



Dave Andres: Grocer offered credit to all patrons

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Dave Andres worked for decades in his family's grocery on Pearl Street until 1972, when preparations for Woodall Rodgers Freeway construction closed the business.

He was an integral part of the neighborhood store, where he was known for generously offering credit, his family said.

Mr. Andres, 79, died Thursday of leukemia at his Dallas home. Services were Sunday at Temple Emanu-El. He was buried in Temple Emanu-El Cemetery.

Born in Dallas, Mr. Andres grew up working in the grocery his Russian-immigrant father founded in 1906. The family lived next to the business, said his son Marc Andres.

"It was a people business. He loved people," his son said. "He loved to be around people, and more than anything else he liked to be there to provide a service to those who needed it."

The grocery was at 1921 N. Pearl St., now the southwest corner of Pearl and the freeway.

"He loved the relationships that he formed," his son said. "He also established his own credit system ... on 3-by-5 index cards. We extended credit to anybody, all they needed was a name."

The family found a box of the index cards when the store closed in 1972. "It probably had a couple hundred cards in it ... people who never paid him back. He said, 'Throw it away, I don't care,' " his son said.

With the closing of the grocery, Mr. Andres became a real estate investor, specializing in property along Lower Greenville and North Henderson avenues. He bought and improved parcels with synergy in mind, his son said.

As a child, Mr. Andres attended Cumberland Hill Elementary. He graduated from Crozier Tech High School.

In 1943, Mr. Andres enlisted in the Navy, where he served as a medic and participated in the Normandy invasion.

After serving in World War II, Mr. Andres returned to Dallas and Southern Methodist University, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1948. At SMU, he was president of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

Mr. Andres was active in Big Brothers of America in Dallas and was the group's Big Brother of the Year in 1979.

In addition to his son, Mr. Andres is survived by his wife, Ruth Andres of Dallas; two daughters, Jill Andres of Dallas and Rachel Andres of Los Angeles; another son, Roger Andres of Dallas; two brothers, Ruben Andres of Baltimore and Norman Andres of Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Dallas Jewish Historical Society, 7900 Northaven Road, Dallas, Texas 75230; or to Fragile X research at The M.I.N.D. Institute, University of California Davis, 2825 50th St., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

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