



Andreas Dionyssiou

November 26, 1928 - July 20, 2017

Andreas Dionyssiou, co-owner of Rudy's Hot Dog, passed away peacefully on the July 20, 2017. He was born November 26, 1928 in the village Sysklipos, Cyprus. He was the son of Posexeni and Dionyssios Hadgiharalambou .

In the late 1940's Andreas, or as his friends called him Andy, left his homeland of Cyprus and immigrated to the United States. Soon after, Andy met the love of his life Joan Richardson. They married in 1951. Immediately after marriage, Andy was drafted into the Korean War serving his country bravely with an honorable discharge as Sergeant in the United States Army. Andy and Joan had two children Daniel and Paula. Their family grew to include 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren all of whom Andy loved deeply, never missing a chance to spend time with them.

After discharge from the Army, Andreas joined his uncles, Rudy and Gus, in a small business adventure. Later he partnered with his brother Harry to lay the foundation of the successful Rudy's Hot Dog. The original location on the corner of Sylvania and Lewis, where Andy spent most of his time, is a staple of the community. Up until his death, he could be seen cooking and greeting customers with his infectious smile. Being able to say hello and talk to his loyal patrons brought Andy so much joy. The business now includes 6 locations in the Toledo area. Andy along with all of his business partners continue the long family tradition of the Rudy's Hot Dog brand and

commitment to their customers.

As patriarch of the family, Andy was instrumental in the sponsorship of many family members and friends to the United States including siblings, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Many of these beloved family members aided in the success of Rudy's Hot Dog. Andy truly believed that no matter how distant family should stick together.

Not only was Andy dedicated to his family and business, he also was dedicated to his church- Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Andy was active in several organizations. He held a lifetime membership to AHEPA and was a former president of the Parish Council. During his office he was instrumental with his business dealings in acquiring adjacent property's that facilitated the expansion of what the Greek community is today. Andy shared his love of cooking with his fellow parishioners and community. He led the kitchen staff in preparing meals for many church functions- most notably the annual Philoptochos Vasilopita and Greek Festival. Andy also held memberships to the Masons, Shriners, and Conn-Wiesenberger American Legion Post. Giving back to the community was very dear to his heart.

Andy's most beloved pastimes were spending time by the ocean, hunting, and traveling. In the winter months Andy enjoyed time spent at his condo, The Caribe in Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida. He owned the condo for 46 years where he loved enjoyed time with his family and countless close friends. There, he especially loved walks on the beach, shelling with his daughter Paula, and having numerous friends and family visit. His annual barbeque that had been hosted by he and his wife for 40 plus years, was a special event in which he would bring his famous Rudy's hot dogs and chili that all looked forward to as a winter tradition. This past year, he was honored with a Rudy's hot dog theme party in recognition of all of his years of party planning by the men's and woman's association of the Carbe. Big game hunting was always a

passion of Andy's as he took many expeditions throughout the United States and Canada with his nephews, grandson in law and close friends. Andy and Joan took many trips around the world, capturing many of the world's treasures together including Egypt, Greece, Spain and Caribbean. Andy was an avid golfer, participating in multiple tournaments yearly with his grandson Michael as well as other friends and family.

At the end of long days, Andy would retreat to his garden. Through growing flowers, vegetables and fruits, including the most 8 amazing figs from his Cyprus and Portugal, Andy would find relaxation. He felt connected to his father who tended fields and his brothers who shared his passion. Andy found joy in watching his great- grandchildren as they visited and picked their favorites.

Andreas is preceded in his death by his parents, son Daniel, grandson Andreas, Sisters Cassianni, Melpomeni, Nafsika, and brother, Socrates.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Joan, daughter Paula, grandchildren: Mara (Randy), Andrea (Adam), Anthony, and Michael, 6 great-grandchildren, and brother Harry, treasured nieces and nephews, and friends.

The family would like to send a special thanks to you Promedica Hospice especially Lisa, Wendy, and Wanda for the tender and most sincere care Andy received.

Friends are invited to visit on Monday, July 24, 2016, from 2-9 p.m. in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave., where Trisagion Prayers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior St.

Rev. Larry Legakis Officiant. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery. Those wishing to make memorial donations are asked to consider Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Those wishing to send his family online condolences are may do so at www.ansberg-west.com.

