



Demetrios "Jim" Kerkyras

February 28, 1934 - April 11, 2017

Demetrios "Jim" Kerkyras of Cadillac passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Samaritas Senior Living in Cadillac where he was for rehab. He was 83. \n\nHe was born on February 28, 1934 in Corfu, Greece to Nicoforos and Alexandra (Giannousis) Kerkyras. \n\nBefore moving to the United States Jim was a percussionist with the Corfu Philharmonic Orchestra in Greece. He moved to the United States in 1955 to attend the University of Michigan and later Wayne State University. While at school he worked at Stouffers Restaurant and Bar in Detroit. Jim served in the United States Army in the early 1960's. He then went to work for Fidelity Mutual Life for eight years. In 1972 he moved to Cadillac and purchased the former Elm Rest, currently known as Thirty's, and also owned and operated Midget Market and Domino's Pizza in Cadillac for many years. \nHe enjoyed gardening, was an avid reader and loved attending all his grandchildren's games. \n\nOn March 5, 1981 in Traverse City, Michigan he married the former, Georgia DeFrain and she survives him along with daughters: Renee Kerkyras of Sterling Heights, Lia (Chris) Johns of Warren, Andrea (Bob) Sake of Cadillac; grandchildren: Gabrielle Sake, Nicolas Sake, Anthony Sake, Georgette Sake, Donovan Johns, Avery Johns. \n\nHe was preceded in death by his parents and a step son, George Glavas in 1984.\n\nA memorial gathering will be held from 12 noon to 3:00 PM, Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Coyote Crossing Resort with full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard at 1:30 p.m. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. \n\nAn

online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ We sure will miss "
Jimmy the Greeks"
SMILE. What a nice man, caring, honest, respectful. Whenever we entered his space Jimmy always remembered you, your children & ask if you were happy. We extend our heart felt sympathy from the Anderson family (including our children Nate, Nikki & Angela). Will be thinking of you all in the grieving process. Sorry we did not know of the service, we wanted to be there for you.

John & Sue Anderson - April 25, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JF

“ *The pageant memories and good times with your family are written in our hearts forever, Georgia, Andrea and Bob. May God bless you and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Joan Wilkins & Family - April 24, 2017 at 05:24 AM

AL

“ *Sorry for your loss. Had many good talks with Jimmy. Got to know jim over the many years. Thoughts and prayers to Georgia, Andrea/Bob Sake and family. I will always cherish the visits with him.*

Arthur Hart (Art) Forest Lawn - April 15, 2017 at 03:55 PM

BG

“ *To know Jimmy the Greek is a pleasure. Jim was always kind and sincere doing business with. Jim fly high you' ve earned your wings. Remember keep the faith you will see him one day again.*

bonnie gravlin - April 15, 2017 at 09:32 AM

