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Edward Tatarczuk

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Edward Tatarczuk, “Mr. T.,” was a shy and private man, but he wanted to help neighbors in need... those who were hungry, those who needed a place to live, those who were down on their luck and looking for work. He remembered children, senior citizens, and everyone in between. His passing in March 2011 culminated 91-years of “doing it my way,” being generous anonymously.

“He was a kind and gentle man,” remarked Susan Copeland, his trusted attorney, “and a great American.” During World War II he served in the Army Air Forces, flying 23 missions over Japan. Before retiring, he worked for the IRS as an income tax auditor, cementing his values of honesty and frugality. Before coming to Palm City in 1984, he was a broker in Miami.

He loved golf and was a former member of Piper’s Landing Country Club, where his buddies tell tales of his hilarious laugh. He declined any notoriety during his life, choosing instead to purposefully leave the world a better place than he found it.

Ten local charitable organizations shared \$1,000,000 in legacy gifts. Over half a million was bequeathed to regional organizations, and the Palm Beach Diocese received the remainder of his estate. In all approximately 90% of his estate was left to charitable organizations. Over half of these bequests were specifically for endowment funds at the named organizations.

“Mr. T” left a deep footprint in Martin County, ensuring that others can continue to live and thrive here.