Tribute Wall

AN

“Â My deepest sympathy to each of you for your loss. When death overtake our loved ones, we feel helpless.Â We can take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Father is there to help us during this difficult time. He is close to the brokenhearted.

Psalms 34:18

Annette - July 27, 2017 at 03:27 PM

VM

“ Mrs. Dionyssiou, Paula, and Family..Most Sincere condolences and Sympathy on the passing. He was most genuinely the biggest heart and kind man. I will always remember his generosity to all of us when we were young in so many ways.My prayers to all for his peaceful rest....and his memory eternal.

Vince Manera - July 25, 2017 at 11:50 AM

JC

“ Dear Paula,

So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jo Ann Callanan

Jo Ann Callanan - July 25, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Andy's passing. My heartfelt sympathy goes without saying to all of Andy's family. My mom ,Ruth Woollard , worked for Andy and Harry for 45 years and they were wonderful to her. My children grew up on Rudy's hot dogs and chili. Andy was the nicest ,kindest person and he surely will be missed ! Sadly we are out of town and cannot attend Andy's services but my prayers are with you in your sorrow! With my sincerest condolences- Dennis McHue

Dennis McHue - July 24, 2017 at 04:39 PM

CF

“ Please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences on the loss of your dear Andy. I first met him in 1980, when I used to plow the snow at Rudy's. Andy was always the most sincere, gracious, and giving person. Andy is an example of a great American; he immigrated here, served his country; and built a life and business and fully assimilated into American society, to which he contributed so much. Andy was always so welcoming and hospitable to me and my family every time we visited Toledo and made our pilgrimage to Rudy's. Andy is a great man and we will miss him dearly. The Jordan Family, Stafford, VA.

Colonel John Jordan & Family - July 23, 2017 at 10:32 PM

JS

“ I remember some 40 years ago riding my bike there and he was always so nice and would take the time to talk to me. I'm 54 now and he still would take the time to talk to me. He will be missed . I'm grateful for 40 years of his kindness

Jim Strabler - July 23, 2017 at 09:56 PM

DS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss .My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Deb Sliwinski - July 23, 2017 at 07:42 PM

SV

“ The whole church community in Toledo was like an extended family and Mr. Dionyssiou was a wise hard-working always with a smile leader.
My parents considered Andreas a great friend.
An example for our times. Memory Eternal to all the Dionyssiou family.

Steve Vassiliou - July 23, 2017 at 12:22 PM

MW

“ Harry & Paula and Family: I am so sorry. Andy was a wonderful human being and will be sorely missed. As a child living on Walker in the early 50's I met the Dionyssiou's at Rudys. Andy & Harry were always so kind. They quickly learned my name and never forgot me! Every time I ran into them whether it be at the golf course or at the restaurant they would greet be with a big "Maria". You are all so special and Andy will always remain in my prayers as will Harry and the rest of your family. Rest in Peace Andy, till we meet again.

Mary Wening - July 23, 2017 at 10:02 AM

PB

“ Dear Mrs. Dionyssiou and Paula,
I grew up on Revere Drive and remember your husband/father very well. He always had a smile for a neighbor and his love for his family was so true. I remember when he brought his dear mother over and she would walk to the end of street to collect grape leaves for her Greek dishes. I also remember how he would break at lunch time and bring hot dogs and milk shakes for anyone who was gathered at the house. He was a warm, happy and generous man. He will always be fondly remembered by Sue and me.
Sincerely, Pam Lang Buehrer

Pamela Lang Buehrer - July 23, 2017 at 09:06 AM

DS

“ I'm sorry for your loss Andy was a great person and a big contributor to Toledo and everyone who knew him. I'm 61 years old now I started working at Rudy's when I was 14 years old my father Bob King was also a member of con weisenberger post. my earliest memories are of hand Harry Andy Gus Sam Danny and Zack working behind the counter. he will live in our Memories Forever
God bless

Debra Stokes - July 23, 2017 at 07:41 AM

JB

“ Joan, Paula & Dionyssiou family. We are very sadden with the news that Andy has been taken from you and all of us. He was such a great person in addition to being a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a giver in a world full of takers. He treated his friends, employees and customers always with respect. He was a friend to our family and especially to my Uncle George. It's impossible to replace Andy. We are all better people because of him. May his memory be eternal.

John & Denise Bellas - July 22, 2017 at 08:32 PM