



Dr. Anthony C. Gholz

October 20, 1920 - July 12, 2016

Dr. Anthony Gholz, who helped raise the “Baby Boom” generation in St. Clair County as well as their children died at Marwood Nursing and Rehab in Port Huron on Tuesday, July 12. He was 95 and a resident of Fort Gratiot Township.

Anthony Carroll Gholz was born October 20, 1920, in Worthington, Minnesota, the third and youngest son of Dr. Lewis and May (Everett) Gholz. During his youth he delivered papers, played basketball, oboe in the band, and swam in Lake Okoboji. He graduated from Worthington High School in 1938 and from Worthington Junior College in 1940.

However his life truly began in Minneapolis. There he joined the army reserve in 1940 and began preparing to be a medical officer for the US Army Medical Corps at the University of Minnesota. He was awarded his BA degree from U of M in 1942. It was there where he met Helmi Johanna Monkkonen (1917-2011), a fellow senior and an iron-miner’s daughter from Crosby, in the freshman section of a Golden Gophers football game. That day they shared his binoculars and later a malted milk with two straws; they married in the Monkkonen front room in Crosby a year later on November 28, 1942.

After an internship year at Harper Hospital in Detroit, he was awarded his MD from the University of Minnesota in 1946 and immediately was on active

military duty until 1948. As a civilian he and his wife returned to Detroit for completion of his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital; their first son Anthony, Jr. arrived in 1948.

While at Children's he met Dr. William Cleland (1918-2001) who would become a close friend and professional partner. In 1950, they moved to Port Huron, founded a practice in pediatrics, and began raising their families in earnest. Dr. Gholz's sons Henry (1951) and John (1954) were both born in this new city. Bill and Tony, as their friends and wives called them, worked together until Dr. Gholz retired in July 1991. Ten years later, he and Helmi, as well as all of their books and memories, moved from their Court Street family home of 46 years to Fort Gratiot Township.

Dr. Gholz was a member of First United Methodist Church, the St Clair County Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Society, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He was on the staff of Port Huron Hospital where he served as chief of staff in the 1960s, on its board of directors, and on various other committees throughout his tenure.

When not making house calls or advising worried parents, he enjoyed golf. He was a member of Black River Country Club for 50 years, the Michigan Seniors Golf Association, and Port Huron Golf Club.

He was also an avid reader, and lifelong learner, especially of history, and in particular of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. He was a fine dancer and his ears were often thirsty for music, from Benny Goodman on vinyl to local concerts. He leaves behind a substantial archive of well-played records and well-loved tomes.

Above all he had a passion for his family and friends. A successful triple bypass surgery in 1985 gave him thirty more years with them. He loved his

wife of 69 years and mourned her passing in 2011. He was never happier than when he spent time with his three sons and their families.

He is survived by his three sons: Anthony (Mary White) Gholz, Jr of Troy, Michigan; Dr. Henry (Jan Engert) Gholz of Fort Collins, Colorado; and John (Ruth Matusak Canty) Gholz of Cincinnati, Ohio.

His grandchildren: Dr. Carleton (Ceylan Akturk) Gholz; Nathan Gholz and his daughter Eden; Justin (Kelly Wade) Gholz and their three sons Nicholas, Brooks, and Evan; Mary Gholz (Charles) Moss and their daughter Andrea; Sophia Gholz (Jeff Olson) and their children Olivia and Hunter; Sean Gholz, Esq; Peter Gholz and his daughter Lilly; Alexander Gholz; and Hali Gholz. Additionally, Michael Canty; and Andrew Canty and his sons Elijah, Gage, and Isaiah. His sister-in-law, Renee (Mrs. Charles) Gholz and one nephew, Charles (Barbara Dancis) Gholz Esq. He is also survived by Helmi's, and later his, companion and caretaker Kathy Harmon.

