



Milan Opacich

April 12, 1928 - January 21, 2013

Pomen Service 7pm on Thursday night, Father Marko Matic Officiating

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Rose: You have our utmost sympathy in the passing of Milan. We consider ourselves so privileged to have known him, what a wonderful, wonderful man. We so enjoyed our visits with you both, and speak so often that we only wish we had met you both earlier in our lives. God Bless you Rose, and we know God has and will bless Milan. May he rest in peace. All of our love....John and Velma##imported-begin##John and Velma Rumora##imported-end##

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“ My dear Opacich family.... When I learned of Milan\'s passing, I wrote these sad words on Facebook: t saddens me in one way, but strengthens in another, to let you all know about the passing of our dear Milan Opacich from Schererville, Indiana, earlier this morning. Sad in the regular way of missing someone who was so very close to me and many others, but strengthened in the knowledge that\'s he in a much better place with so many of our earlier pioneers, welcoming him with opened arms. I kind of knew yesterday that this was it.... I am not that surprised as yesterday, I saw an icon of St. Luke painting an icon for the Virgin Mary, of St. John the Baptist. I thought that was a sign since their Slava is St. Luke and I know how much the two of them revered St. Luke, who painted the first icon.

I had the feeling all day yesterday. My deepest, deepest sympathies to all who loved him so dearly. He was a TRUE American National Treasure and was honored by our government as such! He told our story on the radio, on TV, at Universities. He taught and mentored young and old alike in the making of instruments using some of the most unusual woods. He wrote beautiful articles month after month in the SERB WORLD magazine to share his knowledge of the Tamburitza orchestras with us. He created one of the most beautiful music books. A great, great loss for America, for all of us! Vjecnaja Pamjat dear friend! A teacher for all of us.... Farewell my dear Milan "Op-a-chich-chi!" <----- what all the famous country singers from Tennessee called him....

Immediately there were 31 respondents, all proclaiming their love and admiration for Milan. My deepest sympathies to all... WHAT A MAN, WHAT A NATIONAL TREASURE!##imported-begin##Mim Bizic##imported-end##

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