



## Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky

January 25, 1947 - July 3, 2024

Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky, age 77, entered through the eternal gates of Heaven peacefully on Wednesday, July 3rd, in the comfort of his home. Igor is survived by his loving wife, Nadia (Gavrilov) Vysotsky, and his six children, Miroslav Vysotsky (wife Natasha) of Roseville, CA; Lilia Otten (husband James) of Bartlesville, OK; Nelya DeSpain (husband Brady) of Talala, OK; Igor Jr. Vysotsky (wife Lauren) of Cypress, TX; Svetlana Hensley (husband Allen) of Agua Dulce, TX; Isaya Vysotsky (wife Aileen) of Tampa, FL; and 21 grandchildren: Sara, Breyden, Alexis, Emily, Ethyn, Leah, Baylie, Trystan, Mia, Melana, Abram, Jonah, Eli, Miryk, Adelaide, Levi, Silas, Kirym, Samuel, Magdalene, and Maverik.

Igor was born on January 25, 1947 in Matsoshyn (village near Lviv) Ukraine to Fedir and Agafia Vysotsky. He was the seventh of their eight children together. Igor attended and graduated from the Matsoshyn school house (completing grades 1-8; and prevented from pursuing higher education because of his Christian beliefs) after which he attended mechanical and technical trade schools where he earned mechanic and electrician certifications. Igor then completed 2 years of compulsory military service and entered the workforce in Lviv Ukraine. This turned out to be a fortunate location for Igor, as he began attending a local home-based church where he met, courted, and married his bride, Nadia, who would remain his life-long spouse for over 54 years, and would be by his side until his last breath on this earth.

As the patriarch of a growing family, Igor worked for various state owned/run enterprises and was often held back from promotions or outright fired for his beliefs and his refusal to live out his Faith in secret. The ongoing persecution for his Christian beliefs strained his ability to provide for his family and he often had two to three menial jobs and drove a gypsy cab during non-working hours to make ends meet.

This was simply the way of life for true Believers under the oppressive regime of the Soviet Union and became a theme of his ongoing struggle for freedom to worship and to live a life that God called him to live. Aside from the “softer” persecution of career and professional development limitations, Igor also experienced direct punishment for playing

Christian worship music in the privacy of his own home. He and his pastor were imprisoned for over 40 days after being reported to the authorities by a neighbor. Igor was prepared to serve a much longer sentence but was unexpectedly released without explanation.

Although Igor was able to feed and clothe his children, he and Nadia recognized that it would be a difficult future for their family to build a life they wanted under their circumstances in Ukraine. Together, they made the difficult decision to renounce their citizenship, sell-off or give away most of their possessions, pack up their suitcases with whatever remained, and leave their homeland behind with five children in tow, in pursuit of freedoms of opportunity and above all, the freedom to live and worship their God as He had called them to. They found this freedom in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, having been sponsored by First Assembly of God Church. The Vysotsky family arrived in the USA on November 4, 1989, where they began the second act of their life.

Igor and Nadia embraced the opportunities that America afforded anyone lucky enough to reside inside its borders. They learned a new language, maximized their work opportunities (working just as hard as they had in Soviet Union but reaped the benefits of their labor), became business owners, sponsored other family members to immigrate to the States, raised their five Ukrainian born children and added one American born, and welcomed sons and daughters in law into the family. Above any material gains, Igor and Nadia were blessed with twenty one grandchildren whom Igor considered his greatest success and best part of his legacy.

Igor was a man of few words but managed to speak volumes in the way that he lived his life for his children to observe and model after. He lived out his faith by example in his daily devotional time, in reading his Bible, in private prayers and fasting, church attendance and giving. He also taught life skills and deep personal convictions and virtues that his kids have adopted by living those out in the person that he was rather than verbal teaching. He taught the importance of effort, to do tasks the best that one had the capacity to do them, to mind the fine details, the willingness to learn and to try something new, the confidence to tackle seemingly insurmountable challenges, the necessity of humor in life, the virtues of sincerity, honesty, justice, gratitude, and servanthood. Igor had a critical eye for detail, offered strong and unfiltered opinions, and quick wit and a dry sense of humor that he employed regularly to entertain himself and those around him; all qualities that have been embraced and adopted by his kids and grandkids.

