



## Richard John Gondek

May 28, 1932 - March 9, 2023

Richard John Gondek, 90 of North Tonawanda, Thursday (March 9, 2023) at home surrounded by family under the care of Niagara Hospice. Richard was born in Alden, New York on May 28, 1932 to John W. and Eleanor (Waszolek) Gondek. Richard was a United States Army Veteran (Korean War), retired from the New York State Thruway Authority, baseball coach for many years in the National Little League, and an assistant tennis coach, in his spare time he was an avid tennis player and bowler. Richard was predeceased by his sons Bruce, Gregg, and Brian, granddaughter Melissa, and grandson Geoffrey. Richard is survived by his wife Sylvia Jean (Zeigler) Gondek, Sons Lance (Pamela), Lon (Melinda) and Steven Gondek, brother Robert (Christine) Gondek, and Joy (the late Michael) Payne, grandchildren Lauryn, Tyler, Brendan, Trenton, and Lana, also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Friends may call Monday from 2-6 P.M. at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, where funeral services will follow. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice. [Wattengel.com](http://Wattengel.com)

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-0440  
wattengelfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.wattengel.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *MaryAnn lit a candle in memory of Richard John Gondek*



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**MaryAnn** - March 24, 2023 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Rich was such a patient and caring friend and support for my father. He will always be remembered by our family for all he did, with love. Mary Ann Strapko Denning*

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**MaryAnn** - March 24, 2023 at 08:08 PM

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“ *I loved Pops to pieces. He was very sweet to me and I loved listening to his stories. When Steve and I lived with Mom and Pops for a short while, he would bring me coffee at work when he knew I had forgotten my cup. Thanks for the memories Pop. Linda*

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**Linda** - March 11, 2023 at 11:54 AM