In addition to his wife, he was pre-deceased by his parents and two brothers, Harlan Lewis Gholz and Charles Arthur Gholz.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 2:00pm in the First United Methodist Church, 828 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Reverend John C. Huhtala, Sr., Reverend John N. Grenfell, Jr., and Reverend William R. Wright will officiate. Visiting hours will be Sunday, from 2:00pm until 7:00pm in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron and again on Monday, from 1:00pm until time of service, in the church. Interment will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

His grandchildren will be pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers include Dr. Armin Franke, Dr. Edmund Fitzgerald, Dan Harpold, Bernie Lyons, Robert Patterson, Dr. Michael Rafferty, and Dale Seyfried.

Memorials are suggested for the First United Methodist Church and the McLaren Port Huron Foundation.

View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

10th Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron
1634 Lapeer Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 985-5123
jowettfamily@comcast.net
<https://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com>

Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
828 Lapeer Ave
Port Huron, MI 48060

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Henry and Jan,

We did not know your father but we wish we had. It is clear that he was an exceptional man and physician and the world is a better place because he was in it.

Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that others are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Tom and Susan Hoots

susan hoots - July 20, 2016 at 08:26 AM

AW

“ Dr. Gholz was such a blessing to our family. He was a kind, compassionate man. May he rest in peace.

Anne Whaling - July 19, 2016 at 08:48 AM

JG

“ Jeff and Carol Garberson purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Dr. Anthony C. Gholz.



Jeff and Carol Garberson - July 17, 2016 at 06:29 PM

JG

“ I was deeply sorry to learn of Tony's death. He was a favorite cousin of my mother, Mary Bush Garberson. The name "Gholz" was spoken fondly in our family as I grew up. He was a source of family history and genealogical interest, a connection with cousins whom I scarcely knew and who lived far away. This became more important to me after after my own parents and brothers passed. In recent years, as each year came to a close, I looked forward to our annual exchange of letters. I'm sorry that that has ended, and I will miss him. -Jeff Garberson

Jeff Garberson - July 17, 2016 at 05:44 PM

GO

“ My deepest sympathy to Dr. Gholz family. I am Glenn Olds of Applegate. I am 64 years old. Dr. Gholz saved my life as an 11 month old baby. I had manicottis spidamengitis (sp?). I was told I went into convolutions. And he cured me to normal life, otherwise I would of been mentally retarded. I went for yearly physicals until I was 16 years old. He told my parents to not start me in school, until I reached age 6. I was drafted after high school for Vietnam in 1972. The war was coming to an end, and I was in the US Army, stationed in Stuttgart, West Germany as a Military Policeman. After my 2 years of service, I went to college at St. Clair County Community College and have an Associates Degree in Drafting & Design. I worked for Huron Inc. for 33 years, working my way up in Engineering and Sales, to Senior Estimator. I was laid off in 2008 due to down sizing of the company. I am currently employed as a Bank Teller for Exchange State Bank of Carsonville.

I married in 1980 to Patty. We had two girls. Our Sheena, wanted to become a dentist. She went through Grand Valley State. Then to Dental School with enlistment into the US Army. She graduated and went to Fort Gordon, Georgia, where she became a Prostonodontist. Now, she is married, has a little boy, and is Major Dr. Sheena at Fort Hood, Texas.

Our second daughter, Tina is married and has a degree in Criminal Justice. But, a year a half ago, she gave birth to twins. They live near Applegate, and are crop farmers.

I may have bored you with all my life's history, but it is to let you all know of the importance of your father's work. I am proud to say, Dr. Gholz saved my life. Had he not been there to help, I would not have had the wonderful life that I am having.

Thank you for sharing him with me. Again, my deepest sympathy to you all.

Glenn Olds
Box 47
Applegate

48401

Glenn Olds - July 16, 2016 at 10:20 PM

CW

“ Dr. Gholz was my four childrens pediatrician. He was the best around! Carol Whiting

carol whiting - July 16, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Anthony C. Gholz.



July 16, 2016 at 02:59 PM

SO

“ My sympathies to the family as you mourn the loss of a great man. I became acquainted with him and his wife Helmi; Helmi and I shared our Finnish background and heritage. Now they are together.

