

Steve Milos Klipa

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Steve Klipa Obituary

KLIPA, STEVE MILOS

Steve Milos Klipa was born on September 9, 1932, to Stevan and Evdokia (Victoria) - nee Panashuk Klipa in Hutchinson, PA. His father Stevan was born in the town of Vojnic, in former Serbian Krajina in former Yugoslavia, and immigrated to the United States in 1907. His mother Evdokia was born in the village of Zabloty in Imperial Russia and immigrated to the United States in 1914. After they were married, Stevan and Evdokia settled in the coal-mining town of Hutchinson, PA, in Westmoreland County where father Stevan worked as a coal miner.

Steve Milos was next to the youngest in a family of seven children and was blessed with a very wonderful childhood in the small Slavic-American community of Hutchinson in the early 1930s. His life as a Serbian Orthodox was to be shaped by his loving family and many experiences in Hutchinson. Unfortunately, a mining accident in which his father Stevan lost part of his left hand forced the family to resettle to Pitcairn, PA, while Steve Milos was in junior high school.

Although the transition from rural Hutchinson to industrial Pitcairn was difficult at first, Steve Milos soon acclimated himself to his new home. He was a member of the Pitcairn American Legion baseball runner-up state championship team in 1948. He was also an all-star football player and served as team captain, and in 1950 won the Pitcairn Mohawk Club Memorial Award for "outstanding ability and good sportmanship on and off the field of sports." He also became vice-president of his senior high school class.

Steve Milos graduated Pitcairn High School in 1950 and went on to Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA, where he majored in History and Secondary Educations and became certified in mathematics. He also was a star football player at Geneva College for four years.

After graduation from Geneva in 1954 Steve Milos was inducted into the United States Army and served 14 months in Japan. After being discharged from the Army he married Georgeann Mrvos of McKeesport, PA, in 1958, and settled in Pitcairn, PA.

Steve Milos went on to earn a Masters in Secondary Education from the University of Pittsburgh and completed extensive post-masters graduate studies in education also at Pitt. He and Georgeann raised four children and the family eventually moved to Monroeville, PA, and was later blessed with nine grandchildren.

He became a well-known algebra school teacher at Gateway High School in Monroeville and later became an assistant principal before returning to teaching. He would eventually become a Math Facilitator at Gateway High School and in 1992 he was selected as a member of the prestigious "Who's Who Among American Teachers".

He also was an extremely successful assistant football coach at Gateway High School under Walter "Pete" Antimarino and was part of five WPIAL Football Championships. He was inducted into the East Boros Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, and in that same year, after 37 years, Steve Milos retired from teaching and coaching at Gateway High School.

He also traveled extensively three times throughout former Yugoslavia and once throughout Russia. At the same time Steve Milos was always a faithful and active parishioner at the St. Nicholas Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church of Monroeville, PA. He taught church school starting in 1956 and served as Church School Superintendent since 1963. His work meant countless hours of working with young people as well as preparing activities such as St. Sava Day programs and Church Slava Day programs.

In addition, throughout the many years, Steve Milos served on several diocesan religious education committees and in 1980 received an Episcopal Gramata from His Grace Bishop Christopher of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Christian life he experienced from his earliest childhood in the coal fields of Hutchinson, PA, were never far from his mind and his work at St. Nicholas was truly a labor of love.

Steve died unexpectedly in his home, on Mon., Dec. 20, 2004. Beloved husband of Georgeann (Mrvos) Klipa; father of George Djuro (Draginja Dorothy) Klipa, Judith (Ivan) Obrknez, Nicholas (Zorica) Klipa and Paula (Simo) Dragovich. Djedo of Rachel, Ilija, Elisabeth Klipa, Vasilije and Evdokia Obrknez, Anastasia and Aleksandar Klipa, Sava and Mihailo Dragovich; brother of Amelia (Milan) Opacic, Peter (Clara) Klipa, Mary (Silian) Silianoff, Betty (Richard) Raczkiewicz, and the late Michael Klipa Kubas and Josephine (Clifford) Craig; brother-in-law of Marge Kubas, Sam (Reba) Mrvos, Mildred (Lou) Popovich, Zora (the late Jim) Stevens, and George (Gladys) Mrvos; numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends received on Tuesday from 2-9pm in the St. Nicholas Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church, 2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, with Pomen on Tuesday at 8pm, and Divine Liturgy on Wednesday at 10am followed by the funeral service at 11am. Arrangements by ALFIERI FUNERAL HOME, 412-824-4332. May God grant Him rest eternal in His Heavenly Kingdom. Vjecnaja Pamjat (Memory Eternal).

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