



JOSEPH C. GURSKIS

November 4, 1911 - July 31, 2006

Joseph C. Gurskis of Kensington died peacefully at home on Monday July 31, 2006. He was the widower of Lena Gurskis who passed away in 2001. He was the son of the late Anthony and Suzanne (Kablis). Born in New Britain he then moved to Kensington in 1955. He was a graduate of St Thomas Seminary and a graduate of Niagara University in New York. Joseph taught Latin and Roman History at Marianapolis Prep and then after serving in Armed Forces he spent rest of his career as a Teacher and Guidance Counselor at Nathan Hale Junior High School in New Britain. He was very active in church affairs at St Andrews Church and was an avid fan of the New York Yankees. He is survived by two sons and daughter in laws Daniel and Jennifer Gurskis of Garden City, N.Y. and Joseph and Elizabeth Gurskis of Great Falls, Va. and four grandchildren, Emily, Edward, Elizabeth H. and Elizabeth C. Gurskis. Funeral services will take place on Thursday at 9:00am from the Venskunas Funeral Home 670 Stanley St New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am at St Andrews Church. Burial will be in the family plot in St Mary Cemetery. Calling hours will be on Wednesday from 6-8pm. To send online condolences please go to our webiste at www.venskunasfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

ST ANDREWS CHURCH
396 CHURCH ST
NEW BRITAIN, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to the children and grandchildren of one of the finest teachers in the New Britainn school system. Those of us who met the family on Wednesday evening saw that Mr.Gurskis passed on his fine qualities to them. I will never forget how much fun and simple he made the Latin language classes for the majority ofmhis students at Nathan Hale. How could I ever forget o, s, t, mus, tis, and nt, and sum es, est, summus. estis sunt. We shall never forget him, the Yessians, the Mazadoorians, the Bagdasarians, the McNamaras, Hollfelders,etc., who all became successful partly because of such teachers as Mr. Gurskis. God rest his soul. Mary (Yessian) Abrahamian###imported-begin###mary abrahamian###imported-end##*

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“ *We want to express our sincerest condolences to the family of Joseph Gurskis.Joe,and Lena were "good people" and good friends who will be remembered by the Krause family. Nellie, David and Lucy, Bob and Judy, Don and Carol.###imported-begin###David W. Krause###imported-end##*

August 04, 2006 at 10:06 AM



“ Dear family of Mr. Gurskis:

My 9th grade Latin teacher at Nathan Hale Junior High School That would be 1950. What I want to share with you is that you had a wonderful father and teacher because on the final Latin test before passing on to New Britain High, I unfortunately did not study and started to cheat. Your father, of course, knew it and it deserved a "D" and not passing Latin. However, your father had me come after school and retake the test and I passed Latin, without cheating. You had one wonderful Dad. He must have been 100 years old or pretty close to it - will n ever forget his avid teaching skills and always ready smile. Hope you have inherited not only his smile, but his mercy. Thank you, Mr. Gurskis, thank you.

Your well taught Latin student,

Sophie Skorupski###imported-begin###Sophie Skorupski###imported-end###

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“ *I was sorry to read of the death of "Mr. Girskus". I was a student of his at Nathan Hale Jr. High in 1946-47. In the fall of that year, he allowed his Ancient history class to listen in class to the Red Sox-Cardinals World Series games. I was not a baseball fan at the time but I was so impressed with how so many of the students were into the game that I decided to become a fan myself, picking the Red Sox as my team. I have enjoyed their triumphs and suffered their losses these many years since. I was surprised to learn in the obituary that Mr. Girskus was a loyal Yankee fan. Incidentally, I also became a teacher of history and taught for 43 years. Please accept my sympathy for your loss.--Neil Lynch###imported-begin###Neil Lynch###imported-end###*

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