



Nicholas Kanakis

August 20, 2017

Nicholas Kanakis, age 92, passed away peacefully on 08/20/2017 at home.

He lived a full life that was filled with good friends, a happy family, and an abiding faith in God. A child during the Great Depression who was raised in the inner-city confines of Newark, New Jersey.

Drafted into the United States Army in January 1943, he rose to the rank of second Lieutenant by the end of World War II. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his service at the Battle of the Bulge. He was also afforded the opportunity to join the United States Army Air Corps as a pilot.

He married the love of his life in 1950 and they set out to raise a family in suburban Northern New Jersey.

He was a founding member of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff, New Jersey which he always perceived as his greatest accomplishment.

During those years, he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Rutgers University and went on to become an administrator/officer in various companies. He retired as a Vice President at

Corning, Inc. in 1986.

A member of the Greatest Generation who have hopefully taught us the importance of perseverance, integrity, and hard work.

Dad and his generation showed us that the American dream is possible for anyone.

He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Androniki Kanakis, in 2012.

He is survived by his son Dr. Steven Kanakis, his two grandchildren (Alexander and Nikki), and his brother and sister-in-law (Harry and BI Kanakis).

Church service at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Sarasota, Florida on Wednesday, 08/23/2017 @ 10AM with Interment to follow at Palms Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This can be done at www.typeonenation.org, click on donate at the bottom of the page, on the next page click on "Donate Online," and on the next page on the left you will see "Memorial Donation."

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“ *To Nick's family,*

We were saddened to learn of Nick's passing.

*I fondly remember Nick and Nikki,
and Nick's mother, who was a cousin
of my mothe, Efthalia.*

*My wife, Ifigenia, and I offer our condolences.
May his memory be eternal, and may all of you live long and happy
lives.*

James Boulogiane

James Boulogiane - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM