

Andy's Grocery Store

Rte 5 - Van Buren Dunkirk, NY

Andy's Grocery Store has been servicing the public and particularly the needs of vacationers and residents of both Van Buren Bay and Van Buren Point for almost 80 years.

Built by Andy Abraham in 1929, the property is, even today, legally registered as "Andy's Grocery Store". However, this special store has over generations of time provided far more than just groceries.

For example, from 1932 to 1962, Frank "Zach" Zacharias had an automotive repair station in the attached area behind the store. In addition, gasoline and oil have been sold at Andy's since opening day in 1929.

All kinds of groceries, ice, beer, fresh corn, phone books, candy, dairy products, slushies, cigarettes, phone and written messages, local stories, tales, and on and on have and still are provided every day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Today most people refer to the store as Bobby's". Bobby Boorady acquired the property in 1959 and has been "King of the Store" for the last 49 years.

A major addition to the business occurred in 1971 when Bobby received a rural post office appointment- Van Buren Point, NY. - which even includes the store's very own zip code- 14166. Since opening day, mountains of ingoing and outgoing mail for Van Buren vacationers, residents and guests have been handled.

The attached sketch of "Andy's General Store" was artistically created by a University of Maryland student from a post card. The sketch is Andy's General Store as it looked in the late 1960's, and was commissioned for Bobby's special Retirement Party given on July 26, 2008.

Each copy is personally hand autographed by Bobby Boorady and numbered with only fifty original copies to be issued.

Bobby Boorady is a true legend in the personal lives of literally thousands of residents and guests of Van Buren. Many who have entered this special store have experienced the "once-in-a-lifetime thrill" of a personal encounter with Bobby - "Put your money on the counter, honey".