



Vladimir Oklobdzija

April 5, 1944 - July 21, 2025

Our Beloved Vladimir Oklobdzija Passed away on July 21st, 2025, at the age of 81. He was born in Medak, Lika province, Croatia on April 5th, 1944, to Nickola and Milka Oklobdzija, moving to United States, Chicago, Illinois, in 1964 where He met his wife Olga and they were married in 1966. He spent his life as a husband and father first and as a Jewler and General contractor, in both Chicago and Galveston Tex. After a devastating loss of their business in Hurricane Alicia, they then settled in Hot Springs, Arkansas as Owner of Mikis Wine and Liquor for 20 years where He retired in 2013. We remember him as a giving person, loving Husband, Tata and Deda for all of his days.

He is preceded in Death by His Father and Mother Nickola and Milka Oklobdzija, His Brothers Tihomir, Velimir and Radomir.

He is survived by his Wife Olga, his brother Cedomir. Two Daughters, Sasha Franc and Miki King, son in law Tim King. Three Grand Children Ivana, Vladimir Franc and Srdjan King. Nieces and Nephews and Extended family from Australia to Canada as well as the United States and Yugoslavia.

Services will be held 6:00 PM Friday, at Hot Springs Funeral Home Chapel

Previous Events

Chapel Service

JUL **25**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue

Tribute Wall

“Vlado is our family's dearest and best friend. We met Vlado in 2018 after we moved to Hot Springs. He was a man with an open heart—caring and kind, especially when others would walk away in very difficult moment of your life. Vlado always offered us helpful advice, especially about things we didn't know how to handle in our fixer-upper home.

From installing columns to recommending where to buy the best plumber supplies—like Sanders Supplies, wood planks—or finding and buy compost compost, Vlado was always there. Omg, I was super super difficult to unload four (4) Vlado's trucks of compost. I asked Vlado and we went to get affordable compost in Hot Springs for my garden. Yes, I unloaded four (4) trucks and then we with Pierre carried bucket by bucket to our garden from street level to our garden (house and garden is on hill). Omg, it was the greatest workout of my life!

Vlado never gave up. He was always for you when you asked him help or not.

Once, he told me he wanted to see my bees. I showed him. He didn't wear any protective gear. I warned him, “Please stop—the bees will sting you.” But Vlado smiled and replied, “I'm sweet. The bees 🐝 won't touch me.” And incredibly, they didn't.

Vlado also taught me how to naturally get rid of pets of Hot Springs and Arkansas—especially ticks.

He said: “Just drink Remy Martin cognac. And if you see a tick on you, breathe on it and say: ‘You know I drink Remy Martin.’ It will go away.” And surprisingly—it worked.

Once, I was working in the garden and saw a tick crawling on my hand. I breathed on it and said, “Dear tick, you know I drink Remy Martin.” I didn't believe it would work—lol—but the tick backed off and left.

Vlado gave us two beautiful gifts: wooden spoons. He taught us to eat my Organic Honey Exclusively from Cupani with them, explaining that wooden spoons help preserve honey's living enzymes.

We shared many meals together—either at home or out for pizza. He loved how I cooked my native food.

He introduced us to George Alexander and his lumber, where we were able to place a special order at a great price.

Vlado was like a father to me and especially to Pierre (who really wasn't having a great father/role model person in his life). Vlado taught him what his own family never did—how to remodel and fix things. Vlado loved saying: “Lacie and Pierre, look—this is so simple even my aunt could do it!” And we learned. Because only the best teacher explains why something must be done a certain way. The best teacher is very patient and passionate.

He also introduced me to what he called “the body-shaking machine”—his affectionate name for a lymphatic drainage device he called the driskolisa. After long days working on our home, when we couldn’t make it to the chiropractor, we’d go to Vlado’s house and use the driskolisa. It really helped. Lymph and lactic acid will be drained away from your body after 1 hour of use this driskolisa.

When Vlado was driving his truck in our area we really knew this was Vlado (Vlado's daughter house and grand kids are nearby). Vlado's truck has a specific noise. Vlado refurbished and reinforced his truck. When we were hearing Vlado's truck noise (you definitely will), we went outside and waved Vlado when he was driving nearby: "Please stop, let's have a picnic on our front porch." And we enjoyed my either my freshly crapes and tea, or veggies from my garded, or fruits and honey with a little Remy Martin testing on our front porch.

Vlado, Man thank you for your unconditional love, all your time, kind assistance and joy that you brought into our lives. We both with Pierre love you Vlado like our father and always remember you!

Remember, O Lord our God, in faith and hope of eternal life, Thy servant who has fallen asleep, our brother VLADO. And as Thou art good and the Lover of mankind, forgive him all his sins—committed knowingly or unknowingly. Deliver him from eternal torment and the fire of Gehenna. Grant him participation and delight in Thy eternal good things, which Thou hast prepared for those who love Thee.

For even though he sinned, he did not turn away from Thee, and he faithfully believed in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit—God glorified in Trinity—and he confessed the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity, in Orthodox faith, even to his last breath.

Therefore, be merciful to him, and account his faith in Thee in place of deeds, and as Thou art generous, give him rest with Thy saints. For there is no man who lives and does not sin, but Thou alone art without sin, and Thy righteousness is eternal, and Thou alone art the God of mercies, generosity, and love for mankind. To Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Помяни, Господи Боже наш, в вере и надежди живота вечнаго преставльшагося раба Твоего, брата нашего VLADO, и яко Благ и Человеколюбец, отпущаяй грехи, и потребляяй неправды, ослаби, остави и прости вся вольная его согрешения и невольная, избави его вечныя муки и огня геенскаго, и даруй ему причастие и наслаждение вечных Твоих благоденств, уготованных любящим Тя: аще бо и согрешу, но не отступлю от Тебе, и несумненно во Отца и Сына и Святаго Духа, Бога Тя в Троице славимаго, верова, и Единицу в Троице и Троицу во Единстве, православно даже до последняго своего издыхания исповеда.

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Lacie & Pierre - July 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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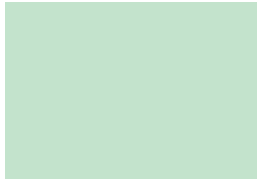
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