



Cornelius "Nello" Avram

March 16, 1928 - February 8, 2020

Cornelius J. "Nello" Avram passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2020. His kind and loving heart grew tired. He was born in Aurora, Illinois on March 16, 1928 to immigrant parents, who died when he was very young. Nello fell in love with Anna Marie Michels, the girl who lived directly across the street. They married in 1950 and were truly devoted to each other for just shy of 70 years. They raised four wonderful children. Family was everything to Nello, not only his immediate family but also his extended family.

He was a skinny but scrappy kid. He often talked tough, but was really soft hearted. He was well-known on Pigeon Hill and in the Romanian community. He was a supporter of St. George Byzantine Catholic Church and St. Michael Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church. For several years, he served on the finance, funeral, and cemetery committees at St. Joseph Catholic Church where he and Anna Marie were longtime parishioners. He was also a member of the Phoenix Club.

Nello graduated from East Aurora High School in 1947, Chicago School of Banking, and the University of Virginia School of Banking. He began his banking career at the Aurora National Bank as a coin wrapper and worked his way up to Vice President of Installment Loans, from which position he retired after 38 years at the bank.

Nello and Anna Marie enjoyed traveling. They went to Europe and Hawaii several times. They enjoyed many trips to Las Vegas and the Florida Gulf Coast. Nello also loved to play golf. In his retirement, he helped establish the

Brady Bunch, a group of his grade school friends who got together each month for breakfast.

Nello is survived by his loving wife, Anna Marie; his children, Michael (Mary Anne) Avram, Gary (Mary) Avram, Elizabeth (Robert) Simmons, and Susan Lidecka; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister-in-law Delores Avram; brother-in-law James Michels; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Mary Ann Avram; his parents, Elish and Flora (Dureski) Avram; four brothers Howard Avram, Victor (Anna Marie) Avram; LeRoy (Lola) Avram, and Louis Avram; three sisters Mary (Peter) Scurtu, Theresa (Ted) Gengler, and Florence (John) Erdie; and a son-in-law David Lidecka.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:00am to St. Joseph Church at 10:30am. Fr. Matthew McMorrow will officiate with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm with a liturgical wake service at 3:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Cornelius' family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Cornelius' memory to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 722 High Street, Aurora, IL, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Wake Service

FEB 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
722 High Street
Aurora, IL 60505
1-630-844-7380

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Anna Marie, you and your family are in my heart and mind. My condolences on the passing of Nello and your father.* ”

John M Adam - February 15, 2020 at 08:59 AM

“ Nello Avram Eulogy - Feb 13, 2020

Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Godfather, Uncle, Friend, Class Mate, Co-Worker, Neighbor. Dad was special to each one of us in our own way. Even more, each one of us was special to him. The youngest of eight children, childhood was truly a difficult one. He lived during the Depression and his father died when he was just five years old. There were many stories of struggles and survival. At a very young age, he started his days of trying to help make ends meet when he would ride his bicycle across town to caddy at Aurora Country Club. On Saturdays he would walk to the market with his mother. On the way home, he often would wander through the alleys behind the merchant stores to look for something that might help out his family. Once he found a pair of shoes that were damaged and thrown away. It was the best thing ever! No one could afford new shoes. His Uncle Louie working at the steel mill would bring the family meat on a regular basis. A luxury they probably would never have afforded.

These and many stories made Dad who he was. He appreciated life and everything that he worked so hard for. Marrying the Love of his life, he dedicated his life to Mom, and providing for his family the best that he could.

Dad came from the generation that came home from work, watched tv, and read the paper. Breakfast at 8, Lunch at 12, and Dinner at 5. He was a proud man. The yard was always well manicured. The cars were always washed. Each one of us were sure to be well dressed and shoes polished. When something was needed or wanted, he did what he could to provide it. (Even when it meant three weddings within fourteen months of each other). When he bought the first second car, it was a little old lady's Rambler with a block of wood on the gas pedal. It was a hoot! He taught all four of his children how to play golf, that was a pastime he loved. Bankers hours allowed him to enjoy golfing with so many, even getting the opportunity to golf with his grandsons.

