



Stephen Panteli Stavrianoudakis

January 22, 1932 - May 21, 2011

Stephen Panteli Stavrianoudakis peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on May 21 at 12:25 pm. His wife Darleen and children, Peter, Stephanie, Ted, Bill and Stacey, were at his side comforting him and each other. He was able to receive Holy Communion and say his goodbyes to his brother, Pete, and sisters, Angie, Bessie and Olympia, before saying hello to his siblings in Heaven, Stratis, Katina, Annie and Steve. He was born of Greek immigrant parents, Panteli and Maria, on January 22, 1932 in Hilmar. Growing up, he acquired a love of baseball that lasted a lifetime. After setting strike-out records as a pitcher at Hilmar High, the Yankees offered him a contract. As his sisters translated the contract to his father explaining the Yankees wanting to sell or trade him, his father, tore up contract stating "No one sells my son." He served his country in the Army doing what he loved most, pitching fast balls. He eventually signed with the Yankees franchise after setting records for the College of the Sequoias and going pro in the Canadian Baseball League. He returned to Hilmar where he and Darleen raised their family and were often visited by their grandchildren: Shaynie, Athena, Alex, Jeremy and JJ. Stephen was a farmer, a dairyman and a ditch-tender for TID. He was a Mason and a charter member of the Hilmar-Stevenson Lions Club and held the highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He was an avid supporter of the Hilmar Yellow jackets. In lieu of flowers, it would have pleased him to receive donations to Hilmar Baseball Boosters, 7807 Lander Ave. Hilmar, CA 95324. Visitation will be held today from 2 to 6pm followed by a Trisagion

Service at 7pm at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A funeral will be held at 11am on Thursday, May 26, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 313 Tokay Ave, Modesto. Burial will be held at 10:45am on Friday, May 27. San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Panteli Stavrianoudakis*

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