



Tommy Sarris

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Athanasios “Tommy” Sarris passed away on July 14, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Vasiliki “Bessie” Binikos Sarris. Loving father of Nicholas Sarris and Clio Sarris Gemelas (Themistoklis Gemelas). Cherished grandfather of Vasiliki, Argyro, and Nikolas Gemelas. Preceded in death by his parents Nikolas and Marigo Matheou Sarris. Dear brother of Dimitri Sarris, John Sarris, Despina Loulis, Zambela Lilitsas, and Panagiotis Sarris (all deceased). Uncle, cousin and friend to many. Tommy Sarris was born in 1928 in Ikaria, grew up in poverty, started work at age 6 in a barber shop dusting hair off customers to bring his earnings home to feed his parents and 5 other siblings. Then his uncle gave him an opportunity to come to the USA. A true immigrant story, had \$75 dollars in his pocket and a heart full of dreams and ambition. He worked hard as a dishwasher, meat packer and finally a machinist. He went to a dance, asked a young lady to dance and the love story began. He got a package deal...a beautiful wife, Bessie and a loving mother in law, Hariklia. They married in 1957, a true love story, had two children Nick and Clio. He worked hard for his family and supported his siblings and parents with the little money he was making. He sponsored three of his siblings and brought them to America. He sent money to educate his baby brother, the only one to attend college and become a civil engineer. The love he had for his family was endless. The smile on his face was permanent. He would sing as he would get up in the morning and go to work. Clio and Themis gave him the true loves of his life, his grandchildren, Vasiliki, Argyro and Nikolas. He spent his retirement raising his grandchildren. The devastating journey of dementia began in 2004 slowly destroying his mind, but never destroying his kind heart. He spent the last year of his life, searching every room of his house, at all hours for his beautiful wife Bessie who left him on July 16, 2019. Now they are together again, hand in hand in heaven looking down on all the good they did. The only fault he has was being unselfish. He gave all he had for his family, wife, children,



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grandchildren, and friends. He was an angel on Earth and he will continue as an angel in Heaven. I love you daddy....forever and always.

All Funeral Services on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 11:00AM at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 2187 W 14th St, Cleveland, OH 44113. Due to Covid, limited to 25 guests at Church and face masks required. Interment at St. Theodosius Cemetery. Cemetery is open to all. Donations may be made to Pan Icarian, Chapter Pharos, Cleveland, Ohio.




Events


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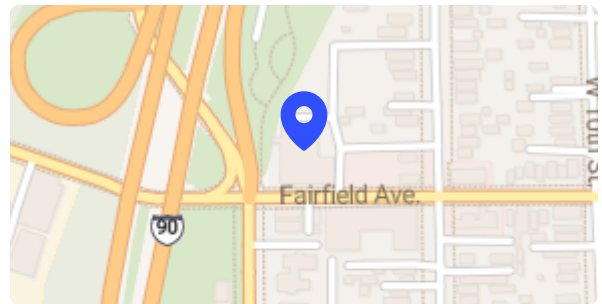
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Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, July 18, 2020

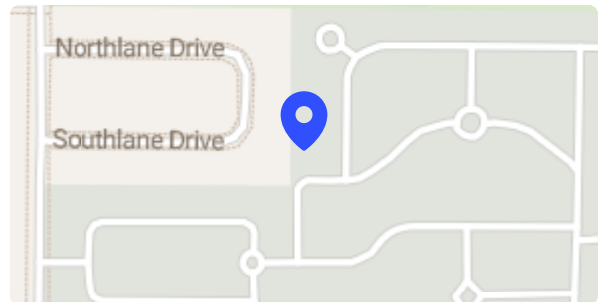
 11:00 AM ET

 **Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church**
2187 West 14th Street, Cleveland OH



Cemetery Details

 **St. Theodosius Cemetery**
8200 Biddulph Road, Cleveland OH 44144





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IS

Irene Sarris lit a candle in honor of Tommy.

A prayer, a flower, a candle and sad tears of pain on your grave, our dear uncle Tommy!!! May God put him in a special place where he will be watching us, the people who loved and cherished him. Remembering his smile, his kindness, his wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on... Our beloved cousins, in this sorrowful time, we would like to extend you, our heartfelt condolences... Irene, Nikos Sarris Καλό ταξίδι πολυαγαπημένε μας Θείε Θανάση!!! Θανασό, όπως σε φώναζε ο μπαμπάς, ξέρω ότι θα συναντηθείτε και πάλι με τη θεία Μπέσση και θα είστε για πάντα αγκαλιά... Θυμάμαι ότι κάθε φορά στο τηλέφωνο μου έλεγες να προσέχω τον πατέρα μου... Σε παρακαλώ τώρα είναι η σειρά σου να προσέχεις το μπαμπά μου και τη μαμά μου και είμαι σίγουρη ότι θα είστε και πάλι, όλοι μαζί παρέα, στον Παράδεισο.... Ειρήνη, Νίκος Σαρρής, τα πρώτα σας ξαδέλφια...



July 18 at 12:06 AM

CG

Clio Gemelas July 19 at 5:59 PM

Thank you so much... He loved you very much, all the family, but your dad was his special baby brother.

RM

Renee Miller lit a candle in honor of Tommy.

My sincere condolences to the family. May God comfort and keep you through this difficult time

July 17 at 2:27 PM



CG

Clio Gemelas July 19 at 5:59 PM

Thank you Renee. He is now whole in a better place



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Sarris family.

July 17 at 7:11 AM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Sarris family.



July 16 at 8:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sarris family.



July 16 at 10:59 AM



From Rothiti Family sent a Tender Tribute to the Sarris family.



July 16 at 8:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Sarris family.



July 15 at 2:31 PM



Philip L. sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Sarris family.



July 15 at 1:19 PM



Toni posted:

Clio, I am so sorry to hear about your loss, especially since your dear mother passed not long ago. Your work family is here if you need us....Toni

July 15 at 8:43 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sarris family.



July 15 at 6:12 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tommy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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