



George D. Arvanitis

October 2, 1958 - July 9, 2020

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Our beloved George passed away suddenly July 9, 2020. George was born October 2, 1958 in Toledo, Ohio to James G. Arvanitis & Mary F. Yonts.

George attended Old Orchard grade school and graduated from Whitmer high school in 1977.

George was a man who wore many hats in his lifetime, a Tavern Owner, a Salesman, a singer, and storyteller. But above all else, he was a wonderful husband, loving father, doting Papou and a friend to many. George never met a stranger. Once you met him he would win you over with his warm smile and infectious laugh. You could always count on George for anything. He was always willing to help anyone when they needed it.

For many years George played Santa for family, friends and at his beloved Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. He was baptized there, played on the basketball team in his youth, sang in the choir, served on Parrish Counsel, and was very active in their Greek Festival every year. He was very proud of his Greek heritage. George served as treasurer and currently President of the local Ypsilanti chapter #118 of A.H.E.P.A. He was a member of Young at Heart. And also served as President of the Sons of American Legion, Walter Weller Post #0135.

George had many likes and hobbies. He was a huge fan of the Miami Dolphins, and Carlos Santana. He loved to play golf and singing while hosting Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night at Barbie's Place. He was known for

his crazy Hawaiian shirts which he wore daily. This was his trademark. The louder, the better. George loved his family so much. He was very close to his siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. George loved to quote movie lines and make people laugh. He was known for his great story telling. He was witty, smart and just a great person.

George and his wife Lisa (Vinson) were together for almost 36 years. They married on February 14, 1986. They had a wonderful life together with their children and grandchildren.

George will be profoundly missed by his wife Lisa, his children, Michael, Chris (Dawn), George (Allison), Katie (Andy), Venetia, Rachel (Phillip), and Shannon (Carlos). His beautiful grandchildren, Alexis (John), Michael, Christopher, Jordan, Joseph, Ethan, Esperanza, Abigail, Vanessa and Henry. Great grandchildren, Alexander, Benjamin and soon, baby Jackson. Also survived by brother James Arvanitis, sisters, Venetia (Gerry) Meyer and Gina (Jack) Garwood and many brother and sister in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends. George was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, John Pawlak.

Due to Covid 19, services will be private. A Celebration of his life will be held later this year. Donations may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral or donor's choice.

You are the sun, you are the rain
That makes my life this foolish game
You need to know, I love you so
And I'd do it all again and again.

While the pain of losing you is so great. I will see you every day in the faces and actions of our children. I miss you my love and will carry you in my heart forever.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 W Central Ave
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall

VA

“ *I miss you Daddy... Everyday I think of you I hope you feel that and know you are loved and miss terribly*

Venetia Arvanitis - November 08, 2023 at 02:40 PM

MV

“ *Lisa, We just found out about our friend George passing. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to you and the family. Merele & Diane Vinson*

M.E. Vinson - July 19, 2020 at 03:38 PM

DY

“ *We are sorry to hear about George. We will Miss Him. Dorothy & Manuel Yakumithis*

Dorothy Yakumithis - July 17, 2020 at 10:45 PM

JK

“ *Jim,*

I extend my most sincere sympathy to you upon the death of your brother. If there is anything at all that I can do to help, please call me.




Sincerely,

John Kolbeck

John Kolbeck - July 16, 2020 at 06:53 AM

MA

“HEY CUZ” That’s how he would greet me followed by a big hug and kiss. May you always keep Singing and spread joy to everyone there with you now. You have no idea how much you will be missed. We Will miss your smiling face and fun shirts that all matched for personality...

Christmas Will not be the same..for sure. I loved how Demi would call you Santa and we could make her behave because we would tell her Santa is watching you...literally because you were sitting right there....CUZ ...watch over all of usuntil we meet again  


Maria - July 15, 2020 at 11:33 PM

SU

“ Love you Papa Georgio! All my Love and prayers to the family and friends of George. The obituary is beautifully written. He was all those things! So much love! He gave so much love! I’m blessed to have so many memories with this family. I am heartbroken for this loss. May you all have peace. All my love SuzieQ & Family

Suzie - July 15, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JA

“ I will always remember his wonderful, unique Hawaiian shirts. He showed sheer joy when he displayed his latest one. We were all so happy for him. I enjoyed working closely with George while we were Presidents of our respective AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope chapters. I credit him the most with our Holy Trinity GOC Mission Statement, which was developed while we both served on Parish Council. When you read the Weekly Bulletin, think of George's legacy as you read the Mission Statement. It's a perfect reflection of his dedication to the parish and what we should all strive towards. May his memory be eternal.

Joyce Anagnos - July 15, 2020 at 09:37 PM

GF

“ George was a wonderful AHEPAn Brother and a dedicated member of the Greek community. May his memory be eternal.

George Anagnos Family - July 15, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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George Anagnos Family - July 15, 2020 at 09:29 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to George's family and the entire Arvanitis family. I was very fortunate to have coached George back in the days of the Holy Trinity intramural basketball program. George was a fierce competitor and what he lacked skill wise he made up with his heart. He turned out to be a fine human being. I have memories and photos that will always remind me of George. I will miss him. May his memory be eternal.

John Bellas - July 14, 2020 at 11:24 PM