



Mr. Peter Valliant

August 13, 1926 - December 26, 2018

Peter Valliant, 92, formerly of Ross Twp., fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Helen (Kastanis), and is survived by daughter Harriet, son Gerri (Paula Balouris), and granddaughters Eleni, Maria (Haralambos) Papas, Alexandra, Anna (Andrew) Abboud, and great grandson Nikolas Papas. He is also survived by his sisters Tasoula Lagousis and Mamoula Voutsinas of Kefalonia, Greece.

He was born in the town of Farsa on the island of Kefalonia, Greece, where he worked on boats with his cousins and uncles from an early age. After extensive travel around the world as a captain in the Greek Merchant Marines, he emigrated to the United States in 1950. He first settled in Pittsburgh as a bridge painter, and then as the owner of several restaurants, which he opened with his wife Helen, whom he married on June 27, 1954 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, of which he was a lifelong member.

Peter and Helen first opened a restaurant in the Strip District, and later built and opened Valliant's Dairy—now Valliant's Diner—50 years ago on December 13, 1968. Even in his "retirement", Peter continued to work at the restaurant, connecting with customers, many of whom he had known for over 40 years. He was gifted with a quick joke or story of his travel adventures, and a remarkable ability to welcome and remember details of all those who

passed through the Diner's doors.

Friends received Sunday, December 30, 2018 2-8 p.m., with Trisagion at 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 985 Providence Blvd., Pgh, PA 15237 where the funeral will be held on Monday, December 31, 2018 at 10 a.m., preceded by visitation at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cemetery Fund in Peter's memory.

Cemetery Details

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cemetery

Ringeisen Road
Allison Park, PA 15101