



## George Golemis

May 26, 2020

George Golemis 1948-2020 It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the loss of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, George Golemis passed away on Tuesday, May 26th. George Golemis was born in Palaiopanagia, Sparta, Greece to Niki and Vrasidas Golemis. He grew up with four sisters and was known to be “the light” in the family since he was the youngest and only spartan boy in the family. Like his father and grandfather, he wanted to follow the American dream and He came to America and started a career in the restaurant business at the age of 18. In 1972 he became a partner at Tops Diner which he took over solely in the 80’s. He loved his job, staff, and customers. Tops was his second home. He was loyal to his customers and they were not only loyal, they respected him for the man he was. In 1973 he married Angeliki and they had four children whom he loved more than anything. They raised their four kids, Niki, Van, Jimmy and John in River Vale, NJ.

He worked hard at Tops with the whole family. He was a man of integrity and respect. There is not a person who had met George and said that he was so soft spoken and full of respect. He was always helping family and friends in any way he could.

The boys took over Tops so George and Angeliki could spend the past few years traveling and enjoying life. He was so proud of what they were doing with Tops and how they brought Tops to another level. He loved swimming in the clear blue sea of the Aegean. He loved the road trips that we would take. There will no longer be any Musketeer trips.

What can I say about the world’s greatest dad? He was an honorable, respectable, and loving man. He was kind, more than fair, he was sweet, gentle, and so giving.

He worked hard at everything he put his hands on and created magic. He touched so many . Our dad was an incredible man.

He loved his family more than anything and everything he did, he did for them. He loved his granddaughter Mia more than words can describe and he loved his 3 grandsons so much and all them worshipped their pappou.

I know we all have heard this before And I hadn't realized it until right now - that life is a lot shorter than any of us realize And you don't know what you have until it's gone.

He was greatness and we will miss him terribly.

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing should be impossible " If we as a family can put our trust in God, we can and will get through anything While on the ride called life, you have to take the good with the bad , smile when you are sad , love what you got and remember What you had. Always forgive but never forget . Learn from your mistakes but never regret.

People change. Things may go wrong. Just remember that life goes on ..

Georgaki, Baba, Pappou, you will always be in our hearts and we love you so much now and forever ... 

George will be laid to rest on Friday May 29th in a private ceremony Arrangements made by Barret Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to: St. Basil Academy 79 St Basil's Rd, Garrison, NY 10524

# Comments

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the Golemis family on the loss of your husband and father. Through the years I came to know George as a deeply religious man with faith, conviction, and a tremendous work ethic. He left behind a beautiful family and will be missed by all who were blessed to know him. May he Rest in Peace and his memory be eternal.

Yvonne Callas DMD and family

Yvonne Callas - June 01 at 10:06 AM

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“ Angela our most heartfelt condolences to you and your most beautiful family in the loss of your husband .  
We feel your pain and we pray that your bereavement will be touched by the tenderness of our Lord.  
Αιώνια η μνήμη

Peter & Rhea Stassou & Family

Peter & Rhea Stassou - June 01 at 09:35 AM

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“ The world lost a great man when George passed away !!! A true gentleman who treated people with respect. To me George was a man's man. A John Wayne type. He raised a great family. He was one in a million. Rest In Peace my friend

Gary Garrison - May 31 at 02:49 PM

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“ Dear Angela and your whole beautiful family,  
My family is so saddened and so shocked to hear about the loss of your dear husband, father, grandfather and my dear friend George. Our deepest condolences to all of you and know that we are sharing in your sorrow. He was such a great gentleman, always generous and full of pride and praise for his family. We know that the great memories of him will always give you guidance and strength.  
May He rest in the eternal peace and my God bless all of you in these difficult days!  
Maria Cividini and family



**Maria** - May 30 at 02:43 PM

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“ I had the honor and pleasure to have worked with and known George for over thirty years. His love for his family, and pride in his children and grandchildren was immense. He was a hard working dedicated man, and my deepest condolences go out to his beautiful family You are all in my heart and prayers. Always.

**Veronica Costa** - May 30 at 01:05 PM

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“ We extend our most sincere condolences .May He rest in peace & May His memory be eternal.  
He was a gentleman ,a kind man and we will remember him fondly.  
Καλό Παράδεισο φίλε Γιώργο !!! Ζωή σ'εσας να τον θυμόσαστε με τις πιο ωραίες αναμνήσεις.  
We are very sad that we can't say our last goodbye but we will light a candle in his memory.

**Amprazis Family** - May 30 at 02:09 AM

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“ We are sending our deepest condolences to your family and prayers. May his memory be Eternal and forever in our hearts



**Dr. Lambro Demetriades** - May 29 at 08:46 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to your beautiful family. We are extremely saddened by this loss. We send our love and prayers to you. May his memory be eternal and he will always be remembered for the kind and loving family man.