Vacations were always an adventure: a fun day at Riverview Park; a Cubs Game; driving to the Black Hills and Grand Tetons with four kids crunched in the back seat; teaching them to water ski at

Powers Lake. Dad loved his vacations. The best trips were when he and mom went to Hawaii, Germany, Vegas, on a cruise, and Florida. As a banker, he was committed to helping his customers get the financing they needed. There are numerous people who he helped start a new business, buy a car, or even just afford a vacation. After he retired, he never stopped helping others. For example, he often took an elderly neighbor grocery shopping, visited her often and was executor of her estate.

Had was proud of each of his children - the people they became and the families they made. Time with the grandchildren was even more special: picnics, visits to Powers Lake, birthday celebrations and especially Holidays. He cherished the special honor, as you could imagine, of meeting eleven of his great grandchildren. Dad had an everlasting love for Mom that none other could match. She was his everything.

Dad truly had a wonderful life. His stories were endless...some with a meaning behind them and others just for a good laugh. I'm sure you all have a favorite.

Dad will be missed dearly. We cannot thank you enough for the time you spent with him over the years and especially more recently. He loved you all. He is the best, the last of his generation and to that we bid a fond farewell.

Beth Simmons - February 13, 2020 at 07:51 PM

LT

So touching a tribute to Uncle Nello! Thank you for sharing as I could not attend today's services.

Londa Taylor - February 13, 2020 at 09:51 PM

TM

Beth, I loved this. A really great summary of what made your dad who he was and who we liked. You captured it!

Therese Michels - February 22, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Cornelius "Nello" Avram.



February 12, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket* was purchased for the family of Cornelius "Nello" Avram.



February 11, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket* was purchased for the family of Cornelius "Nello" Avram.



February 11, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *I am sorry for the loss of Nello, may we all share in the moments he touched our lives ! May his soul and those of all departed rest in the arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Respectfully, Mike Mitchell*

MICHAEL MITCHELL - February 11, 2020 at 07:58 PM

PM

“ Dear aunt Sis and family. I can't express in words how much I will miss uncle Nello. He holds a special place in my heart. We had some great talk and a lot of laughs together. I will truly miss him. My God welcome him with open arms and a smile on his face. May god also grant you his peace to ease your sorrow and heart ache. Nello will always have a special place in my heart!!
With all my love and found was. Paul Michels

Paul Michels - February 11, 2020 at 07:00 PM

SL

“ Anna Marie and family, Please accept my sympathies for your loss of Nello. He was such a character and an absolute joy to "chew the fat" with! I'll keep him, and all of you in my prayers. Sue (Theis) Lawrence

Suzanne Lawrence - February 11, 2020 at 04:22 PM

DG

“ Gary, sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your dad. Dixie

Dixie Gumo - February 11, 2020 at 04:19 PM

SL

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Sue Lidecka - February 11, 2020 at 12:33 PM

NS

“ I will miss my friend from growing up on Pigeon Hill and Brady Bunch.

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Lord give him rest

Nellie Tifrea Smith

Aurora

Nellie Smith - February 11, 2020 at 09:52 AM

KW

“ Dear Mike and family - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I hope fond memories comfort you at this sad time. Please take care of yourself and your family.

Kathie Wisner

Katherine Wisner - February 11, 2020 at 09:50 AM

BP

“ Dear Ann Marie and family,
My sincere condolences to you all. I have many fond memories of working with Nello at ANB many years ago.

Barbara Schrader Pauly

Rio Vista, California

Barbara Schrader Pauly - February 11, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *White Standing Cross With White Rose Break was purchased for the family of Cornelius "Nello" Avram.*



February 10, 2020 at 07:20 PM