, Theresa (James) Strasburg, Hazelhurst, WI, and Thomas Organiscak, Minocqua, WI and Cape Coral, FL; fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

The funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 17, 2018, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lac du Flambeau, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the home hospice team for the compassionate care extended to Andy. Memorials to Dr. Kate Hospice and/or Hazelhurst Lions are suggested.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony's
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NC

“ We always appreciated Andy's friendly greeting as we arrived at St. Matthias. What a wonderful blessing to live 96 years, and to be at home at the end. With sympathy and a prayer for your peace and comfort. Nancy and Robin Coleman

Nancy Coleman - September 17, 2018 at 12:02 PM

GW

“ He always made the best popcorn and said we were all going to Broadway!

greg wojciechowski - September 13, 2018 at 10:06 AM

WI

“ Lookout up above here comes Andy to kick some behind in horseshoes. We had lots of laughs over the yrs.
Wip

Wip - September 13, 2018 at 06:29 AM

BT

“ Deepest sympathy to Sharon and the rest of Andy O's family and friends. Wish I could have met your Father while he was around as he sounds like the kind of person who would would have been great to know. I am sure he will be sadly missed here on earth, but warmly received by many who have gone before him. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

Bob Tess - September 10, 2018 at 12:52 PM

NC

“ Sharon, What a long life to celebrate but so sorry for your loss (and just shy of his birthday). Thinking of you and your family. Sounds like quite a special man who will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Nancy Cedar



Nancy Cedar - September 10, 2018 at 12:03 PM

RE

“ JoJo and I remember his smile and kind words every time that we saw him. As our neighbor and friend we'll miss him, but we are thankful that he was part of our life. Peace.



Rick Engels - September 10, 2018 at 11:56 AM

RH

“ Sharon, So sorry to hear about your dad. From everything I'm reading, he was a wonderful man! Your "work family" is thinking about you and your family.

Roxane Hagedorn - September 10, 2018 at 10:57 AM

BJ

“ Andy, I will miss your smile, your happy chuckle, your Chicago accent, and your sweet flirting. You were the best asset at the Playhouse and your dedication to family was quite passionate - and that lives on in the rest of your family. Thank you for brightening up every performance I had there! You will be terribly missed, Popcorn Man!

Beth Jacobson - September 09, 2018 at 09:56 PM

LG

“ *Lisa Gilson lit a candle in memory of Andy Organiscak*



Lisa Gilson - September 09, 2018 at 11:24 AM

LG

“ *my name is Lisa Gilson when i was in the playes with Tommy O andy made sure to say hi to me he was so excited to about life he enjoyed helping people by giving them food beverage or any thing in the lobby he was so full of life andy got so excited when i started being apart of the playes at Toommys os he always gave me a smile and he always was so excited when i did a great job in the playes i want to thank tommy o for this great oppourtnty he gave me it shows every one not only does the so called normal do playes but so can people with intellectual disabilities can do the same as every one else i hope some day i can go to hollywood and be in playes and or etc i want tommy o to know if he thinks and prayes that my dream is that he would include people with intellectual disabilities in his play house to do playes for him and his play house can go nation wide to having not only people like me but the so called normal as well i am so sorry you lost your dad i love you tommy my friend i will see you for yourchristmas play real soon your friend always lisa and jesus*

Lisa Gilson - September 09, 2018 at 11:23 AM

DL

“ *What a great and wonderful person. I loved having him walk into The Lakeland Times and saying good morning or knocking on the window to wave hello. I will always remember what a good hearted person Andy was and is. Danette Lundquist*

Danette Lundquist - September 09, 2018 at 07:34 AM