



Nicholas P. Chergotis

June 29, 1929 - August 21, 2009

Nicholas P. Chergotis, 80, of Shrewsbury, died Friday, August 21, at his home. Born and raised in Bayonne he moved to Shrewsbury in 1969. Upon finishing his University education, he volunteered to serve 4 years in the Air Force during the Korean War. He later began his accomplished career as a Fire Protection Engineer helping to develop one of the first residential smoke detectors. He became a security and fire protection advisor for the White House, Camp David, many Federal facilities, and the private homes of several Presidents. He was very active in fire protection professional associations and helped raise funds to establish one of the first university level fire protection programs.

He was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Asbury Park since 1969 and sung in the choir for over 30 years. He is survived by his beloved wife Niki; his brother George Chergotis; his daughter Stella and her husband Christos Fotopoulos; his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Eric Bauer; and six grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Service

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Nkki,
we are very saddened by the passing of Nick. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.
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“ My parents and I have known Nick for many years and his daughter Stella is my very best friend. Nick (Mr. Chergotis) was a good man and devoted to his family. He was pleasant, honest, and always had a smile on his face. He was courageous and upbeat throughout his illness and many people admired him. We will miss him very much and our blessings to his beautiful family. Love, Mary, Mike and girls.###imported-begin###Mary Viracola Dekker###imported-end##

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“ He was a hero!
I hope all can look at my father's 14 year battle with cancer and gain courage to fight anything that comes your way. 12 of the 14 years he was traveling to the city once a week by train to get his chemotherapy, never complained. Took his test results like a soldier and kept on fighting. He may have lost the war, but put on a good fight. He is now at peace. Don't feel sad. Celebrate his departing this world and going to be with God. We had him longer than we expected and he saw so much, we were so blessed. He was so blessed. God be with you all. Love Stella###imported-begin###stella###imported-end##

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I worked with Nick for 20 years in the fire protection industry. He was so diligent about his work, ensuring that his clients were well informed about technology and trending applications. Nick lived his work!

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