

Ludwik Kolmas 1924 – 2018



Ludwik with his Godparents

Ludwik z Chrzestnymi Rodzicami



Ludwik age 7

Ludwik jak miał 7 lat

In 1944 Ludwik Was taken by Germans to the concentration camp in Austria Mauthausen and later Gausen:

W 1944 roku Ludwik był zabrany przez Niemców do obozu koncentracyjnego Mauthasen w Austrii:



The Stairs of Death

Prisoners were forced to climb the 186 steps of the Wiener Graben with large blocks of granite on their backs. Often the blocks would fall, crushing limbs and bodies of those following, sometimes killing. The SS guards invented competitions betting on which prisoner would make it to the top first. Those surviving the ordeal would then be forced to jump from the edge of the quarry to their death below. This particular spot at the edge of the quarry was known “The Parachute Jump”.

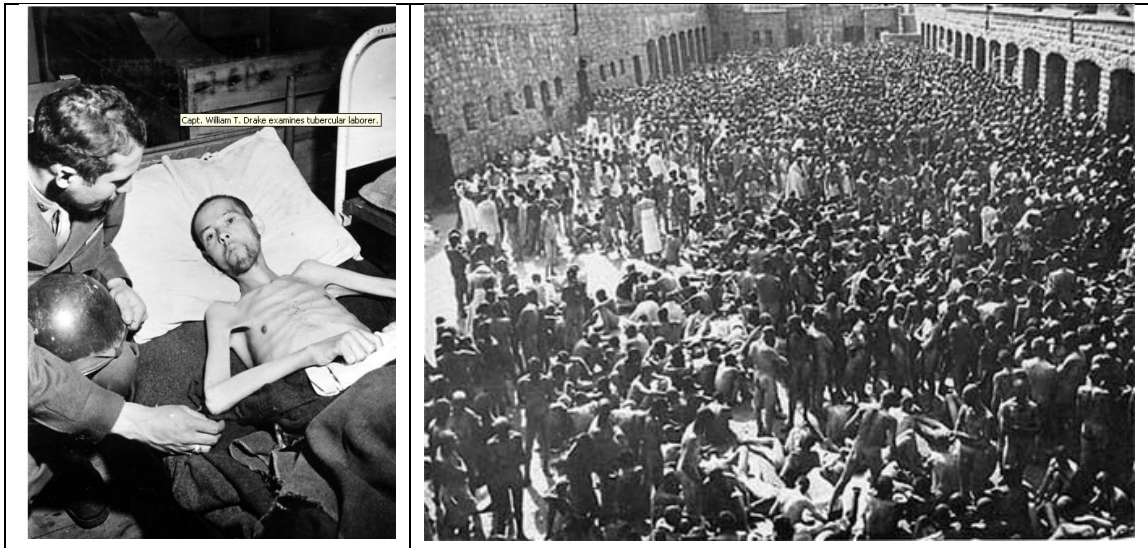
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The Gas Chamber

Take a pause from your busy life for just a few moments and try to imagine what it must have been like to know this was the last room you would ever be in or that its stark light would be the last you would ever see. Do you ever wonder what it was like, what it felt like to be gassed? This chamber in Mauthausen was built in the basement, below the sick quarters. It was completed and used by the spring of 1942. On the other hand, the sick quarters were only half completed at the war's end. The SS would cram 120 persons into this chamber, seal the doors and pump in carbon monoxide. Inefficient as it was, the prisoners often died of suffocation rather than the gas. “Consequently, when the doors were opened to remove the bodies, it was found that the dead were covered not only with excrement and blood, but their eyes protruded from their heads and their bodies stiffened into grotesque positions.”

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In 1945 after surviving horrors of war Ludwik returned to
Poland

W 1945 po strasznych przeżyciach wojny Ludwik wrócił do
Polski

Ludwik completed MSc in the Electrical Engineering and
started teaching in the Technical School in Warsaw

Ludwik osiągnął Magisterski w Elektronicznym Inżynierstwie i
zaczął uczyć w Technikum Warszawskim

In 1949 Ludwik met Barbara and they got married in 1950

W 1949 Ludwik spotkał Barbarę i pobrali się w 1950



In 1951 Ludwik and Barbara had a daughter Anna

W 1951 Ludwik i Barbara mieli córkę Anię



A few years after Ludwick also completed PhD in the Electrical Engineering and was awarded a title of an Assistant Professor

He was in charge of the big laboratory for the Polish Power Grid.

Parę lat później Ludwik zrobił Doktorat i dostał Docenturę

Był szefem dużego laboratorium wysokich napięć w Instytucie Elektryczności w Warszawie



Ludwik and Barbara enjoyed parties and had many friends

Ludwik i Barbara lubili przyjęcia i bale i mieli wielu znajomych



Ludwik enjoyed sea side and holidays in the Polish mountains
with his family

Ludwik spędzał wakacje albo nad morzem albo w górach





Ludwik with his parents Barbara, Anna, his sister and niece on the way to have a picnic

Ludwik z rodzicami, Barbara, siostrą, Ania i siostrzenica w drodze na piknik



He also enjoyed his foreign holidays: they visited Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, France, Austria Italy, Germany and England

He also work for a year in Iraq and a few months in Egypt

Ludwik też lubił zagraniczne wakacje był z rodzina w Rumunii, Bułgarii, na Węgrzech, w Jugosławii, Francji, Austrii, Niemczech, Anglii

On także spędził rok na budowie w Iraku i parę miesięcy w Egipcie

Ludwik always participated in the family celebrations

Ludwik zawsze był obecny na wszystkich rodzinnych
spotkaniach i obchodach



The June religious celebration

Boże Ciało – ołtarz przed domem w Warszawie



A meal with Barbara's family

Przyjęcie z Barbary rodzina



Ludwik at one of Barbara's nephew's wedding

Ludwik na ślubie Barbary siostrzeńca



Evening with friends

Wieczór z przyjaciółmi



Summer 1991 - Ludwik relaxing with his grandchildren in his summer house

Lato 1991 – Ludwik z wnukami u siebie na działce

For many years Ludwik's daughter and his grandchildren spend nearly every summer with Ludwik and Barbara in their summer house.

