



Athanasios "Tom" Vasilopoulos

June 30, 1936 - December 5, 2013

Mr. Athanasios "Tom" Vasilopoulos, age 77, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2013 in the Buffalo Household of the Masonic Care Community of NY.

Athanasios was born in Peloponnese, Greece on June 30, 1936. He was raised and educated in his native country and as a young man he served in the Hellenic Navy. He spent a time studying theology and was deeply involved in his Greek Orthodox Faith.

In the early 1960s, Tom achieved his longtime dream of relocating to the United States and becoming a U.S. citizen. At one time he was married to the late Herta Hoechsman, a relationship from which came the birth of Tom's son, Alexander.

A naturally intuitive and hard-working man, Tom trained himself in the field of air conditioning and refrigeration and went on to own and operate his own business, A.V. Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Repair.

Tom is survived by his son, Alexander Vasilopoulos of Utica; several brothers, especially mentioning Adonis, who was his original travel companion to the U.S. and with whom he had a special relationship. He also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and family members in Greece; and his special friends, Rose Riley, and Norf and Irene Puleo.

Tom's loved ones bid their farewells in a private gathering. A memorial service in honor of his life will take place at a later date and time at the convenience of the family.