



Theofanis Kotjarapoglus

February 17, 1938 - June 8, 2024

Theofanis “Theo” Kotjarapoglus, 86, of Hidden Valley Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2024.

He was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania on February 17, 1938, to Angelo Kotjarapoglus and Zoe Efthimiadou. He grew up in the city of Jeannette, Pennsylvania, graduating from Jeannette High School.

Theo was a loving husband, a caring father, and a cherished friend to many, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and love. Theo’s always cheerful attitude and bright smile will be missed by all who loved and respected him dearly. He was a kind and gentle man who made the lives of all who knew him better.

Owing to his Greek heritage, Theo loved the ocean, and particularly enjoyed spending winter months in the Naples and Ft. Myers Florida areas, relaxing and fishing in the surf. A proud powerboat owner, he loved to traverse the waterways of Maryland during the summer months. He loved to travel, especially taking cruises with his family, and visiting New England and Lake Placid. One of his all-time favorite adventures was visiting the Greek islands and his extended family in Athens Greece.

He enjoyed golfing, spending time with family and friends, and especially watching his grandchildren playing sports. Theo had a love for all types of music, especially jazz artists such as Kenny G and Dave Koz.

After receiving both his undergraduate and post-graduate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh in Public Administration, his impressive 35-year career at the American Heart Association culminated in serving as the Executive Vice

President for Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Theo believed deeply in community service, serving on numerous boards and committees, including the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, The Vision of Hope Advisory Council, and Vision of Hope Development Committee.

Theo was a member of the Carlisle Elks and the Harrisburg Masons. He proudly served in the Army Reserves.

Theo is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Cathryn "Cathy" Kotjarapoglus and his daughters Kimberly Coll and husband Tom of Gainesville, Virginia and Christine Hudnall and husband David of Clifton Virginia, and his brother George Kotjarapoglus and wife Joan, of Murrysville Pennsylvania, sister-in-law Cindy Manolis, grandchildren Amanda Coll, Ryan Coll, Grant Hudnall, and several nieces and nephews.

Theo is preceded in death by his parents Angelo Kotjarapoglus and Zoe Manolis, and his younger brother Angelo Manolis, all from Jeanette, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 15 at Pierce Funeral Home 9609 Center Street, Manassas Virginia 20110. Visitation will be from 1-2 PM followed by a Greek Orthodox service at 2 PM. Burial to follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, Virginia 20109.

In Lieu of flowers, please send donations to The American Heart Association or National MS Society

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus*



Pierce Funeral Home - June 13, 2024 at 10:22 AM

JW

“ *Theo and I worked closely when I was president of the affiliate years ago. He was wonderful to work with. We stayed friends thereafter. When a synagogue was attacked a few years ago, he immediately picked up the telephone to share his shock and dismay. That was Theo. Just a wonderful individual. I will truly miss him. May his memory be for a blessing.*

Joel Weisberg - June 14, 2024 at 05:18 PM

JM

“ *Jiten & Kathy Shah, Barbara Murphy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.*

Jiten & Kathy Shah, Barbara Murphy - June 14, 2024 at 11:24 AM

JM

“ *Jiten & Kathy Shah, Barbara Murphy purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.*



Jiten & Kathy Shah, Barbara Murphy - June 14, 2024 at 11:24 AM

BW

“ *Theo was the Best Man at my wedding Feb 28, 1959. We drove to school together (Pitt). He taught me many Greek words. We played golf together. He and Kathy visited us in Florida. He was a very loving and thoughtful person. He was very proud of his family and loved Kathy dearly. As his family will, I will also miss him.. But he is in a better place, in the bosom of the Lord. My deepest condolences to the family. Bob White*

Bob White - June 13, 2024 at 04:17 PM

PP

“ *I am so sadden by this news. Theo was a kind loving man who cherished his family and was a great colleague to those in Association Management. He was so positive and insightful in his commitment to the Heart Association. I enjoyed working with him as members of the Pennsylvania Society of Association Executives. My sincere condolences and peace to his family and friends. Another star shines in the heavens. ✨*

Patrice Ann Pickering - June 13, 2024 at 03:53 PM

FD

“ from Joe and Marilyn DeVita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.

from Joe and Marilyn DeVita - June 13, 2024 at 03:07 PM

FD

“ from Joe and Marilyn DeVita purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.



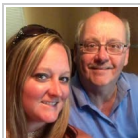
from Joe and Marilyn DeVita - June 13, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.



June 13, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Kathy and family I am deeply sorry to read this. What a great man and I cherish our times together. Rest in peace Theo.

John Gustafson - June 13, 2024 at 01:02 PM

JS

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss, Theo was a special guy, so glad I got to know him, I know how proud he was of his family, and that he got to see Ryan make it to the NFL, Our thoughts, prayers and condolences for Cathy, Kim, Chrissy and the grandchildren.
Sincerely, Jim and Kim Samuels

Jim Samuels - June 13, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TW

“ Theresa and Spencer Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.

Theresa and Spencer Wilson - June 13, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.



June 13, 2024 at 10:53 AM

SG

“ Sandra Cathy & Lisa Grachen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Theofanis Kotjarapoglus.



Sandra Cathy & Lisa Grachen - June 13, 2024 at 10:04 AM