



Mr. George K. Peterson

November 9, 1921 - September 21, 2014

George K. Peterson passed away at his home, Sunday, September 21, 2014. He was 92.

Born November 9, 1921 in Norfolk, VA, George and his family moved to Asheville in 1926. His father was a restaurateur and owned several restaurants in the area.

Joining the US military in 1942, George was Staff Sergeant and radio operator during WWII serving in India, China, and Burma until 1945. He enrolled in George Washington University in 1948 and graduated in 1952 with a degree in governmental accounting. He married Despina Fisfis in October, 1954, and they were happily married for 60 years.

George opened his first accounting practice in the early 1960's and was an accountant in Asheville for over 35 years. He also was a real estate broker and an appraiser for Buncombe County for several years.

He loved his church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and was a member from the time his parents joined in 1926. He sang in the choir for 75 years and served on the Parish Council for 37 years, including 17 consecutive terms. Serving as treasurer of the council when the church was built in the 50's, he wrote checks to the contractors on a daily basis for construction of the church and Hellenic Center. George served as the church's accountant for decades.

He was a lifetime member and treasurer of AHEPA.

An avid tennis player, George also loved music. He played the violin in the Asheville Symphony in the 1930's.

George was a loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather and was a man of great integrity. He is preceded in death by his grandsons, Pete, William, and Patrick. He is survived by his loving wife, Despina Peterson; brother, Johnny Peterson; sister, Mackey Griffis; sons, Dean (Stacee) and Stom (Kay); daughter, Maria (Jimmy); his nephew Pete, and his grandchildren Peter (Jessica), George (Anna), Eirene (Travis), John, Nick, and Zoe.

The family will receive loved ones at 6:15 PM, Wednesday, September 24th at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, a Trisagion will begin at 7:00pm. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday, September 25th at the church with Father Michael Diavatis officiating. Interment will follow at Lewis Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

SEP 24. 6:15 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.holytrinityasheville.com>

Trisagion

SEP 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. George K. Peterson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Stom and Family,*

I am so sorry to hear the loss of your father. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Yumi Marshall
Erie Insurance Commercial Underwriting*

Yumi Marshall - September 30, 2014 at 09:05 AM



“ *Brenda Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. George K. Peterson*



Brenda Lewis - September 26, 2014 at 09:35 AM



My thoughts and prayers are with you. I lost my own father last month. Dean and Stom, your friendship in high school will always be a trasure. I remember Maria , only a child, coming in to say hi when we came by. Mrs. Peterson, you and your husband were kind enough to invite me into your home to do a college project on the Greek Community in Asheville. My respect for your family and community was heightened by the experience. Mr. Peterson will be missed by many. I send you all my love, Brenda Culbreth Lewis

Brenda Lewis - September 26, 2014 at 09:45 AM

BW

“ To Mrs. Peterson, Dean, Stom, and all of George's family and loved ones we send our deepest condolences and bless his life here and beyond.

*The Warlicks
Lauretta, Billy, Robert, Laurie*

billy warlick - September 25, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DE

Thanks Billy. Love to the family.

Dean - September 28, 2014 at 07:00 PM

BG

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy on the passing of Mr. Peterson. We are neighbors close by. W. J. (Bill) and Lisette de Groot



Bill de Groot - September 25, 2014 at 08:02 AM

TF

“ The Meadows Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. George K. Peterson.



The Meadows Family - September 24, 2014 at 03:35 PM

RH

“ To the Peterson Family...when I first became a member of Holy Trinity in 1994 the first person to welcome me was your Dad. Over the years I spent many moments chatting with your Mom and Dad. Always wonderful people to talk with. Your Dad's background is filled with amazing accomplishments. Being a former Marine (Korea '53) I salute my fellow serviceman for his devotion to his country and dedicated service. He lived a full life surrounded by a loving family. I will light a candle in his memory and celebrate his unselfish contributions to our church, his family and country. God is now welcoming him into his Kingdom. You'll be missed by many my dear old friend.
God Bless...Ray Dean 9/24/14

Ray Dean (Hope Xenakis husband) - September 24, 2014 at 10:55 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. George K. Peterson.



September 24, 2014 at 09:05 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. George K. Peterson.*



September 24, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ *To Staum and Family,
Mary and I want you to know that we are thinking of you at this time..
Mary and Buddy Rosenberg*

Buddy Rosenberg - September 24, 2014 at 08:37 AM



“ *To Dee and Dean and Maria and Strom-----I was soo hurt to hear of your Dad's death--he was such a special person and I know your family will miss him terribly. When I think of your Dad I think of kindness-----with a twinkle in his eye. He will be missed.
debbie giezentanner*

debbie giezentanner - September 23, 2014 at 06:02 PM



“ *Debbie Giezentanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. George K. Peterson*



debbie giezentanner - September 23, 2014 at 05:57 PM

FS

“ Frankie And Ed Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. George K. Peterson



Frankie and Ed Smith - September 23, 2014 at 12:50 PM

EB

“ Erie Insurance Charlotte Branch purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. George K. Peterson.



Erie Insurance Charlotte Branch - September 23, 2014 at 11:14 AM

SW

“ Mackey, Johnny and Dee: I am so sorry to hear of George Passing away. He was such a sweet man who will be missed by his family. I remember him from from the days of Connie Fashions. My thoughts and prayer are with you in your time of sorrow. Love you all, Shsirley Wallen rose0424@gmail.com

Shirley Wallen - September 23, 2014 at 10:04 AM

TD

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of George. He was kind and caring to all. May God Bless your family in your time of sorrow. Zoie se sas.

Mr. Angelo Dotsikas and Family
Mr. Theodore Dotsikas

Tula Dotsikas - September 23, 2014 at 08:42 AM

JP

“ I wanted to express my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Peterson. With love, Joy Giezentanner Phillips

Joy Giezentanner Phillips - September 23, 2014 at 08:40 AM

JS

“ Dean and Stom, I am so sorry to read of your father's passing. I will always remember his sweet smile and kind eyes and loved running into all of you all, whether it was at the Greek community center or at one of the many restaurants both our families frequented. I wish I could be there for the funeral but I can't. I will be there in spirit. Love to you all.

Jan Schochet - September 23, 2014 at 08:19 AM

DL

“ Dennis & Elenie Loux lit a candle in memory of Mr. George K. Peterson



Dennis & Elenie Loux - September 22, 2014 at 05:52 PM

EC

“ Eileen Conley lit a candle in memory of Mr. George K. Peterson



eileen conley - September 22, 2014 at 04:46 PM