



Nicholas "Dino" Demopoulos

February 5, 2011

Nicholas **Dino** Demopoulos Nick Demopoulos was born March 29, 1929 in Meropi, a small village in southern Greece. Prior to his marriage to Fotoula Goumas-Demopoulos in 1957, Nick served with the Fifteenth Mission of the Greek Expeditionary Force, which was attached to the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment of the United States Army during the Korean War. The Greek forces were dispatched to the general staff of the U.S. Battalion on January 3rd 1953 and then repatriated back into the Greek Army on July 24th 1954. His military service during Korea earned him the UN Medal Decoration, and the Medal of the Korean Expeditionary Force. Nick was shot in the shoulder and received a Purple Heart as a result of the fighting in 1953 but continued service to its completion in 1954. In recognition of his allied services during the Korean War, the United States Government granted him, along with his wife and children, expedited entry into the U.S. for citizenship. In 1969 Nick and his family came to America where they eventually found their way to Cape Girardeau. His first job in Cape was as a pizza cook for Tony's Pizza on Broadway. Later he took over ownership of **Dinos** by Houck Field House and that's how he became known as **Dino**. For many years Dinos Pizza was a landmark in Cape Girardeau and a maker of vast memories for thousands of SEMO students and Cape citizens as well. For those of you who remember him, I'm sure **Dino** greeting you with his big smile and heavy Greek accent reminded you of what a truly friendly, outgoing, and hard working man he was. The original dream of **America**, land of opportunity

really shined thru Nick and was evident as he cooked ♦Pizza and Mojos♦ seven days a week, as late as 04:00 in the morning for the ♦late-nighters♦. He eventually opened Dinos Too in Anna, IL. and Im positive the citizens of Anna have the same fond memories of him as well. His exuberant attitude and personality made an impression on everyone that knew him, and many have come to me and acknowledged just how wonderful their memories are of him and his pizzeria. His work ethic far out weighed what most of us feel is a hard days work. He instilled these values, morals, and his personality in me, his daughter and I hope his legacy continues in all his grand-children as well. Even though ♦Dino♦ deteriorated medically over the last few years, he never lost his ability to remember his Family, his Military Service, his Greek heritage, and that he was a proud U.S. citizen. Most of all, he remembered serving his ♦CUSTOMERS♦.His spirit will shine through Dino Pizza. For all of you he made his life. Thank you to the nurses, nurse aides, and care givers of my fathers at Fountain Bleu, and also to the nurses, nurse aides, and care givers in his last months at Jackson Manor. Jackson Manors ability to keep their moral standards high dignified them as an admirable establishment. Nick was preceded in death by his mother Basiliki Petropoulos and father Konstantinos Demopoulos of Greece, as well as two brothers John and Peter. He is survived by his daughter Amalia DemopoulosPhillips and son-in-law Brian Phillips of Cape, Son Kosta (Gus)Demopoulos of Cape, Grandchildren Alexia and Nefeli Phillips of Cape, and Nikolas, Astraia, and Ioanna Demopoulos of Cape. Sisters Maria Nikolakeas and Angeliki Mintzas and brother George Demopoulos of Greece. A very special thank you to my very good friends and coworkers at St. Francis Medical Center in the ICU and my manager and most appropriately to Ford and Sons (Cliff) for their special support and management of my fathers final arrangements. May God bless your marvelous work and continue your path for others. A visitation will begin at 11:30AM on Friday February 11, 2011 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with a full traditional Greek-Christian Orthodox Funeral at noon. Father Daniel Morton of St. John the Theologian in Cape Girardeau will serve as priest and

Father Joseph Strzelecki will serve as Con-Celebrant (Chanter). Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. ♦ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ♦Galatians 3:28....

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Gus, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was such a nice man. I have so many fond memories of my growing up in Cape and your dad and the restaurant are such a part of that. My prayers are with you. Mike

Mike Parsons - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ GUS I HAVE SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF THE NIGHTS AT DINOS AND SELLING YOUR MOM AND DAD SO MANY CADILLACS NICK WAS A VERY SPECIAL MAN OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOUR FAMILY

Pat LaFont & Family - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

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SP

“ Peace to the family in your time of grief.

Soren Paul Petrek - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sorry for your loss Emily. Though it does relieve suffering, it is still hard. Afraid I won't make it to the service. You, your brothers and especially your mom are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave Baldwin

David Baldwin - October 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Amalia and Gus, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. You may not remember me, but I remember you both from my 4 years at SEMO, from 1977-1981, and I especially remember your father. I was part of the ♦vast memories for thousands of students♦ to which you referred in your wonderful tribute. Some of my fondest memories involve Dino♦s. Being Greek, he made me feel we had a special bond, although everyone felt that way. He even let me run a tab, which I did not fully pay off until after graduation, and he never asked me about it. I am surprised by how strong an impression he left on me still today, after not seeing him in 30 years! May he rest in peace.*

Pete Lemakis - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *What a friend we all had for those who knew Nick. He was a very special man and he will be greatly missed. He made everyone feel at home at Dino's with his warmth and ear-to-ear smile. God Bless him and his family.*

Linda Farrar - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ *Amalia and Gus: Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. I have many memories of going to Dino's with my family as a child, and was fortunate enough to meet your dad at Dino's Too in Anna. Your tribute to your dad with the obituary was truly beautiful. Please tell your mother "hello" for me and know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Carol Smith Zikmund - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was a young teenager when I delivered pizzas for Dino's Pizza On Broadway. at that time I was going to highschool and and delivering after school until around 4am. Nick was always very kind to me. I have fond memories of Nick and the family. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. Darrell Sides

Darrell Sides - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Casually met your father one day a couple of years ago while visiting the riverfront in Cape. Had a very nice and thoughtful conversation with him. The obituary was beautiful. God Bless.

Bonnie Rhodes Poythress - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Amalia my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow. If there is anything I can do for you please don't hesitate to ask. I love you my dear friend.

Nicole Long - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM