



Robert Nagy

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Robert David Nagy aged 79, died on Friday November 7, 2008 in Lorain, following a courageous battle with heart disease.

He was born in Lorain on March 3, 1929 to the late John and Helen Nagy. Robert was a tenor with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City. He served on the front-lines in the Korean War and attained the rank of sergeant. On May 1, 1954 he was united in marriage to Vincenza Ianni.

Robert will be remembered first and foremost as a loving, generous and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. On a grander scale, the memory of Robert will live on and be celebrated through the gift of his voice and his love for classical music.

As a youth Robert worked for the Lorain National Tube Company. He studied briefly at the Cleveland Institute of Music until he won a national vocal competition in Chicago and the chance to audition for the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Robert's career spanned 30 years and his voice has graced opera houses all over the world. He shared the stage with greats like Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, Dame Joan Sutherland, and Dame Kiri Takanawa. Robert was known for having one of the most powerful voices in Met history. His repertoire spanned over 100 roles in such operas as Otello, Mephistopheles, Aida, Madame Butterfly, Salome, Fidelio, Tannhauser and many others.

In 1987 Robert retired from the Metropolitan Opera Company and he and Vincenza returned home to Ohio.

Robert is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vincy "Mim" Nagy, son Robert J. Nagy, daughters Helen Evangelista and Gina Nagy-Burns, grandsons Gregory and Alexander Evangelista, daughter in-law, Karen Holcomb and sons in-law Louis Evangelista and Christopher Burns.



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Visitation will be on Monday, November 10, 2008 from 2:00-4:00PM and 7:00-9:00PM at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville where a prayer service will be held at 9:30AM Tuesday. The Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00AM Tuesday at St. Peter Catholic Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville with Rev. Stephen Kaminski, Pastor as the celebrant. Entombment to follow in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.



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EB

Elizabeth Barnicle posted:

Dear Vincey, We are very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He was certainly a gifted and talented man. He was also an inspiration to our grandson when he was into singing and that left a lasting impression on him. Know that you are in our prayers and thought. Take care and God Bless you. With love, Dan & Betty Barnicle

November 10 at 8:00 PM

JP

John Palazzo posted:

My deepest condolences for your loss. Mr. Nagy gave beauty to the world and will always be remembered for that.

November 8 at 8:00 PM

JB

Jack & Debora Bradley posted:

We just learned of Robert's Passing. Our hearts are heavy, because the world has lost a wonderful-compassionate man. He was a leader with many great talents, of course his outstanding voice was one of them! He added a breath of sunshine and brilliance to any room he was present in. My sincere sympathy to Vincey and her children. He has gone on in his journey, however, his authentic love, compassion and wisdom shall remain with you forever. He now will watch over you from the heavens and he is at peace, no more suffering. God Bless all of you and know that our life was more enriched because of our shared time with Robert. Vincey, we love you and are here for you! Jaclyn is out of town and due home tomorrow morning. She loved Bob very much and appreciated his love of music and sharing his outstanding talents and knowledge with young artists like herself. Bob inspired Jaclyn to be better and that alone is a gift!

November 8 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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