



# City of Chicago



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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Villegas (36)
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<b>Title:</b>	Honorary street designation as "Honorary Roman Kurzac Way"
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

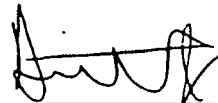
**ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows for an honorary street-name designation ("Designation Ordinance"), the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of West Grand Avenue from N. Monitor Avenue to N. Marmora Avenue as "Honorary Roman Kurzac Way."

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 (b) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Designation Ordinance shall be accompanied by a biography of ("EXHIBIT A"), the reason(s) for honoring ("EXHIBIT B"), and the individual or group and a map indicating the blocks for the designation ("EXHIBIT C").

**SECTION 3.** The ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



Gilbert Villegas  
Alderman, 36th Ward



## Biography of Roman Kurzac

As my father's 60th birthday approaches this November, wishing him a happy heavenly birthday seems inadequate given all that he has done for his family and life long friends. I wrote this biography to give you a small peak of his inspiring life.

Roman Kurzac was born in Sczytno, Poland on November 7, 1961 to parents Zofia and the late Chester Kurzac. Raised on a farm with his many siblings, Roman being one of the middle children, always found ways to entertain his family and friends with his hilarious pranks, addictive personality, and overt generosity. The farm life did not allow him to graduate high school but it did not stop Roman from pursuing his dreams of success. At the tender age of 20, with the help of his loving sister Roman arrived in Chicago

in 1981 with nothing but ambition to succeed in creating a huge legacy. His sister Barbara showed him the ropes on starting a tire business, and in a mere four years Roman's Tire Shop was opened with gleaming pride in 1985 (as pictured).

Clients became life-long friends and life-long friends became family, which he cared for both in his business and personal life. Grateful for his loyal customers, Roman rose to the top of his ambition and expanded his business across Grand Avenue, reminding us of Rocky Balboa. He went on to craft his success in owning and renting buildings - between 5700 to 5900 W Grand - to give others like him the dream of opening their own business, even becoming fluent in the Spanish language. He is remembered as a strong leader who had a huge heart and passion for helping others succeed.

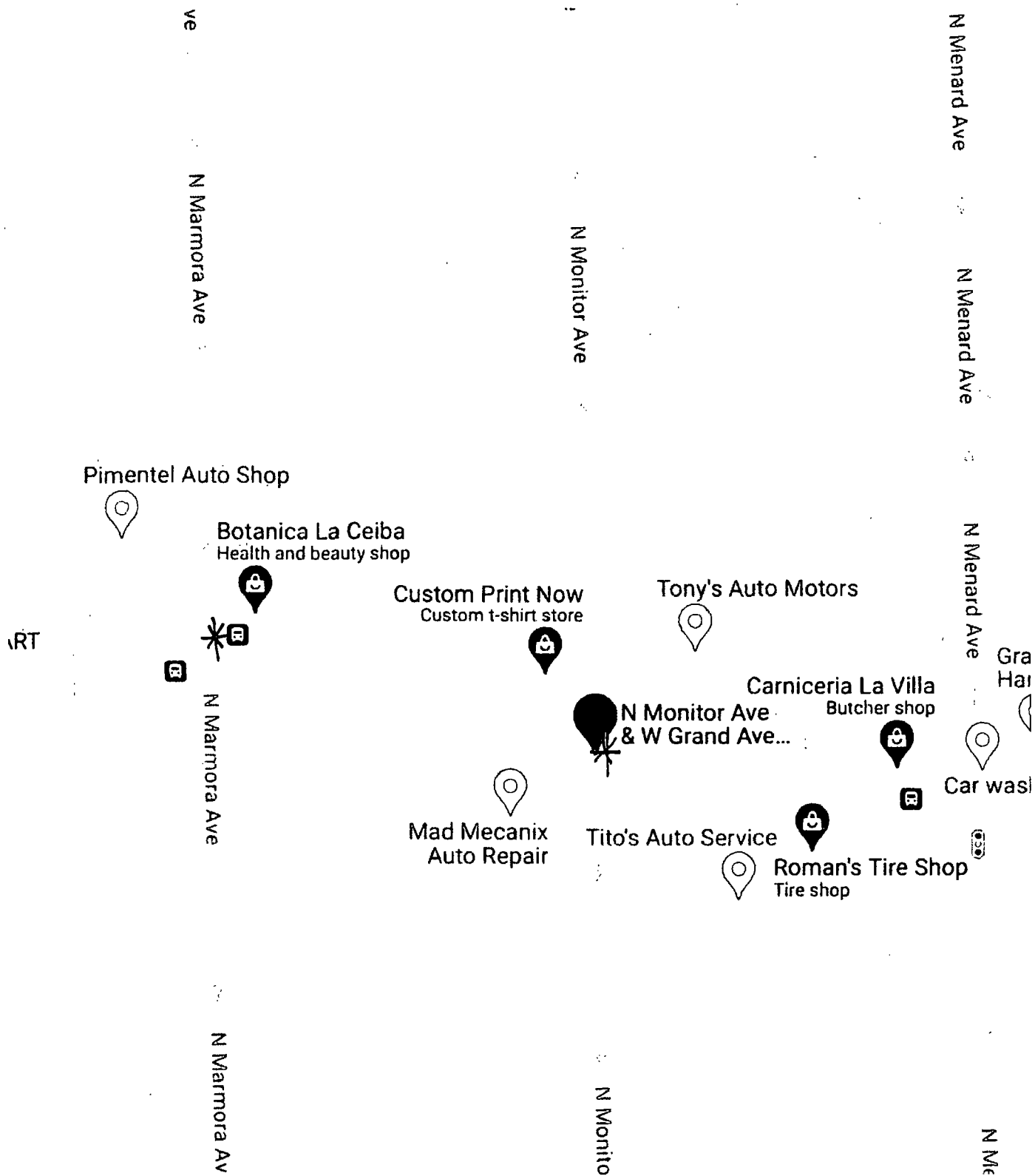
In his spare time, Roman was the life of the party and those who sought a good laugh, great game of poker, a savory well-done steak, or a set of tires knew to go see him. His wife, Edyta, and children - Monika, Jessica, and Nick - remember him as the most adventurous and passionate spirit. If he was not at the tire shop, he was beekeeping, jet skiing, snowmobiling, ATVing, or relaxing in his wooden cabin, but he always went back to his main base of 36 years- Roman's Tire Shop.

Roman passed on September 29, 2021 - in the simplest terms due to an enlarged heart. His loving son, Nick Kurzac, and life-long friend and employee, Berto, will continue his legacy at Roman's Tire Shop - serving the Belmont Cragin community - full of hard-working individuals with the same entrepreneur spirit as his, seeking to build their lives to better the lives of themselves and their children.

**REASONS FOR HONORING ROMAN KURZAC**

The 36th Ward is honoring the life of the late Roman Kurzac for his remarkable achievements as a Polish Immigrant who fully encompassed the American Dream. Mr. Kurzac lived life passionately and to the fullest; he was a loved father, husband, and friend; he was a well-respected entrepreneur; the small business owner of "Roman's Tire Shop"; and a community leader dedicated to the betterment of the 36th Ward for 36 years.


# EXHIBIT C



Office of Budget and Management  
121 N. LaSalle, Room 604  
Chicago, IL 60602

I, Gilbert Villegas, Alderman of the 36th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Roman Kurzac from my:

- upon passage of this designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.



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