

Nick Frankos, (Uncle Nick) began his work career as a shoe shine boy at the age of fifteen. He graduated from Warren G. Harding High School in 1943 and then enlisted in the U.S Army, where he served until the end of WWII. After service to his country, he obtained a job at Republic Steel Corporation. Shortly after, he met and married Irene Parana, to which he was married to for fifty-eight years. In addition to his job at Republic Steel, Nick also worked at: a laundry business, a chicken factory, and the Holiday Bar in Warren (prior to opening his own business of the Buena Vista Café on January 1st, 1956). Nick Frankos continued to invest his finances and energy into the Warren schools and community, having been elected to the Warren School Board for twelve years. Through his dedication and service, Nick has played an outstanding and positive role in the community.

The Buena Vista Café started as a small neighborhood bar in Warren, Ohio. Nick wanted to be more than a bar, so one day he attended a food show to view new food and equipment products. He came upon a Henny Penny pressure cooker, a state of the art piece of equipment designed to pressure fry chicken. Uncle Nick came home with that pressure cooker. Before adding fried chicken to the menu, he experimented with different marinades and used his friends at the bar to taste the finished product. It took him some time, but the rest as they say, is history.

Nick's son, Nick, grew up in the business here at the Buena Vista, working side-by-side with his father. He learned the business from the man who started it in 1956. When Nick Frankos Sr. passed away in 2007, Nick and his wife Bonnie pledged to keep Uncle Nick's legacy alive by continuing to serve great quality food and drink and provide a place for the people of Warren and the surrounding areas to gather and enjoy great times.

Nick, Bonnie, and the entire Frankos family and Buena Vista staff, thank you for your patronage and hope that you enjoy your experience with us. We couldn't have done it all these years without your continued patronage and loyalty. For that, we thank you.



TRIBUTE TO NICK FRANKOS

HON. TIM RYAN
of Ohio

in the house of representatives
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Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the community of Warren, Ohio, who recently passed away. There is a well-known saying which maintains that, 100 years from now, it will not matter what kind of car a person drove or how big their bank account was. The saying affirms that in 100 years, the world may be a better place because of what one person did to help inspire and uplift a child. Very few people in the town of Warren, Ohio, had as profound an impact on so many young lives as Nick Frankos did. A 1943 graduate of Warren G. Harding High School, Frankos was an avid supporter of Warren City Schools and their affiliated athletic teams. Affectionately dubbed "Uncle Nick," he had a paternal, compassionate quality that allowed him to form lifelong bonds with Warren student-athletes and to transform the lives of many of Warren's youth.

In 1956, Frankos opened his much-acclaimed Buena Vista Restaurant, famous around town for serving "Uncle Nick's Greek Fried Chicken." Not only did the restaurant provide delicious meals, but it also served as a popular hangout for local student athletes, coaches, and fans. There were few, if any, high school football coaches who did not frequent the restaurant and who did not know Frankos on a first-name basis. Last year, Frankos was honored by the Warren City Council for 50 years of business excellence in the town.

In addition to his business endeavors, Frankos also served on the Warren City School Board for 12 years. Frankos was notable for his strong support of high school athletics and for his determination to provide local youth with proper athletic facilities. In particular, Frankos was instrumental in securing support for the construction of a new press box at Warren's Mollenkopf Stadium and for the replacement of part of the stadium's seating area. These improvements serve as a remembrance of the staunch support Frankos gave to Warren high school athletics throughout his life.

Madam Speaker, when "Uncle Nick" Frankos passed away on May 22 at the age of 82, the community of Warren, Ohio lost more than just a businessman. Many local athletes, coaches, and fans lost a friend. The Warren School Board lost a tireless advocate, and the city of Warren lost a dedicated and caring public servant. Most importantly, the area's youth lost a devoted mentor and role model. It is for his contribution to the youth of Warren, Ohio that "Uncle Nick" Frankos should be remembered.

From The Bar

Draft Beer

Great Lakes (Ask your server for the featured beer)
Blue Moon
Miller Lite
Miller High Life
Sam Adams Lager
Molson
Killians

Bottled Beer

Miller Lite
Miller High Life
MGD 64
MGD
Michelob Light
Michelob
Michelob Ultra
Amstel Light
Bud Light
Budweiser
Corona
Coors Light
Heineken
Heineken Light
O'Doul's
Rolling Rock
Sam Adams
Straub

Wines

(Ask your server about the featured wine of the day)

House Wines by the Glass

Copperidge Chardonnay,
White Zin, Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot
Grigio, Riesling

House Wines by the Bottle

Jacob's Creek Chardonnay,
Cabernet, Merlot