Marianthi Sapaskis - May 29 at 08:42 PM

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“ Papou was an amazing and the best papou ever. He would do anything for me. He always use to pick me up from school with a hat that I would call his, "Taxi Driver Hat," then he would take me to "toysRus," and would say, "Aggelikoula, get what ever you want." And I would get shopkins (a range of tiny, collectable toys), and he would say, "small and cute." After we would go to HUSTONS and I would order BBQ ribs and he would order a salad and fish, and sometimes the chicken. We would always play foosball, soccer, go on walks, build legos and muchhh more. I loved to go swimming with him in Greece. He was the one who inspired me to start swimming and now I love it so much and I am great at it. And he always called me papia (duck in greek). He introduced me to watermelon, and after that, it became one of my favorite fruits until now. He would always buy when I would come over to his house, and then we would have it for desert. I will never forget the time that my dad and I went to my uncles house to watch a JETS game and my papou was their too, and he fell asleep during the game. I will also never forget the time we went on the JETS football field. I had such a great time when I went to Greece with my yayia and papou, but then we went to Paris, France with my Nouna and went to Disney World their too! And we went on the STAR WARS roller coster with him, which went veryyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy fast!!! Thank you so much papou for bringing so much joy, love, and so much more in my life. I was so lucky that I got to spend 10 amazing years with you. I wish the twins and Dimitri got to enjoy more with you because they love you so much, and I know you do too. I will always remind Dimitri and the twins about their BRILLIANT papou. I miss you so much and you will always be in my heart. I wish you didn't leave, and I so sorry that all that is happening right now go you so scared. I love you so much papou and I wish I got to have my last hug and kiss with you.  
LOVE,  
Mia Golemis  
\*PLEASE STAY SAFE  
\* Papou we love you so much

Jesus Golemis - May 29 at 08:27 PM



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“ Theo George was one of my favorites. Wise, kind and a funny man who didn't judge but always knew who to trust and not to. I will miss that smile and how he took the time to talk to me . I will miss those long talks.

**Kristin Vamvakitis** - May 29 at 02:20 PM

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“ After I had lost all my grandparents George was always there for all of us no matter what. I came to visit by myself last year and he knew I was going through something, he sat there and talked to me for hours, from that day him and I got closer. I loved and cared about him so much . He always could light up the room with just his smile. He will forever be missed. I love you lots and I'm happy that my grandparents gained another angel with them in heaven.

**Bethany Vamvakitis** - May 29 at 02:14 PM

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“ I will always cherish and remember the in depth conversations. My uncle was a great man that shared his wisdom through his experiences. What I always remember about our talks was how intrigued he would be to learn about my business and the things I've learned with my experiences. I will miss these talks and send my love to my Aunt, cousins and other family members. May his memory be eternal. Love - Jimmy Vamvakitis

**Dimitri Vamvakitis** - May 29 at 12:57 PM

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“ I remember when I came and visited he came outside and played soccer with me on the tennis court and he kicked the ball so hard it went over the gate and we had to go run and get it. He was such a sweet soul and I looked up to him all the time. May his memory be eternal. -Amalia

**Amalia Vamvakitis** - May 29 at 11:29 AM

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**Robert Serwatka** - May 29 at 06:06 AM

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“ George Was a very kind Man That I always Admired, I remember his Countless stories That He Would Share With me. They Always Made My Day. I am going To miss Making him espresso and Sharing Desserts Once In a while. My Thoughts And prayers are With the Family During This Hard Time.

Dayan Flores - May 28 at 11:44 PM

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“ I worked for George for 17 years 15 of those Years he ran the show It is very true that he was nothing but respectful towards his staff and his customers He Was truly the best part of the diner Although I have not seen him in 8 years my heart broke to hear the terrible news of his passing I remember always bragging about him That he would come into the diner with his expensive alfits.... And think nothing of taking his jacket off and getting behind the line to cook or walk the aisle with a coffee pot serving and welcoming his customers he was truly a great soul the world has lost an amazing man Time will never take away all of our talks and laughs and when he would call me miss America Rest in peace to a beautiful soul

Melissa Marra - May 28 at 08:15 PM

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“ Sierra Aiello lit a candle in memory of George Golemis



Sierra Aiello - May 28 at 07:21 PM

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“ I have known George and the Golemis family for almost 15 years, and I have always had a deep respect and admiration for the love, spirit and kindness that exuded from every aspect of their life, whether in business or their personal relationships. And it was apparent that the strength of this wonderful family came directly from Mr. and Mrs. Golemis.

George was always such a gentlemen, with a sly smile and warm heart that belied the fact that he was a very sharp businessman. And he always managed to make me laugh any time we spoke, no matter the purpose of the conversation. He will be greatly missed by me and everyone that he knew, and I send my deepest condolences to Mrs. Golemis, Van, John, Jimmy and the entire family that have always made me a feel a cherished part of their world. Αναπαύσου εν ειρήνη

John Galluccio - May 28 at 04:17 PM

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“ Rest in peace Mr. George Golemis



Raymundo Lopez - May 28 at 04:05 PM