



## Leo G Gioshes

November 30, 1929 - February 11, 2020

Leonidas "Leo" Gioshes was born in Boston, Mass to Olga and George Giosopolus (Gioshes) Greece/Turkey. He died peacefully Feb 11, 2020, after a short illness surrounded by his loving family.

Leo leaves behind his wife, Shirley E Gioshes (Rice); his beloved "love of his life" partner of 65 yrs; his daughter "Katrina" of Wilson, Wyoming, and son "Michael" (and family) of St. Augustine, FL

He grew up in Roxbury, Mass alongside his dear brother "Ted" and 3 sisters "Mary", "Louise" and Georgiana". He served in the Air Force 1947-1950. Leo worked in computer programming and purchasing dept at Tufts University in Medford, Mass for "48 yrs". His coworkers and friends at Tufts would prove to be his lifelong best friends, providing love and support until his last days on earth.

Shirley & Leo enjoyed a productive, active, fulfilling, fun-life together in New England. They loved "hosting parties" at their homes in Carlisle, Mass, Wells Beach, Maine and "The Camp" in Limerick, Maine. They were adventurous travelers around the USA, Mexico and the Islands.

Leo was a "jack of all trades" - nothing he couldn't "fix" or "build". He was a "master carpenter" and enjoyed working on projects at his homes. He loved working in the garden, building walkways and "cochina stone walls for the turtles" in the yard after retiring in St Augustine 20 plus yrs ago.

Leo loved to cook, esp Greek food. His famous "Spanakopita and stuffed leg of lamb" was loved by all. He was fluent in the Greek language and very proud of his Greek heritage. Greek Orthodox was his only religion.

He was a good man; underneath his "rough exterior", was a "kind", "gentle", "honest", "sensitive", and an extremely "generous" soul almost "to-a-fault", taking care of others

before himself. He was a "private man", a "smart man", a "mysterious man" and he will be missed by all who "knew" and "loved" him for who he was. May he find peace now over the rainbow...looking at the ocean and watching down over his family and friends that he loved so dearly. Leo always dreamed of going to Greece, now he will go "by way of heaven" "oompa".... hope there is enough "ouzo" up there!!

He is survived by his wife Shirley; Katrina and Jonny; Michael, Misty, Garrett, Kiala and Nicole. Relatives. The Vallas family. The Milstead family. His life long best friends and Tigey the cat. Forest Manning, Tom Parker & Steve Pappas. Florida Friends Victor the builder, Valerie and Michael, Annie, Will, Amanda and the late Jim Burke and family.

A celebration of life will be planned for the spring in St Augustine, FL. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to a non-profit of your choice in honor of Leo ie: veterans, SAFE, Ayla's Acres, Turtle Rescue, whatever makes you remember him.

# Comments

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“ Leo  
Was my late life  
Friend,  
Very dear.  
We had our  
Times of share,  
Commune,  
Camaraderie,  
A sip, and dip.  
Moments rare,  
Precious.  
His hearty presence  
Steady pace and Spirit  
Shall be missed,  
But he will dwell  
In the hearts he left.  
God's Speed Leo,  
You are "True Grit!"

~ Valerie Sottile and Family

**Valerie Sottile** - March 03 at 10:27 PM

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“ Rest in Peace My Friend. We had a lot of fun and I have a lot of great memories. I will never forget you. Forrest

**Forrest Manning** - February 19 at 04:16 PM



“ Shirley, Katrina and Michael.my condolences to all of you, You have lost a Great Dad and I have lost a Great Friend.

**Forrest Manning** - February 19 at 04:20 PM



“ My friend; we did it all, well most of it anyhow, some how we avoided getting locked up as we were always one step ahead. Get everything ready, save me a parking place, the fun will never stop. The memories will last forever, but wait, pour one more for the road. I will sure miss you. RIP.

Bob Gleason

**Robert Gleason** - February 20 at 02:53 PM



“ Trina, I have some fond Carlisle memories of your father. Love this picture of him! Keep me posted when you will have his celebration of life. I sure would like to be there!

**Ruth** - March 01 at 12:39 AM