Sister Gloria Korhonen OP - July 16, 2016 at 07:15 AM

Frank Allen

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Frank Allen - July 15, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Anthony C. Gholz.



July 15, 2016 at 01:32 PM



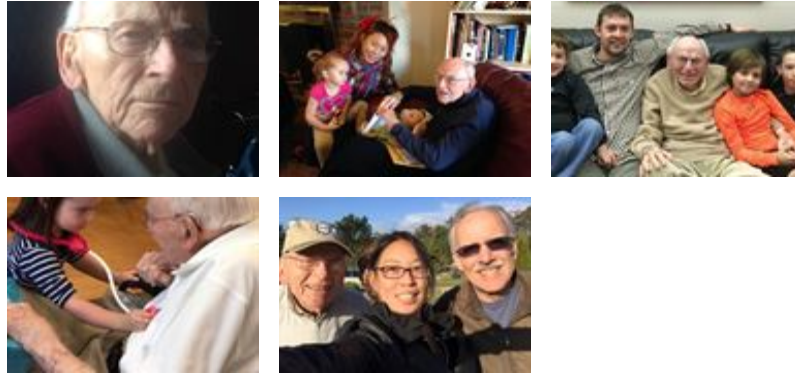
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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 15, 2016 at 11:25 AM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 15, 2016 at 10:14 AM

LW

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Dr Gholz was a great Dr. and I will always remember him calling me after the deaths of both my parents and sharing memories of them. My Mother always was proud to say that my brother was Dr. Gholz first patient here in Port Huron! My brother Mark Deering was born July 25, 1950. I followed the next year. I was in the same classroom as Hank for a few years. (Roosevelt)
My deepest sympathy,
Linda (Deering) Weiss

Linda Weiss - July 15, 2016 at 09:14 AM

DM

“ Dr. Gholz was compassionate, competent, gentle, and kind. My Grandma, Agnes Burns, used to babysit for his boys. He was my pediatrician, as well as my son's. When my mom passed in 2013, he came to the funeral home. He was loved by the entire community and will be greatly missed. I went to school with his son Tony and Tony's wife Mary. Such a lovely family. So sorry for your loss. Diane Burns Merriman

Diane Burns Merriman - July 15, 2016 at 09:03 AM

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“ I worked with Dr. Gholz as a nurse at Port Huron Hospital emergency room. He was always kind and caring to anyone he encountered. It was a privilege to assist him. My sincere condolences to his family.

Ruth Relken
Burtchville, MI

Ruth Relken - July 15, 2016 at 06:02 AM

GD

“ I've known Tony since he was a student at the U of Minnesota, dating my cousin Helmi, also a student. After their marriage, we always kept in touch. They would meet us in Rockford, Il ,at the Clock Tower for lunch, on their way to Minnesota, to visit Hem's brother, Leo. Tony was one of the kindest, gentlest, dearest person I've ever known.

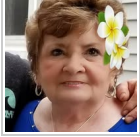
Tony has gone to his Heavenly home, where he is welcomed and is at peace. We will always miss him.

Gladys Doscher - July 14, 2016 at 11:11 AM

SS

“ I spent a lot of time at the Gholz home on Court Street, usually working on science projects in the basement with Henry. Dr. Gholz had a great sense of humor and he and Mrs. Gholz were most welcoming. All good memories. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Stephen A. Studer

Stephen A. Studer - July 14, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *Dr. Gholz was my children's doctor. He was a kind and caring doctor. My prayers go out to his family. May he rest in peace. Sylvia Pattison*



Sylvia Pattison - July 13, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ *What a wonderful Doctor, He and Dr. Cleland were the only Drs. We had until I turned 18 and the paper cloths wouldn't cover me any longer. I will never forget his kind and gentle demeanor explaining that I had to go to a "woman's Doctor" and he even made my first appointment for me! Thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Denise Fenner (Rouse) - July 13, 2016 at 03:15 PM