Igor suffered a stroke in September 2022 that limited his mobility and contributed to his passing on July 3, 2024. He lived a full life and leaves behind a legacy that he could not

have imagined during his humble beginnings in the village of Matsoshyn. He lived a life worthy of remembrance. A life that our God called him to live. Igor followed and obeyed and through the many trying times of imprisonment, persecution, loss of earthly possessions, and loss of health, his faith never wavered. He now spends his time in Heaven with the One he loved and trusted all his days on Earth.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2024, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006, 918-333-7665.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville. Services are under the direction of Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 8.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-7665  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

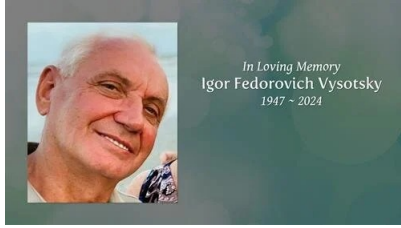
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - July 09, 2024 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ *I struggle for words to encapsulate the BIG, BEAUTIFUL HEART of Igor into a few words... it's not possible*

*His kind, gracious, witty, caring & hardworking demeanor is like a thumbprint written on everyone's life that he touched ... this is very evident in the lives of his family*

*His wife, Nadia, children, grandchildren, & extended family all are representatives of the character that I always experienced when enjoying Igor & his family's company*

*I spent countless times around his dinner table laughing, & experiencing the love, deep respect & honor his whole family has for Igor*

*Igor earned that love & respect by leading by example!!*

*His love for Jesus was very clear in how he carried that love to others ... myself included!!!!*

*There was an open door policy of always being welcome ... Igor's life & heart is a beautiful reflection of how Jesus cared for anyone in need, & shared mercy & grace to everyone that he encountered in everyday life*

*My life was & will forever be changed for the better by knowing Igor!!!*

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**Cindy Brannan** - July 08, 2024 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ Ryan, Robyn, Bodie, Hattie Harlan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



Ryan, Robyn, Bodie, Hattie Harlan - July 08, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SD

“ Sammy and Sally DeSpain purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



Sammy and Sally DeSpain - July 07, 2024 at 11:24 PM

RR

“ My condolences to the family. The story of his life and his resolve to live for Christ no matter the persecution has always been such an encouragement. Praying for the peace of God for you all.

Robert Ramsey - July 07, 2024 at 10:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



July 07, 2024 at 09:49 PM

IF

“ My deepest condolences to the Vysotsky family. Igor was a remarkable man, extremely hardworking and there seemed to be nothing he couldn't do.

*His days began early, filled with numerous tasks and even upon returning home, he continued working on various projects or helping anyone who asked. His wife, Nadia, took exceptional care of him. I remember our shopping trips to Tulsa with Nadia, Nelia, and Lilia, where Nadia would always hurry home to ensure a homemade dinner was ready to greet Igor after work.*

*Despite his hardworking nature, Igor was also a fashionable man - always freshly shaved, well-dressed and leaving a pleasant scent in his wake. He was a great man, a true family guy and an exceptional professional. He will be missed by many.*

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**Iryna Fox** - July 07, 2024 at 09:31 PM

TF

“ The DeSpain Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



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**The DeSpain Family** - July 07, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LI

“ March 21, 2021  
Myroslav and Natasha's residence



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**Lily** - July 07, 2024 at 05:35 PM

TA

“ Tim and Anita Allen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



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**Tim and Anita Allen** - July 07, 2024 at 05:19 PM

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“ Tim and Anita Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.

Tim and Anita Allen - July 07, 2024 at 05:19 PM

CT

“ ConocoPhillips L48 GCR Finance Team purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



ConocoPhillips L48 GCR Finance Team - July 06, 2024 at 11:06 AM

SB

“ Shawn and Noriyo Barnes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Igor Fedorovich Vysotsky.



Shawn and Noriyo Barnes - July 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM

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Shawn and Noriyo Barnes - July 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM

CH

“ Igor was a hard-working man that loved his family and loved Jesus. He will be missed.

Cynthia Hadsell - July 05, 2024 at 10:06 PM

PJ

“ It was such a joy to welcome Igor and his family to Bartlesville. Howard and I spent many visits with them after they arrived from Ukraine. He was a man of many talents and started working soon after they arrived. He loved Jesus and shared that love with many.  
He will be missed by many.

Phyllis Johnson - July 05, 2024 at 01:43 PM