



Panagiotis Michael Hiras

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Panagiotis Hiras passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in Covington, LA. He was born on June 22, 1937 in Klima, Skopelos, Greece to the late Michael Hiras and Alexandra Koukorines Hiras.

Panagiotis was married to his beloved wife, Efterpi Hiras, for 49 years. He was the loving father of Alexandra Hiras Megilligan (Danny) and Michael Pete Hiras. Panagiotis was the proud grandfather of Anastasia Megilligan and George Daniel Megilligan. He was the brother of John Hiras of Skopelos, Greece, Maxi Brintziolakis of Industry, PA, Georgia Salpademou of Skopelos, Greece, the late Maria Asteriou of Thessalonika, Greece, Nick Hiras of Gulf Breeze, FL, and Stamatios Hiras of Birmingham, AL.

Panagiotis “Pete” was a loving, caring and devoted man to his family. He was a faithful servant to God and loved life to the fullest. As a young adult he was able to travel the world with the Greek Navy and the Merchant Marines which allowed him the rich knowledge of culture and traditions of many to share with his family for years to come. Upon settling in the United States, he started a contracting business with his brother in Alabama, where he met his wife Efterpi. To their surprise, they learned that both were from the same Greek Island, born in the same village and their mothers were childhood friends. From there, their friendship grew. After marrying, they moved to Slidell, La. where Pete was owner operator of Pete’s Family Restaurant (Union 76 Truck Stop Plaza) for 25 years. He embraced the restaurant business like no other. He had a customer base that filled the dining room every day for his homemade specials and friendly staff. Upon his retirement he focused his time on family, fishing and his love for gardening and caring for his many fruit orchards. A few years later his orchards became second fiddle to the birth of his grandchildren whom he adored. In true Greek fashion, he made sure they attended Greek and Sunday school faithfully. Panagiotis was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans La. Along with many faithful servants his hard work and dedication to the church afforded the rebuilding of the Cathedral to where it stands today. His love for his wife, children, grandchildren, family friends and his Greek culture matched no other. He stressed the



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importance of faith, family and friendships and lived his life accordingly. May his memory be eternal.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Service at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 3:00 PM with visitation from 1:30 PM until service time. Interment will follow the service at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, Covington, LA. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.




Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, July 28, 2018

 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM CT

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



July 27 at 10:53 AM



Leigh Wanless posted:

So very saddened to hear of Mr. Pete's passing. He was such a sweet soul and I know he will be missed by many family and friends. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Leigh Wanless RNSMH Ochsner Home Health of Slidell

July 31 at 3:38 PM



Becky Porter posted:

Mr. Hiras was very special to me. He was always a gentleman. He will forever hold a special place in my heart. Sending prayers for comfort and peace for Mrs. Hiras and the entire family. Much Love, Becky Porter.

July 30 at 12:12 PM



Evelyn St. Pierre posted:

I send my condolences to all the family, and if I know Pete, he's already planting his garden. God bless you all. Evelyn St. Pierre

July 30 at 8:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Hiras family.



July 28 at 1:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hiras family.



July 27 at 6:07 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hiras family.

July 27 at 2:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Hiras family.

July 26 at 5:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hiras family.

July 26 at 3:29 AM





Media

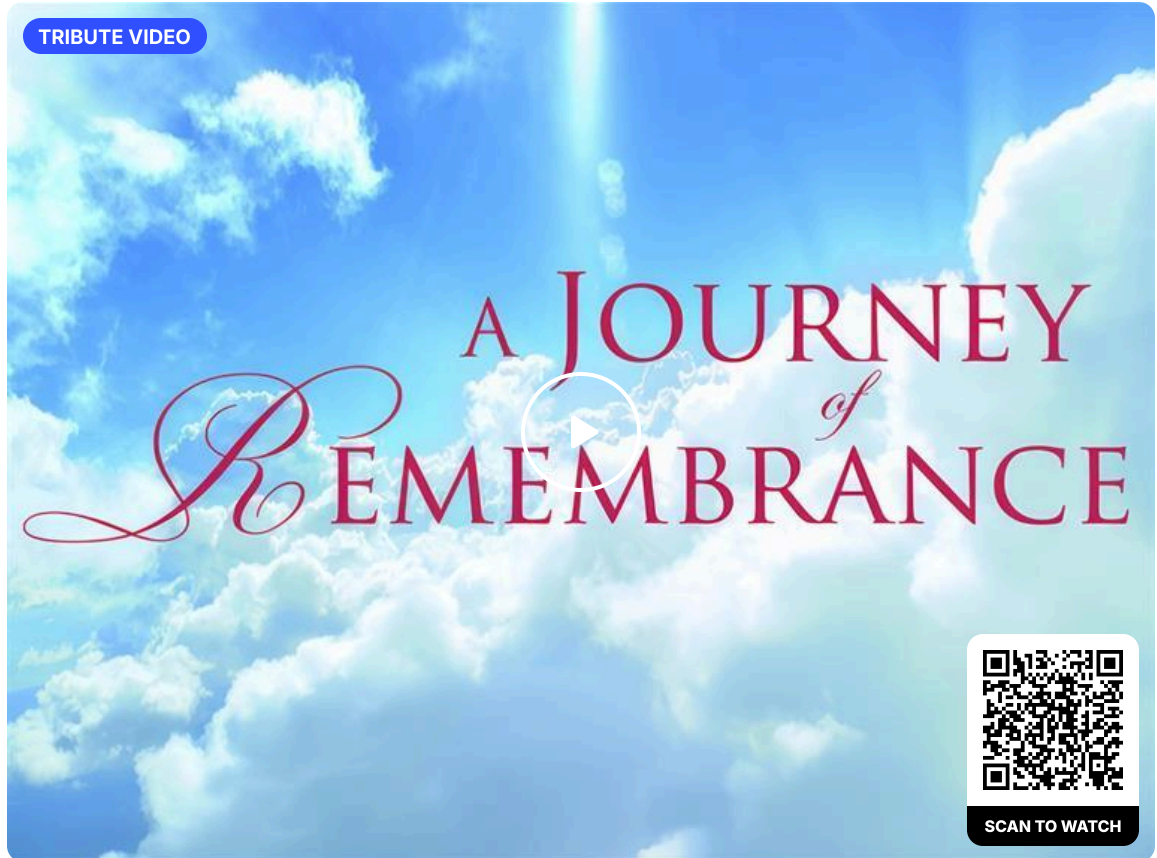
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Panagiotis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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