



## James "Jimmy" John Deoudes

September 13, 1934 - March 8, 2021

James (Jimmy) Deoudes, 86, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, March 8, 2021. Jimmy was born September, 13, 1934, in Washington, DC.

Jimmy was a devoted, dedicated, and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife, of 43 years, Tena; his daughter Annie and her husband Frank Edwards; his daughter Nikki and her spouse Guillermo Franco; his three cherished and adored grandsons, Conor, Devan, and Sami; his dear brother Logan and sister Mary; and his several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Eudokia Deoudes and sister-in-law, Margaret M. Deoudes.

As a young man, Jimmy loved to work in the family's restaurant, on Georgia Avenue in Washington, DC, where he learned how to cook and had great memories with his brother. After graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1952, he willingly joined the United States Army from 1955 until 1957. He decided to continue his commitment as an Army Reservist until 1961 where he then transferred to the United States Naval Reserve until his Honorable Discharge in 1965. He was proud of his commitments and the honor to have served in two of the United States Armed Forces.

Jimmy will always be remembered for his passions in life. In his early years,

he had a passion for cars and he would buy a new Cadillac every two to four years. His love for Greek music and dance was evident when he showed off his traditional Greek sirtaki dance to the song “Zorba’s Dance” at all special occasions. Being a jack of all trades, his true passion was for antiques where Jimmy had a keen eye for the craftsmanship and an understanding of the time periods of certain pieces. He pursued this passion by opening a shop along Antique Row on Howard Avenue in Kensington, MD. He worked every day, for 21 years, at James of Kensington Antiques and established an impressive and immaculate shop, earning the respect of his customers and fellow peers as one of the most reputable and authentic antique dealers in the area.

The family would like to thank the Holy Cross Hospice Care Team, Yvette, Rhea, Nadia, and his nurse, Eileen, for their kind hearts and generosity, their loving dedication, and the true unconditional support that they have provided to Jimmy and his family.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Gates of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, 20906. The Reverend Steven P. Zorzos, D.Min. will administer the service.

On Sunday, April 18, 2021, at 11:00 AM, a 40-day memorial service, for our Jimmy, will be held at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20007.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Washington, DC or to Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice, Silver Spring, MD.

# Tribute Wall



“ *With deepest sympathy,*

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**Tartufo, Lisa Marie, and Andrew Hedges** - March 06, 2022 at 06:23 PM

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“My memory of my dad. Where to start. I have so many of them. When I was a toddler, dad tried his best to teach me Greek, but all I could say was “ya-ou-ti”. When I was in elementary school, he taught me how to play Frisbee, and would we’d play often in the front yard on Spring days once he got home from work. Dad would bring me home huge cardboard boxes where I’d put my creativity to work and made many things like houses with windows, a three-story condo for my Barbies, a puppet theater, and even a sled for the winter. When Dad would go on his antique ventures to estate sales or other prospects, he’d always find gently used toys and brought them home for me. One of my favorite and memorable toys was an automatic race car track. In elementary and middle school, Dad put me to work on Labor Day. Antique Row, where my dad’s shop was located, people would visit shops, enjoy food and drinks, and cotton candy, and buy antiques and other special knick-knacks. You could just sit along Antique Row and watch as the Labor Day Parade made its way along Howard Avenue with onlookers watching and clapping, kids dancing and running to grab candy throw from the shiny red firetruck along the parade route, and listening to the music! I enjoyed the parade as I sat out in front of my dad’s shop behind a table that showed off unique little knick-knacks that I was in charge of selling. Thank you, Dad, for not only teaching me how to multitask but for teaching me about finances and bartering. Dad would always let me keep the money from my sales. My dad made sure he was able to allow me to reach my dreams of becoming a successful woman one day. What I never mentioned above was the fact that I use to draw with colored pencils or crayons on the wall outside of my bedroom. Dad would get mad, but Mom said, she’s an artist, let her express herself. My dad put me through college to get my Bachelors of Art in Graphic Design. He didn’t want me to work; he wanted me to focus on school, but I was determined to learn how to be responsible and help pay a small portion of my tuition. My dad was there to see me walk across the stage at UMBC. I am forever thankful that a determined and dedicated man, such as my dad, was smart with a dollar. He knew how to make a dollar into two or five or more. And for that, I’m thankful to be where I am today.

*Growing up, Dad played games with me, guided me, educated me, put me in my place when I was out of line, but most importantly, he loved me. For all of those things he taught me, it made me the person I am today and I'm thankful for the man that we are honoring and celebrating life for because he is my dad, my only one. I am forever thankful for him and all that he did for me which has, in turn, helped me to raise my son now. You will always be in my heart. I'm sure not a day will go by that I do not think of you; that I wish I could tell you what happened that day, that I wish I could bring you a Krispy Kream doughnut and when you have it with a hot cup of coffee, you say "that hit the spot." In the past couple of years, when I'd come to sit with you and visit, I'd say "Hi Dad, how are you doing?" and you'd respond "good, now that you're here." And then when I'd leave, I'd say "I love you." And you would say it back when you had the strength to do so. You taught me how to say "I love you" in Greek before you left this world. I said that to you every day after our visits for about two months or so. Those were my last words to you and I'm grateful to have had the chance to say them to you. Dad, I know you are listening and I want you to know something while you are there and I am here. s' agapó*

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**Nikki Deodes** - April 05, 2021 at 09:41 AM

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“ *In loving remembrance.*

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**Tina and Tom Stitt** - April 02, 2021 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies to Jimmies family. Remember the good times & know that you have friends & family to talk to. Rest In Peace Jimmie, you were lo*

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**Franklin & Marge Edwards** - April 02, 2021 at 10:18 AM

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“ James "Jimmy" John Deoudes

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**Tribute Store** - March 30, 2021 at 08:23 AM

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“ We will miss \"James Deoudes\".

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**Tribute Store** - March 20, 2021 at 09:47 PM

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“ Sending my condolences to the Deoudes family. May you find comfort during this challenging time.

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**Rodneikka Scott and Family** - March 17, 2021 at 06:26 PM

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“ I will always remember growing up with Jimmy. His store on Kensington, going to the farm, etc. He was always fun and very kind. We always shared lots of laughs. 🥹

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**Leslie Mink** - March 17, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family during this season of grieving.

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**Aaron Lohr** - March 17, 2021 at 11:28 AM

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“ What a handsome man he was! Beautiful inside and out. He was a great uncle to grow up with. So much fun! Fantastic water skier and dancer. Love you Unk. Your memory will be eternal.

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**Eve Marinik** - March 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

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“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.* ”

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**Leslie White and Family** - March 17, 2021 at 08:43 AM