



Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis

February 6, 1943 - November 5, 2015

Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis, age 72, passed away November 5. Born in Kefalonia, Greece, Jerry was a 45 year resident of Tinley Park.

Loving father to Anastasia "Stacie" Dendrinis and grandfather to Augustin Sotirios Marriage and Ambrose Gerasimos Marriage. Beloved brother of Leonidas (Kiriakoula), Panagiotis (Eleni) and Konstantinos (late Adrienne). Dear uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Sotirios and Anastasia, nephew Konstantinos and sister Penelope Theoharatos.

Born in the village of Komitata in 1943, Jerry grew up working with his parents and siblings on the family's land and cultivating their olive groves. After finishing high school, Jerry attended a technical institute in Lixouri, Kefalonia. He studied engineering, which he put to use during his three years of service in the Hellenic Royal Navy. In 1969, he left Greece for the United States, joining his older siblings as they started in the restaurant business. Through his decades in the family business, Jerry formed many lifelong friendships. He enjoyed watching sports, cooking for all of his friends, engaging in lively debates and was known for his legendary sense of humor. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Visitation Sunday, November 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with Trisagion

Service at 6:30 p.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 W. 183rd St., Tinley Park.

Funeral Monday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. with service at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, IL.

Interment following service at Evergreen Hills Cemetery, 3901 Park St., Steger, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

For info or to sign the guestbook (708) 444-2266 or heartlandmemorial.com

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I've been living in St Louis since 2014 after graduating from college and going to SLU for grad school but my dad was a regular "Uncle Jerry's", where he would frequently buy me kitty cocktails and Jerry would always applaud after I did dance routines two Shania Twain on the jukebox. No matter how many times I played man I feel like a woman he was always smiling always laughing and always ready to give me a high-five after. Throughout the years every time I came in the door he would get me a special treat from the back usually chocolate and tell me how proud he was of me. After my 21st birthday the first place I stopped in Tinley was Uncle Jerry's. Apparently it's been a while since he's been gone, but there's not ever going to be a day where Ive forgotten him

Steph Fessler - December 13, 2018 at 05:08 AM

KM

“ Lit a candle in Geresimos " Jerry" Dendrinos memory. You will be missed



Kara(Sasha) Marcott - November 09, 2015 at 04:14 PM

KM

“ Lit a candle for Gerasimos S. Dendrinos



Kara(Sasha) Marcott - November 09, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KM

“ *Lit many candles for Gerasimos S. Dendrinis.
You will be in my heart always, love Sasha*



kara marcott - November 09, 2015 at 12:26 PM

JO

“ *We spent a lot of time at Dendrinis in the 70's through 90's, and knew him well. I remember the steak sandwiches, the best! Jerry would make them at midnight.*

My self and friends and neighbors from Frankfort Square spent lot of good times there.

It's sad hearing about his passing, our condolences.

Joe and Harriet

joe - November 08, 2015 at 09:14 PM

TK

“ *My Uncle Jerry's heart and soul were open to everyone. In fact, he never asked anyone for anything in return, except mutual respect. He looked forward to simple acts of kindness that unexpectedly came his way. A moment at the Greek Islands eating marithes with his niece. A morning when we cheated on our healthy diets with a breakfast that was welcomed. The talks late into the night about what life held, as he navigated ahead of my years. He loved life and romanced it with all the vigor he had in his mind, heart, and soul. He was wise and noble, but his education came from not only school, but from the seasons of his life. He cared deeply for his family and friends and you knew he had your back because he was authentic. He never minced words, but always shared his truths in a way that rattled the universe because his truth was unbiased and had the capacity to make you reflect. The world got a little darker this past week with his passing. While I will deeply miss my late night talks with you and the solitude that came from your strength and kindness, we will continue to talk every night, as your memory will always be alive in my mind and heart. May your kind soul rest in peace at last, as you join my mother and father in heaven. O theos na exei ti spxi sou.*

Tasia Katapodis - November 08, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis.*



November 07, 2015 at 09:44 PM

FB

“ Jerry will be missed greatly! What a kind generous & loving soul! God bless you Jerry! My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Fran Brescia

Fran Brescia - November 07, 2015 at 08:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis.



November 07, 2015 at 07:16 PM

JB

“ Jerry. We will miss you my friend. You were a special kind of guy. Always remembering you, Jeff & Fran Brescia



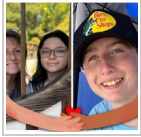
Jeff & Fran Brescia - November 07, 2015 at 10:01 AM

TO

“ Tim O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis



Tim O'Brien - November 07, 2015 at 06:01 AM



“ *Donna Eichstaedt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis*



Donna Eichstaedt - November 07, 2015 at 04:21 AM



“ *Lisa sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerasimos "Jerry" Sotirios Dendrinis*



Lisa - November 07, 2015 at 12:48 AM



A special kind of man. Miss you my friend. Jeff & Fran Brescia

Jeff Brescia - November 08, 2015 at 11:03 AM