Przez wiele lat Ludwika córka z dziećmi przyjeżdżała do dziadków na letnisko pod Warszawą



W restauracji z Ania i Richardem. W restauracji z Ania i Richardem



April 2010 – goodbye party in Warsaw

Kwiecień 2010 – pożegnalne przyjęcie w Warszawie

In 2010 Ludwik and Barbara came to England and celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his English family

W 2010 Ludwik i Barbara przyjechali mieszkać z Anią i Richardem w Kenilworth. Cała Angielska rodzina zebrała się na ich 60 tą rocznicę ślubu.





Ludwik's first Christmas in England

Ludwika pierwsze Święta Bożego Narodzenia w Anglii



The conservatory built specially at Ludwik's request

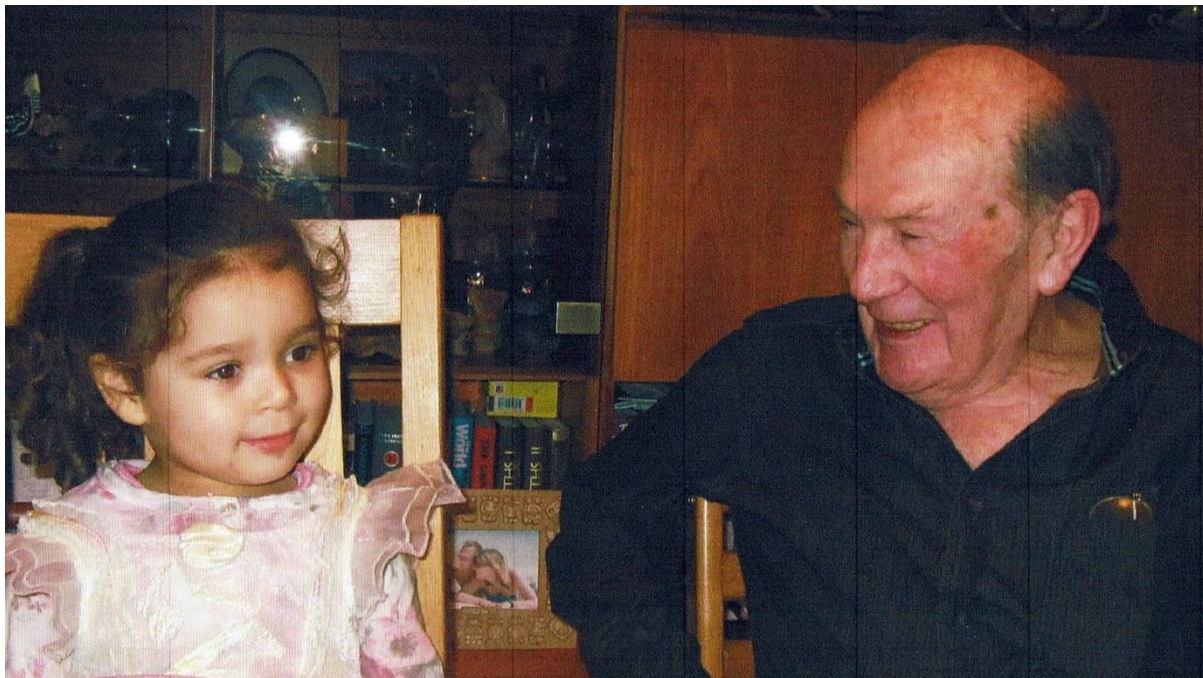
Oranżeria wybudowana na Ludwika życzenie



Ludwik at last got to know his great granddaughter

Ludwik poznał nareszcie swoją prawnuczkę





Ludwik spent a lot of time with his great granddaughter

Ludwik spędził dużo czasu ze swoją prawnuczką



Ludwik's last outing for a meal on his grandson's birthday

Ludwika ostatnie wyście do restauracji na wnuka urodziny

His health didn't allow him to go out again.

In October 2017 he suffered heart attack and on leaving hospital signed that he didn't want to be reanimated if necessary

In February 2018 he had problems with his kidneys and got pneumonia.

He couldn't do things for himself and hated it.

On the 27th of February 2018 Anna was helping his to get to bed when he suddenly felt very heavy. She called Richard and all they could manage was to make his comfortable on the floor. They called for the ambulance but the paramedics announced him dead on arrival. He died in Anna's arms very peacefully just as he would had wished to.

W październiku 2017 miał atak serca i już zrobił się bardzo słaby.

Jak wychodził ze szpitala to prosił żęby podpisać dokument że nie chce żeby go ratować jeśli będzie umierał

W lutym 2018 dostał zapalenie nerek i płuc. Już nic nie mógł dla siebie zrobić i tego nienawidził.

27go lutego 2018 roku Ania mu właśnie pomagała wrócić do łóżka, gdy poczuła że zrobił się strasznym ciężarem i nie mogąc go utrzymać zawołała Richarda ale nawet we dwoje mogli go tylko położyć na podłodze z poduszka i kołdrą.

Wezwali karetkę pogotowia ale jak przyjechała to Ludwik już nie żył.

Umarł spokojnie w Ani ramionach tak jak by sobie na pewno życzył.



Ludwik will be buried in Barbara's family grave in Warsaw with his little daughter Malgosia Kolmas.

Ludwik będzie pochowany w Basi rodzinnym grobie razem ze swoją córeczką Malgosią Kolmas