



Sotiris "Sam" Kyres

November 22, 1930 - September 27, 2017

Sotiris "Sam" Kyres, age 86 of Crown Point, IN (formerly of Merrillville), passed away on September 27, 2017. Sam was born in Nestani, Greece and immigrated to Northwest Indiana in 1951. He fell in love with the United States and shortly thereafter with his lifelong partner, Despina (Nina) Morgan. He was employed at US Steel for 30 years. Together with Nina, they owned and operated The Village Snack Shop in Gary, IN and the Odyssey Restaurant in Merrillville, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andreas and Christina Kyres, loving wife, Nina and sister, Maria. He is survived by his children; Andrew S. Kyres of Crown Point, IN, Maria (Larry) Pavlou of Wheaton, IL; grandchildren Melanie and Spiro Pavlou; brothers, Gust, (Vassilike) Kyres of Rutherfordton, NC, Tom (Pamy) Kyres of Crown Point, IN, sisters, Betty (Gus) Romas of Orland Park, IL, and Petroula (Kosta) Galani of Greece; sisters-in-law Bessie (late Elias) Gazis of Des Plaines, IL and Joan Irene Kolozenski (late Edmund) of Merrillville, IN; caregivers Michelle & John Kelly and Denise Nelson, as well as many nieces and nephews, and numerous dear friends.

Sam was an active member and Past President of the Parish Council of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. In addition, Sam was an active member of the Merrillville Kiwanis.

Sam was a dedicated member of the Gary/Merrillville Order of AHEPA Chapter #78, serving as Chapter President, Board of Governors, and District Governor for Indiana District 12. He was especially proud to have a leadership

role in the AHEPA 78 Senior Apartments in Merrillville serving on the Board of Directors and overseeing the construction and development of six phases. Sam's heart was as big as his smile. He was the life of a party and will be remembered for his Greek Tsamiko dancing. Sam loved spending time with his grandchildren, watching the Chicago Blackhawks, bowling and playing poker with his AHEPA brothers and friends, and meeting with his Tuesday morning breakfast group. He was also a huge World War II enthusiast and active in local politics.

Friends may visit with Sam's family on Sunday, October 1st from 12- 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, with an AHEPA prayer service at 2:30 p.m. and a Trisagion Service at 3:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison St., Merrillville, IN, with Reverend Fathers Theodore Poteres, George Pappas, Sam Dimitriou, and William Conjelko officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral or a charity of your choice. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
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Trisagion Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Sam was a good friend of my family as was his wife, Nina from the time I was a child. I will always remember his kindness, welcoming smile and pleasant demeanor. I will miss him as I miss his lovely deceased wife. Maria and Andrew, I pray your faith will keep you strong during this difficult time. You have my deepest sympathy.

Joan Doxas - October 02, 2017 at 11:53 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sotiris "Sam" Kyres.



September 30, 2017 at 12:38 PM

LF

“ Love, Jeff & Toulia Berti and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sotiris "Sam" Kyres.



Love, Jeff & Toulia Berti and Family - September 30, 2017 at 12:30 PM

HH

“ He had the warmest smile. He was always cheery and loved to guess which twin was which. He'd get so happy when he was right and it was hilarious when he wasn't. His presence will be missed in church. May his memory be eternal.

Hara C Halkias - September 29, 2017 at 09:24 PM

SC

“ A gentleman beyond words, Mr. Kyres will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the Christoff family. My first job was bussing tables at The Odyssey restaurant. Sam, Nina, and Andrew were outstanding to work for and created a joyful and successful working environment that many region friends can never forget. We all enjoyed many events together through our Greek heritage from festivals to weddings. May you all find peace and strength in the loving and joyful memories.

Susan Christoff - September 29, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ Mike, Michelle and I send our sympathy to Sam's family--he was the best boss ever. I so enjoyed all my years as a waitress at the Odyssey Restaurant. He was so good at what he did--proud to have worked there. And Andrew was such a good son--we were able to still meet for lunch as a group even after all these years. Mike, Debbie and Michelle Vega



Debbie Vega - September 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM

CM

“ Crown Point City Council members purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sotiris "Sam" Kyres.



Crown Point City Council members - September 29, 2017 at 03:58 PM

RF

“ *Reynaldo M. Caluag and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sotiris "Sam" Kyres.*



Reynaldo M. Caluag and Family - September 28, 2017 at 05:09 PM

GP

“ *Andrew, Maria & Family- Sam & Nina are now back together, probably hosting a party in heaven and asking God if He wants something to eat. They were the dearest and kindest people who never met a stranger. We have missed Nina and now mourn the loss of Sam. May your faith, family, friends and memories give you comfort and strength. Their enduring legacy is love as God loves us. Bob & Gayle Pahl*

Gayle E Pahl - September 28, 2017 at 03:18 PM