



## Frank Gus Tsutras

October 18, 1929 - November 29, 2019

Frank Gus Tsutras, 90, of Gainesville, Virginia, transitioned home on 11/29/2019, at Lake Manassas Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville, Virginia, following nearly 5 months of care. After a fall and subsequent complications, he was unable to recover and passed away quietly in his sleep.

Frank was born in Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia to Gus Tsutras and Kornilia Savas Tsutras, both having settled in WV after immigrating from Greece in the early 1900's. He worked in the family business, distribution of Juke Boxes and Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer, before attending West Virginia University and graduating with a business degree. He then returned to the family business and worked until entering the Air Force in 1951, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain.

Upon retirement from military service, he returned home and became Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Williamson, WV. Frank married Helen Kouros of Roanoke, VA on June 20, 1954. They remained in Williamson and, in 1957, Helen gave birth to their only child, Dean Frank Tsutras.

Frank's work at the Chamber earned him a reputation as a knowledgeable and caring humanitarian. This caught the attention of the Senator John F. Kennedy campaign through Southern West Virginia in the early 1960's, of which he traveled with. Eventually, Frank was offered a position as

Administrative Assistant to Congressman James Kee of West Virginia.

This new position meant a move to Washington, DC in 1965, where the family settled in Alexandria, VA, a suburb just outside of Washington, DC. He enjoyed a career on Capitol Hill for over 25 years, ultimately becoming the first Director of the Congressional Rural Caucus. He worked in Congress at the House of Representatives throughout his political career and retired in 1984.

After retirement, Frank and Helen moved to Williamsburg, VA where he worked as a Realtor for a number of years until returning once again to the Northern Virginia area. Frank remained a resident of Prince William County, Virginia until his passing.

Frank was an only child, as was wife Helen and son Dean. Frank was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife and son. Dean is married to Maria Batistas Tsutras and they have two children, Tino Tsutras, currently living in Atlanta, GA, and Alenah (Riffle), who is currently living in Nokesville, VA. Along with two grandchildren, Frank has one great-granddaughter and two step-great-grandsons.

The viewing will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, from 6:00-8:00 pm, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street in Manassas, VA. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 am, Thursday, December 5th, at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA. The interment will be held at 1:30 pm, following the funeral service, at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA, US. Route 29 (inside Manassas National Battlefield Park, between Centreville and Gainesville). Thank you in advance to all who can attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Special thanks to the staff and caregivers at Lake Manassas Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville, VA for their dedication and compassion during Frank's treatment since July of this year.

We thank our family and friends for their support during this difficult time.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church  
3149 Glen Carlyn Rd  
Falls Church, VA

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ I have very fond memories of Frank. He was indeed a kind and generous humanitarian. In fact, it was Frank that facilitated the first interview that culminated in my 27-year career on Capitol Hill (against all odds). I am forever grateful. I have often thought of Frank. Thank God for the internet. More importantly, thank God for Frank. My sincere condolences to his family. He was a wonderful man and mentor. May he rest in peace.

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**Carol Dubard** - July 07, 2020 at 07:22 PM

TL

“ To cousin Frank. He, Helen and Thea Kornilia made me so welcome when I first came back to the States for a visit and to see where I was born.  
My condolences to his family, Dean, Maria and their children and I hope his passing was painless and peaceful.  
Toni Lamb

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**Toni Lamb** - December 10, 2019 at 06:02 PM

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“ I have fond memories of "Thea Kornelia", Uncle Frank, and Aunt Helen visiting our family in Columbia, SC over the years. Uncle Frank was the master of ceremonies at my sister Anna Maria's wedding back in 1984. He had such a good sense of humor and was no stranger to the microphone! I know he was so proud of his family and loved them so. I especially appreciate the kindness his family extended to my dad when he came over from Greece. If it were not for their willingness to sponsor him, I would not be here today. Rest in peace, Uncle Frank!

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**Vicki Tsiantis Thorne** - December 04, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Gus Tsutras.*



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December 04, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ *My thoughts are with our beloved Frank as I remember when my husband Angelo Tsiantis came from Greece and the Tsutras family opened their home to him. Many thanks to the Tsutras family. I will never forget their kindness.*

*Violet Tsiantis*

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**Violet Tsiantis** - December 04, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *"Uncle Frank" was my father Angelo Tsiantis' second cousin. When my grandparents decided my dad, only 17 at the time, would have a better life after WWII away from Greece and in America he was sent to live with Uncle Frank's family in Williamson, WV. We will forever be grateful to Uncle Frank and his family for helping dad feel welcomed and for helping him finish high school and move to Columbia, SC. Dad was only a year younger than Uncle Frank - one can only imagine the adventures they shared. I have fond memories growing up in Columbia, SC with Uncle Frank and Aunt Helen coming to visit us often. Uncle Frank had such wonderful stories to tell us of his years "on the Hill". In my adult life he would share his pearls of wisdom with me and my husband Mark - He touched many and will be sorely missed. May his memory be eternal.*

*Anna Maria (Tsiantis) Hobbs*

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**Anna Maria Hobbs** - December 03, 2019 at 04:26 PM

DM

“ *Doctors & Staff of Lifetime Family Medicine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank Gus Tsutras.*



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**Doctors & Staff of Lifetime Family Medicine** - December 02,  
2019 at 01:52 PM