



Tom Livizos

Age 86, of Newark DE, passed away peacefully at St. Francis Hospital on Monday July 25, 2011 surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born in Aliquippa, PA to the late Antonios and Vassiliki who emigrated from the island of Lemnos, Greece.

Tom was raised in New York City on the Lower East Side, Manhattan. He enlisted in the [Army](#) during [WWII](#) on his 18th birthday and joined the 29th Infantry Division and fought on D-Day, June 6, 1944 on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. Wounded and captured, he was imprisoned in a French Convent in Remes, France and nursed to health by the French nuns and escaped with the aid of the French Underground.

Tom was awarded the [Purple Heart](#) and the [Bronze Star](#).

Tom graduated with a BA in American History from the University of Delaware in 1950, and was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity upon initiation by Alpha Hi Chapter on March 2nd 1946. Tom had received the traditional Greek education while graduating from the Exataxion Greek School of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Barbara in New York City.

He entered the real estate profession in 1951 and opened his own office in 1954. He had been in almost all phases of real estate: Residential, Commercial, Investment, Land development, Syndication, Building, Counseling Business Opportunities and Property Management. During the 1970s Tom had 5 real estate offices and over 125 sales agents, and taught the Real Estate licensing Course for several years at Wilmington College. He was a major force and benefactor in organizing the Greek community of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church to pledge and commit in building the church's community and youth center, to be enjoyed by all future generations.

For several decades, he was a member of the Greek organization of AHEPA, the Hellenic University Club and in recent years enjoyed being a member of the "Young in Heart" club and the bible study group of the Holly Trinity Orthodox church.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother Vasiliki, his father Antonios and his younger brother Homer. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Sophia, his two sons Tony and Demetrios, sister Fay, and many relatives in Greece.

Tom will be remembered for his big smile, and even larger heart.

Friends and family may call on Sunday, July 31 between 6-8 pm at Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803. Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 1 at 10 am at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church located on 808 North Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806 with burial to follow at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery on 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE 19701.

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