



Ilija Simic

July 20, 1926 - February 28, 2019

Ilija Simic, 92, at rest Feb. 28, 2019. Born July 20, 1926 in Yugoslavia, came to America in 1954 and has lived in Chicago for most of his life. Beloved husband of 65 years to Katerina Simic; Loving father of Tomislava (William) Schoeneman, Vesela Simic, Nadia (Keenan) Dreger and Katerina (Fred) Simic; 3 grandchildren, Samantha Patel, Jasmine Shevick and Adam Luchessi. Funeral at Noon, Monday, March 4 at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 5701 N. Redwood Drive, Chicago with interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials to the Alzheimers Assn. Info: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville. 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ As a friend of Samantha’s, I have heard so many Dedus stories over the years. It’s been my privilege to meet the man, the myth, the legend in person on a few occasions. He has always been so warm and welcoming, and I could not imagine a funnier tour guide for Serb-fest. I know he will be missed by all of his wonderful family, and my heart goes out to all of you. You will all be in my prayers.

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“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ilija Simic.



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“ *One life lived. Many lives touched.*

*We were privileged to know and witness Dedus as a devoted husband, cherished father, wonderful grandfather...and very special friend. He embraced our family with affection, humor, energy, and infinite patience...playing joyfully with Samantha and our daughter, Mallory. Whether holding a teacup and serving at their tea parties, playing tag in the backyard, or sneaking them extra candy behind the Christmas tree, Illija shared with them the same enthusiasm and joy with which he embraced everyone and life. He enriched our lives. To Babusa, Tomi, Vaya, Nada, Kat, Sama, Jasmine, Adam, Bill, Keenan, and Fred...may you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always and strength in the companionship of family and friends who share your loss. We hold you in our hearts. Much love,
Mindy, Bill, Mallory, and Will (who will grow up hearing the stories)*

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