



Peter G Makrys

November 11, 1921 - May 19, 2017

Fort Myers, FL - Peter G. Makrys, 95, died peacefully in his sleep on May 19, 2017. He is survived by his son George, wife Carol, and daughter Barbara Makrys. He was born on November 11, 1921, in Malden, MA, to Greek immigrant parents. Growing up during the Great Depression taught him lessons not only about the personal hardships that so many people endured but also about the importance of being able to persevere throughout life. Upon his graduation from Wareham High School in 1941, he attended Temple University for two years on an athletic scholarship and as a physical education major. During WW II, he spent three years in The Army Air Corps as a physical education, judo and hand to hand combat instructor. He was stationed in Okinawa for a year and a half, where he witnessed some of the horrors of war, and the sacrifices of our Veterans. Peter became a disciple of the late Jack LaLanne, indicative of his life of daily exercise, good health and his desire to inspire others. He was most proud of his body building years where he came in first place as Mr. Philadelphia in the 1948. He was also an avid golfer for fifty years. After the war, he and his two brothers, James and Nicholas, opened the Dainty Maid Restaurant and ice cream parlor. For over twenty-two years their fleet of ice cream trucks and home-made novelties made them a popular staple in the Town of Wareham, MA. Peter served on the Board of Health for nine years and was also a Bank Director for then, Wareham Cooperative Bank. After moving to Fort Myers, FL, he spent twenty-five years selling Mercedes Benz and BMW's. At the age of eight-two, he

decided to retire from full time work but not from physical fitness. When he was eighty-five, he put on an exercise clinic for seniors, to emphasize the importance of staying active and fit. Also under the leadership of Dr. John Domino, pastor at the Faith Fellowship World Outreach Ministries, Peter spent many Sunday mornings talking with juvenile delinquents and troubled youth in lock-up facilities. He was revered by those who first met him, and continued to inspire those who knew him. Peter G. Makrys' legacy will always be his passion for life, his enthusiasm and his spirited drive to work to capacity, while always striving for personal excellence. Funeral services will be private.

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“ *Rest in peace, Theo Peter*



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