

DEMOSTHENES (DAN) CONSTANTINE PIKRAS



Demosthenes (Dan) Constantine Pikras, aged 93 of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania passed peacefully on August 15, 2023. Known to many as "Uncle Dan" but to family he was called "Hon".

Dan grew up in the Hill District attending Fifth Avenue High then later joined the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Paratroopers as one of the "Jumping Gypsies". He was a prominent figure in the downtown Pittsburgh parking garage/lot business as the owner/operator of Dan's Parking until the late 70s when he and his wife, Irene, opened their restaurant in the historic Old Stone Tavern in the West End. Dan and Irene served up the famous recipes along with many a good story. After retiring while in his mid-80s he became the honorary bouncer at Cip's Bar in Dormont. He was a tough guy to the end.

Dan was a faithful member of the Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Dan was happiest while spending time with his beloved family and grandchildren entertaining all with his incredible life stories and razor-sharp memories.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Constantine (Gus) and Sophia Pikras; sisters, Mary (Pikras) Kakitsis, and Angela (Pikras) Houmis. Husband of the late Irene Pikras. Survived by his brother, John (Sheri) Pikras. Beloved father to niece, Alexandra (Kiki) Brooks, Dino (Kathy) Pikras, George Pikras, and Dannielle Pikras (Michael Archer). Adoring and loving grandfather to Athena Pikras, Nico (Megan) Pikras, and Julian Pikras. Uncle to many nieces and nephews, and loyal friend to Father Frank Firko.

Family and friends received on Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at **SZAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

Parastas will be held Sunday at 7:30 pm. The funeral will begin at Szal Funeral Home Inc. at 9:30 am followed by Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 10:00 am.

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