



Pete Cotsones

June 10, 1938 - January 8, 2018

Generations of Kankakeeans lost a friend as Pete Cotsones, 79, of Bourbonnais died January 8, 2018. He was born in Vrondamas, Lakonia, Greece on June 10, 1938. Pete came to the U.S. as a teenager and became a business owner in his early 20s, when he and his brother Gus opened the View Restaurant in Meadowview Shopping Center.

Well known for his kindness of spirit, generous nature and sense of fun, “Pete the Greek” took pleasure in providing jobs for young people, good meals for his customers and support for countless organizations. A man of faith, Pete was a longtime member and former Parish Council President of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. He was a natural athlete and excelled at soccer and golf. Most recently, he enjoyed bowling with his fellow “old timers.” Through the years, Pete could be found trading jokes and giving hugs to friends and customers at the View, the Town and Country and the Council Table Restaurants before going into food sales.

Pete took special joy in his family and was a loving father and grandfather. Family get-togethers were always marked by laughter, music and the simple joy of being together.

Pete is survived by daughters Rena Cotsones (Marco Lenis) of Caledonia; Maria (Robert) Eicke of Porter, IN and Angela (Kevin) Shea of Kankakee;

grandchildren Jon and Corinne Eicke and Alex and Celeste Shea.

He is also survived by his long-time companion, Suzy Harwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Angela, and his brothers, Chris and Gus.

The wake will be held Wednesday, January 10, 4 to 8 p.m. at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home, 21 N. Main, Manteno, IL, with the Trisagion service at 7 p.m.

The funeral will be held Thursday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 296 North Washington Ave, Kankakee, IL.

Burial will be in Mound Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Service

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
296 N Washington Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Pete Cotsones*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. Remembering so many things. Sweet and fun loving man. Hugs to you girls.*

Linda (Henry) Theis - November 08, 2018 at 03:26 AM



“ *So saddened by the news of Pete's passing. I remember when I was in high school, I had such a crush on Pete 😊 that I went to The View as often as I could. They seved the best meat loaf ever!!! I graduated from high schhol in 1959 and Pete took me to my first White Sox game.. Been a Sox fan ever since. My condolences to Pete's family*

Donna Born Gee

Donna Born Gee - January 11, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ *Love and prayers to all! I am blessed to have known Pete and will miss my fellow NIU Huskies and White Sox fan. May God bless your memories.*

Ann - January 10, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



January 10, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *I am very sad to hear that Pete has passed away. He used to be my mom's "guy" when she had Theresa's Cafe. I absolutely loved him... And have only seen him once since her death. My sincerest condolences are with the family. May God wrap his arms around you to help you through this MOST DIFFICULT time.*

Chris Waller - January 09, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



January 09, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ *Tami, Tommy, Teri, Tracy and our extended families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



Tami, Tommy, Teri, Tracy and our extended families - January 09, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



January 09, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *From Rena's colleagues in Outreach purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



From Rena's colleagues in Outreach - January 09, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *Don and Jill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



Don and Jill - January 09, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ *Carolyn Dumas lit a candle in memory of Pete Cotsones*



Carolyn Dumas - January 09, 2018 at 11:36 AM

AN

Oh Carolyn, thank you so much. I think of you so often. -Angela

Angela - January 09, 2018 at 01:20 PM

CA

With sympathy to you and your beautiful family.

Carolyn - January 11, 2018 at 10:47 AM

BH

“ *So very sorry Angela, Kevin and families. May God wrap His loving arms around you all.*

Bonnie Harpin - January 09, 2018 at 08:44 AM

AN

Thank you, Bonnie

Angela - January 09, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MH

“ *MR MRS H sent a virtual gift in memory of Pete Cotsones*



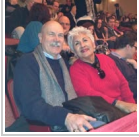
MR MRS H - January 09, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pete Cotsones.*



January 08, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ Lots of hugs and prayers for you at this sad time. May God's peace and comfort fill you and may your wonderful memories bring smiles. That's what Pete would want for his girls.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 08, 2018 at 06:04 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all those that mourn Pete's passing, especially his beloved girls!



Katy Mulcahy-Line - January 08, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Pete Cotsones



candy ray - January 08, 2018 at 04:55 PM