



## Antonios Tsougarakis

February 2, 1933 - December 1, 2022

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that our father and grandfather has passed away. Our family was blessed to have him for as long as we did. In his nearly 90 years, he had one wife of 64 years, 3 children and 6 grandchildren. As a young boy, he fled the Nazis during their occupation of Crete. Afterwards, like many young Greek men, he joined the Merchant Marines and traveled the world before arriving in this country without much more than an intense desire to succeed. And he succeeded spectacularly. He created two fortunes, either one of which would have satisfied any single person.

Yet, he also failed spectacularly, losing both those fortunes without fanfare, remorse or apology. Indeed, he took whatever life threw at him and kept marching forward. On the day he went to the hospital for the last time, he was executing stock trades that were certain, at least to him, to bring about his third fortune.

Thank you, Dad. You taught us many things, but resiliency might be the most meaningful. There was never a battle you didn't wage, or an obstacle that you didn't tackle head on. If you failed for any reason, you never gave up. You just kept on going. This last fight was a bit too much, but you certainly gave it your all.

He is survived by his wife Eva Kosaitis Tsougarakis, a son George Tsougarakis and his wife Eva Ponerros, his daughter Lynn and her husband Gerry Baldachino, a son Stephen Tsougarakis and his wife Jessica, Grandchildren Kira and Adoni Tsougarakis, Anthony and Evan Baldachino, Nicholas and Danielle Tsougarakis. He is also survived by his sister Georgia Papamanodolakis, a brother James and his wife Popi.

May God, grant you rest among the saints. You deserve it.

Donations may be made to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ

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# Cemetery Details

## St. George Greek Orthodox Cemetery

2380- 2386 West Bangs Avenue  
Neptune, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St George Greek Orthodox Church  
1033 West Park Avenue  
Ocean, NJ 07712

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Eva, George, Lynn timer and Stephen,  
Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of Uncle Tony.  
Sending my love and prayers to you all. May you find comfort in the  
memories you hold and the time spent together. With love, Courtney  
Travlos.

Courtney Travlos - December 04, 2022 at 09:29 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in  
memory of Antonios Tsougarakis



Bongarzone Funeral Home - December 03, 2022 at 07:22 PM

GK

“ george, lisa, matthew koustas purchased the Bea  
autiful in Blue for the family of Antonios  
Tsougarakis.



george, lisa, matthew koustas - December 02, 2022 at 10:51  
PM