



Dimitrios "Jimmy" Vlachos

September 15, 1929 - August 4, 2019

Dimitrios "Jimmy" W. Vlachos, age 89, died after a short illness on Sunday, August 4, 2019. He was born September 15, 1929, in Newburgh, NY, to Basil and Adrianna Vlachos. Jimmy was born in Newburgh right before the stock market crash of 1929. At the age of 2, he returned to Limnos, Greece, the home of his parents, and spent his childhood there. Jimmy returned to Newburgh in July 1947 at the age of 17, following an invitation made to all American citizens after the end of the World War II. Jimmy proudly went to night school at Newburgh Free Academy to learn English. In 1958, he married Dimitra Foundas, with whom he celebrated 60 years of marriage on October 11, 2018. Jimmy initially worked in the diner business, first as a busboy then as a short order cook, but, drawing on his love of the outdoors, he became a carpenter and eventually a contractor, building many homes in Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Marlboro, and the surrounding areas. Eventually, Jimmy returned to his love of cooking and opened Jimmy's Restaurant on Broadway in Newburgh in 1977. Jimmy and Dimitra cooked and ran what became a popular breakfast gathering place for 36 years until his retirement in 2012, at the age of 82. Jimmy was always there, smiling and greeting customers and ready to make the best pancakes in town. It was not unusual for him to go out in Newburgh years after his retirement and run into someone who would half-jokingly call out, "Jimmy, can you make me a ham and egg sandwich?" Though he enjoyed taking care of his customers, Jimmy's pride and joy was his family with Dimitra, daughter Adrianna and son Basil "Billy", and his grandchildren. When Adrianna became a doctor, Jimmy happily told anyone at Jimmy's Restaurant who would listen. She would often come in and customers would say, "Oh, are you the doctor he keeps telling us about?". Jimmy was equally proud of Billy, grinning from ear to ear when he graduated from college. He was proudest as a doting, loving grandfather to his grandsons, his legacy, for whom he would do anything and everything. Jimmy loved life, loved his vegetable garden, which he tended every year, loved cooking for his family, and loved music and dancing. He was a leader in the Greek community and in the church, serving as Board President for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and as Chairman for its Greek Festival for many years. Jimmy always put his friends and family first, whenever they needed him, keeping him active and young at heart well into his 89th year. His disarming humor and warmth lifted

everyone's mood and made everyone his friend. He is survived by his wife, Dimitra (Foundas) Vlachos of Newburgh, NY; daughter, Adrianna Vlachos and son-in-law Greg Schatz of Suffern, NY; son, Basil Vlachos, of Newburgh, NY; beloved grandsons James Vlachos, Dimitri Schatz, Michael Schatz, and Brandon Ostrowski; sisters, Sophia Tsiokos of Newburgh, NY, Despina Scholidis of Athens, Greece and Elli Papamanolis of Limnos, Greece; brother-in-law Peter Foundas and wife Angeliki; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins in the US and Greece as well as many, many friends. Family and friends are invited to the Brooks Funeral Home, 481 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh, NY from 5-8 PM on Tuesday, August 6, with the Trisagion Service beginning at 7 PM to pay their respects, remember, and celebrate Jimmy's life. The funeral will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 19 Fullerton Avenue, Newburgh, NY at 11 AM on Wednesday, August 7. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor. If desired, friends and family may make memorial contributions to Jimmy's beloved church, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 19 Fullerton Avenue (P.O. Box 2004), Newburgh, NY 12550.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Adrianna, Greg, Michael and Dimitri - we are so heartbroken about the passing of your father and papou. He was such a sweet, funny, wonderful personality.. a true papou to everyone around him. May his memory be eternal!!!! Our deepest condolences to you all.*

*With love,
Athena, Rich, Lachlan, Ben & Josh*

Athena, Rich, Lachlan Ben & Josh - August 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am truly sorry to read of Jimmy's passing. A man who always smiled and had something funny to say. From my childhood on up a truly remarkable man. Thank you Jimmy...*

Penny Fogarty - August 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Theo "Chico", You will be greatly missed , may you forever have eternal peace in heaven. Smiling down on everyone you love, and being embraced in warmth and love with God. Our deepest condolences to Thea Dimitra, Adrianna, Billy, Greg, Michael, Dimitri , James and Brandon.*

*With Love,
Paula, John, Johnny, Michael, and Ryan*

Paula and John Russell and Family - August 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Always a smile, Always willing to listen. Great guy. Condolences to all.*



DONNA Cornell - August 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Jimmy's Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort. I will miss Jimmy.
Angelo*

Angelo Mascioli - August 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM