



Theodore "Ted" Karras

January 31, 1934 - January 26, 2016

Theodore "Ted" G. Karras, age 81, formerly of Gary/Miller Beach, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2016, surrounded by his wife and three sons. He played in the NFL for nine seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions and the Los Angeles Rams. He was a member of the 1963 World Champion Chicago Bears. Ted graduated from Emerson High School, 1952, I.U., 1956 and was a United States Marine.

He was a Gary City Councilman 1972-1980, a school teacher/coach in the Hammond Public Schools, Realtor and a football coach at Andreon, St. Xavier and Rose-Hulman. Ted was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and appeared in the Gary Music Theatre and other local music theatres.

Ted was preceded in death by his father-Dr. George Karras; mother-Emmeline Karras Schofield (nee Wilson); two brothers-Nick and Alex. He is survived by his wife-Anna; three sons –Ted Jr. (Jennifer), Tony (Robin), Jeffery; six grandchildren-Teddy, Taylor, Joseph, Luke and Anna Karras and Marcus Downs; two brothers-Louis (Dorothy), Paul (Carol); sister-Helene Reisen Plunkett; many loving nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit with Ted's family on Friday, January 29, 2016 from 2-8 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Funeral service will be held Saturday, January 30th at 10 a.m. at Burns, Fr. Andrew J. Corona officiating. Interment at Ridgelawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pactt Learning Center (for Autism), 7101 Greenview, Chicago, IL 60626. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Ridgelawn Cemetery

4401 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I have fond memories of working with Ted at Spohn Elementary/Middle School. My first grade students loved gym class with Mr. Karras! He was a great teacher and friend.

Most Sincerely,
Debbie Smith

Debbie Smith - January 29, 2016 at 05:09 PM

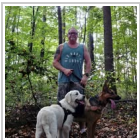
JW

“ Dear Karras Family,
I am so sorry to hear the passing of Ted Sr. A wonderful man who was generous to everyone around him. I coached Miller Little League baseball and Pop Warner football, (St. Mary's of the Lake), in the early and mid 1970's. Mr. Karras shared some very valuable suggestions to me as I was a young coach. I remember his teachings and still use them today as I am coaching girls softball in Hobart.

My sympathy and condolences go out to the entire Karras family.
Rest in Peace and God Bless You, Ted Sr.

Jeff Waite

Jeff Waite - January 29, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ I didn't know you personally sir, but I know of your football exploits, and the outstanding grandson who is keeping your name going, and will represent it well.. God bless you and your family. RIP, Greg

Greg White - January 28, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Karras.



January 28, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ Patrick & Sandy McEuen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Theodore "Ted" Karras.



Patrick & Sandy McEuen - January 28, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Karras.



January 28, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Karras.



January 28, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Karras.



January 28, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers out to coach Karras and his family. Him and his sons put AHS football on the map and made my highschool years so exciting! R.I.P coach.
- Mike Nigh AHS 2000 grad

Michael Nigh - January 28, 2016 at 02:26 AM



“ Coach gave me the hardest forearm shiver I could have ever imagined. I great man. I am thankful to have known him. He will be remembered happily by me in this time of sadness. We must remember to be thankful for the experience rather than grieve the loss. God bless, coach.

Joe Barsic - January 27, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ Dear Karras Family,
I was sorry to have read of your loss and I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy for your dearly loved one Theodore. I can only imagine the pain you must feel. I pray that you can find comfort from these words found in the Bible at Job 14:14,15 and Isaiah 33:24. I hope this comforts you like it has my family during our loss.

Eunice - January 27, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Karras.*



January 27, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Karras' passing. He led a wonderful, full, and thrilling life. I hope your memories give you comfort.*

Jill Strohm - January 27, 2016 at 03:01 PM

MM

Ted was a shining example for every athlete young and old. Ted was a tremendous person who really cared about people. He was a great football player who really never received the acknowledgement he so richly deserved. Besides football he was an excellent handball player. God bless Ted. Mick Maragos

Micky Maragos - January 30, 2016 at 03:54 PM

MG

Ted, Tony, and Jeff,

I was sorry to have heard about the passing of your father... You guys, your mom, and families have been in my thoughts and prayers... No doubt, each of you have taken the wonderful qualities your father had and made them your own. Your father's memory will continue to live on! Take care.

Mark Greenberg

Mark Greenberg - February 01, 2016 at 01:21 PM