



Major Imre Szell Jr.

September 14, 1936 - August 16, 2024

Major Imre Szell, Jr. (affectionately known to many as “Papa”) was born in Battonya, Hungary in 1936 to his Father Imre Szell Sr and his Mother Szlavnoi Belyacz Szell. When he was a teenager in 1956, he participated in the revolution against the Soviet Union. As a result, he was forced to flee his country and was able to emigrate to the United States. He joined the United States Army and very proudly became an American citizen. Imre proudly flew the Huey helicopter and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. During the course of his military career, he met his beloved wife, Carrie. Together they raised their two sons, Paul and Mike, residing around the Southeast and ultimately settling in Georgia. When he and Carrie were married, Imre was lovingly “adopted” by the community of Buford and Buford Church of God, and he considered the people of the church and Carrie’s large Braswell family to be his own.

Imre was rarely the center of attention, but he was a firm pillar of the family. He could be a commanding, firm presence, but was also kind, gentle, and loving, especially with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He deeply loved his family, his country, and the Lord, and he spent his life full of immense gratitude for all three.

Imre is survived by his sons, Paul (Stacie) and Michael (Ingrid), his brother Paul, his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Carrie, his parents Imre and Szlavnoi, and his daughter-in-law Carol.

Funeral Services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024 in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home. Interment will occur at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 with Full Military Honors at the GA National Cemetery in Canton, GA. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, August 26, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 6:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment with Military Honors

AUG **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgins Dr
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Imre was a friend of mine' he was brother in law to my sister Rowena(Meeks) Braswell.We were in Fort Rucker together in 1966. HE WILL BE MISSED.*

GERALD E MEEKS SR. - September 21, 2024 at 05:02 PM

SM

“ *We always admired our uncle Imre, who was funny every time we met. He started a wonderful family with Carrie, which is still an example for us today. We live a different life in Hungary, but the values that come from the family are the same in all countries. The most important thing in life is FAMILY. Until the last day, we talked, corresponded, knew about his sorrow and joy. As children, we looked at him as God. He was a brave, proud man with a heart full of love. Our grandfather, his father, feared him even when he was older. But he knew that everything happened as it was supposed to. Now he has met Carrie again. Together forever.*

Szél Mónika - August 26, 2024 at 04:11 AM

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“ *Imre was always a gentleman and super kind. So sad that this generation is going away so fast. He and Carrie was precious people to all at Buford Church of God.*



Cyndee Pruett Richey - August 24, 2024 at 07:36 PM

BK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the death of Imre. He was such a kind person. He didn't linger here long after he lost his beloved Carrie. They are together again. Such a wonderful reunion that must have been.



Betty Jones Kimball - August 23, 2024 at 10:49 PM

EN

So very sorry to hear of this loss. Paul and family, my sincere condolences, I was not aware Miss Carrie had passed as well (was away in Canada).. pray God will comfort you all at this time and give you peace.

Ena Williams

Ena - August 24, 2024 at 01:59 PM

LC

We met Imre & Carrie when our son married their niece, Miranda. We instantly fell in love with them. Our family looked forward to seeing them at birthday's & other holiday get togethers. What a joy to have had them in our lives, what a legacy. Prayers of comfort have been lifted for your family. God Bless You,
Larry & Lena Cornwell

Lena H Cornwell - August 26, 2024 at 04:34 PM