



Stephen James Rellas

September 4, 1924 - April 8, 2016

Stephen James Rellas, 91, of Naples, Florida, died April 8, 2016. He was the husband of Ann Bisbas Rellas through 67 wonderful years of marriage.

Born in Nashua, NH, he was the son of James S. Rellas and Athena Mentas Rellas. He attended Nashua High School and is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He earned a graduate degree from John B. Stetson University in Deland Florida.

Mr. Rellas served in the U.S. 20th Air Force, the 44th Bombardment Squadron, the 40th Bomb Group, 58th Wing. He served in China, Burma, India, Tinian (Mariannas). His group had the distinction of dropping the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Most of his life he worked in the insurance industry. Phoenix Mutual was his major company and his success was rewarded by being in charge of large successful agencies (Akron Ohio, NY, NY and New Haven Ct) amongst others. He won many awards and his men were placed in very large agencies.

He was very active in the Greek Orthodox community in New Haven, Akron and Naples Florida. He taught Sunday School and was very active as a fund raiser for the Greek Orthodox Church. He was past president of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church of Naples and a board member for 13 years. He was

a 50 year member of AHEPA a great organization in the United States.

A lover of food, golf and giving back, you could find him serving on the Zoning Board of Appeal in both New Haven, CT and Akron Ohio and with his fellow Shriner members, where he served for 50 years. He was very active in the Alumni affairs of the University of New Hampshire and was a recipient of the Peter Medal of Honor, given for outstanding contributions on behalf of the University.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years Ann Bisbas Rellas, brother Archie and his wife Jacqueline Rellas of South Pasadena California and sister-in-law Dorothy Rellas, wife of his deceased brother Chris Rellas of San Marino California as well as his deceased sister Sirmo Pappas of Nashua NH.

He is survived by his four children, Dr. James S. Rellas and his wife Nordy Rellas of Plano Texas, Lea K. Rellas of Ft. Myers Florida, Dr. Stephen A. Rellas and his wife Vicki Rellas of Sherborn Ma. and Priscilla Scoco and her husband David Scoco of Lake Forest, Ill.

He has 11 grandchildren, Dr. Jacqueline Rellas Keedy, Dr. Stephen Dale Rellas, James Cory Rellas, Stephen Murphy, Nicholas Antone Rellas, Aleka Scoco, Danielle Julia Rellas, Victoria Rellas, Alexander James Murphy, Anton Scoco, Chandler Scoco and two great grandchildren, Gwyneth and Hugh Keedy.

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 11, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM with Fr. Philemon Patitsas, officiating. Burial will follow at Palm Royale Cemetery, Naples, FL.

May his memory be eternal.

Memorial donations in his memory may be sent to St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund 7200 North Airport Road, Naples, FL 34109

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
7100 Airport Pulling Road North
Naples, FL

Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen James Rellas*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



Steve was a great guy. I was the meat manager at the Vineyards Publix. He came to me to help out with lamb to supply the Greek Fest in its infancy. I'm in Naples this week so I'll be thinking of him when I attend the Festival this weekend.

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“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen James Rellas.*



April 11, 2016 at 08:54 AM