



Dimitrios "Jim" Mitsopoulos

January 3, 1936 - November 25, 2020

Dimitrios "Jim" Mitsopoulos, age 84, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. He was born in the Village of Gonoussa in Greece on January 3, 1936, to Antonios and Efthymia Mitsopoulos. He spent his childhood in Greece with his four siblings and served honorably in the Greek Army. After his service he immigrated to Toronto where he met and married Athena Vergos.

In 1972, he moved his family to Sylvania, Ohio and shortly after he opened Jim's Pizza Paddle. For over 30 years he prided himself on serving the best homemade greek cuisine. He is known for his homemade grape leaves, gyros, pizza and greek salads. In 2004 he opened and operated Dimitri's in Sylvania until his retirement in 2008. Besides cooking, Jim had a passion for gardening and has been featured in several articles in the Toledo Blade, showcasing his crop. He also enjoyed hunting with his close friends and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved being a Pappou and doted on all his grandkids.

Although he lived in this country for so many years, he never forgot the place where he took his first steps. He always spoke with nostalgia for his village Gonoussa in Greece and always dreamed of the next time he would travel to find his favorite places, his paternal home, and friends from the past. He was happy to see his family grow and was always the constant factor that the

others around him relied on in every difficulty. The simplicity of his character, his straightforwardness and his kindness were the characteristics of a very likeable man who many were lucky to have known.

He is survived by his loving wife, Athena Mitsopoulos; his children Rebecca, Efthymia and Tony (Catherine); grandchildren, Dimitrios, Athena, Theodora, Elias, Alexander, and Gus.

Forever in our hearts, we love and miss you.

The family will receive friends at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604 on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be observed at the church. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
740 N. Superior St
Toledo, OH 43604

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ I worked at Jim’s Pizza Paddle in 1993-1994. It was my first real job. Jim was always so kind to me and made the absolute best pizza and Greek food. He had a wonderful smile and was so funny. Jim made me feel part of the family. May he Rest In Peace.

Jennifer - December 11, 2020 at 08:45 AM

GS

“ Deepest sympathy to Athena and Jim's family. He was a friend for many years and I will always remember him as a kind, generous man. The best Greek food I ever ate, outside of my yaya's kitchen, was cooked by Jim.
May his memory be eternal.
George Stamos

George Stamos - December 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

SW

So true George it was fun when we all worked together. You always won all the lottery tickets and Jim always had the best food. It was a great five years that I worked there. Jim was always like a second dad to me and I loved him and Athena

stacy west - July 08, 2025 at 11:11 PM

RM

“ Like it was yesterday, seeing Jim in the front window throwing flour on the rolled dough into the old pie pan. The best Gyro meat ever made and thrown on the flat grill to heat up. I always tried to make him smile, sometimes it worked. Thanks Jim and God Speed.

Ron Mettler - December 10, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was a kind man and great Papou who loved his family. We will always be thankful for the delicious grape leaves and pies he would send with Cathi and Tony to Cincinnati. Sending our prayers to you and hoping all of your wonderful memories of Jim bring you peace. Love, The Leonard’s

colleen leonard - December 09, 2020 at 07:59 PM

SP

“ To our dear friends, sending thoughts and prayers to all. God Bless!
With love from The Pryba Family

Sonny and Debbie Pryba - December 09, 2020 at 08:51 AM