



Stratos G. Kourous

April 30, 1930 - March 12, 2025

Stratos G. Kourous, 94, passed away peacefully in his home on March 12, 2025. He was born in the village of Filia, on the island of Lesbos, Greece, on April 30, 1930, to George and Eleni Kourous. Alongside his brother John, he supported their widowed mother through the harsh wartime period by making daily journeys across the mountains to the coast, where they traded olive oil for fish to feed their family. He served several years in the Greek Army and moved to Athens about 1948 to work. He married Aphrodite Androni on September 25, 1966, and together they immigrated to the United States in 1968 and became citizens.

He and Aphrodite owned and operated Brauer's Delicatessen (1980-1987), and also Norgetown Laundromat with his brother John until John's passing in 1989. Stratos and Aphrodite retired from running Norgetown in 2002. He was active in the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, volunteering at the Greek Festival each year, and was a member of AHEPA and Young at Heart. He enjoyed vegetable gardening and helping raise his grandchildren. He was dedicated to his family and was a wonderful papou who adored his grandkids and supported their academic and sporting achievements. He was also like a father to his brother's children, who lost their father 36 years ago. Stratos was a hard-working, gentle, honest man, always joking and making people laugh.

Stratos is survived by his wife of 58 years, Aphrodite; daughter Debbie

(Thomas) Kourous-Owen; Grandchildren Nicki and Steven Owen; Nephew George (Oona) Kourous; Niece Helen (Dennis) Kourous-Harrigan; great-nieces Elizabeth Harrigan and Sofia Kourous, and great-nephew Nikos Kourous; and many other relatives in Greece. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to First Health Hospice for their exceptional care of Stratos.

Friends and family are invited to visit on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 9:00am - 10:00am at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior St., Toledo, where a funeral service will begin at 10:00am. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Part one of two. Stratos interview 23:00 minutes <https://youtu.be/YDRFNw8OpqI?si=GkvNbUD47RhF-sRq>*

Helen Kourous Harrigan - March 16, 2025 at 06:53 PM

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“ *Καλό Παράδεισο αγαπητέ και αξέχαστε φίλε ΣΤΡΑΤΟ.Γιώργο & Αυγη Αναγνωστοπούλου.*

George Anagnos - March 16, 2025 at 11:18 AM

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“ *To Stratos family. We send our sympathy. Dorothy & Manuel Yakumithis*

Dorothy Yakumithis - March 13, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JB

“ *Aphrodite, Debbie & family. My deepest sympathy on the passing of Stratos. He was an important friend to the Bellas family. Stratos was as genuine of a person you could find. He was a devoted husband, father and papou to his family which spoke volumes. My father was very fortunate to have had him as a partner in business as well as someone that always was there to lend a helping hand to him and our family. His devotion to his faith and church did not go unnoticed. If there are washing machines in heaven I'm sure he will be working on repairing them. We have lost another great person who will be missed but not forgotten. May his memory be eternal.*

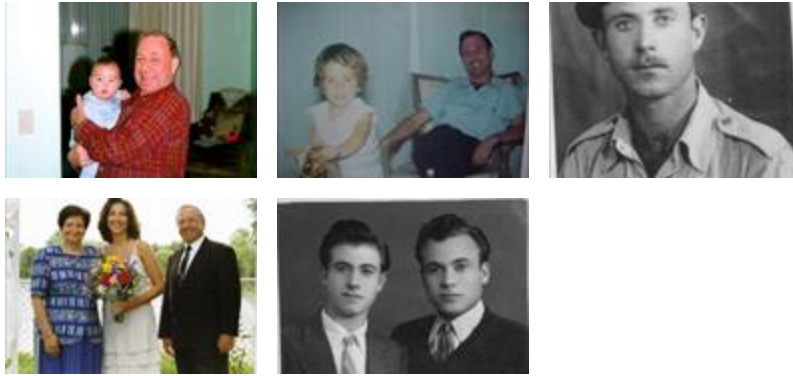
John Bellas - March 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM

GK

“ I am extremely grateful for the presence in my life of this wise and kind man -- short in stature but great of heart, infinite gentleness, admirable humility, and irrepressible good humor: ο αγαπημένος μου θείος, Στράτος Κούρους.

I honor his life, and cherish the lessons and kindness he shared with me, as do my own family, who were blessed to know him and have him in their lives.

Καλό ταξίδι, θείε μου αγαπημένε. Ζωή σε μας.



George Kourous - March 13, 2025 at 02:57 PM