



## Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos

October 30, 1935 - September 11, 2024

Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos, 88 of Zanesville, died 8:22 PM, Wednesday, September 11, 2024, peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born October 30, 1935, in Exanthia, a village on the Island of Lefkas, Greece, the son of the late Zoy and Margarita (Fotoglou) Vlahos. He married Theresa (Nader) Vlahos on Sunday, December 31, 2000, and was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Life-Giving Fountain in Martins Ferry.

To come to America, Nikko was required to have a sponsor in this country. In 1955, his uncle, Gus, became his sponsor. He landed in New York, speaking no English, with \$ 13.00 in his pocket. A stranger befriended him and took him to the train station to purchase a ticket to Zanesville.

Arriving in Zanesville, he worked at his uncle's shop, Economy Hat Shop, and attended school in the evenings to learn to speak English. Nikko remained ever grateful to his uncle for his start in his beloved America. In Nikko's words coming to America was like coming from "hell to heaven."

In 1961, Nikko started his own dry-cleaning and laundromat business at the point in Zanesville, and in 1967, he started his 2nd store in Coshocton. With the help of his wife and son, both businesses have been in continuous operation for over 59 years.

Nikko enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved to garden and enjoyed watching and playing golf, tennis and soccer, and was instrumental in starting the soccer league in Coshocton, in the 1980's. His kindness and generosity impacted many, many people, including family, friends, employees and even strangers. Nikko wanted to help change lives for the better,

He was a lifetime member of the Coshocton Elks Club and The Greek American Club, known as AHEPA. He was also the past president of the Ohio Cleaners Association. Nikko loved to travel, Greek Dancing, Greek Food and Greek Music. Nikko was a true proud Greek.

Nikko is survived by his loving wife of nearly 25 years, Theresa Nader-Vlahos of the home; one son, Athan Vlahos of Coshocton; many nieces and nephews, Georgia Vlahos, Rita (Scott) Smithers, George (Nancy) Vlahos, Emily (Randy) Gerber, Gus Vlahos, Gabe Nader, Amelia Nader and Lila Nader; several great nieces and great nephews; his family in Greece; his father-in-law, Louis G. Nader, Sr. and two brothers-in-law, Louis G. Nader, Jr. and Michael (Julie) Nader.

In addition to his parents, Nikko was preceded in death by one brother and sister-in-law, Pericles & Voula Vlahos; two sisters, Stamata and Dina Vlahos and his mother-in-law, Yvonne M. Nader.

Friends may call 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM, Monday, September 16, 2024, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where Greek Oorthodox Funeral Rites will follow at 1:00 PM with Fr. Constantine Makrinos officiating. Nikko will be laid to rest in the family plots in Greenwood Cemetery. The Vlahos Family would like to thank the staff of Genesis Hospice for all the care and attention given to Nikko during his illness.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greek Orthodox Church of The

Life-Giving Fountain, 314 North Fifth Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935, in Nikko's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

1413 Greenwood Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
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## Greek Orthodox Funeral Rite

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - September 15, 2024 at 10:07 PM

MN

*Nick was always so full of life and had his way of making you happy to be alive and everything will be just fine. He was always more than kind to my sister Theresa, parents, brother, wife and kids who all proudly called him Uncle Nick. He deserved everything good that ever came to him. They will not make another like Nick. I'm so proud to have known him. Rest in peace forever my friend.*

*Mike Nader*

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**Michael Nader** - September 15, 2024 at 10:25 PM

RH

“ *I was sorry to hear about Your Husband's passing ... I just saw it !!!*  
*Thoughts and Prayers*  
*Robbie (Bob Evans)*

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**Robbie Huber** - September 25, 2024 at 05:49 PM

SN

“ *The greatest boss I've ever had. A true advisor, and true friend. Rest in peace Uncle Nick ❤️.*



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**stephanie noa** - September 19, 2024 at 11:44 AM

GV

“ *Nikos was an excellent father, good husband and beloved friend. Always generous, kind, open-hearted, helpful. He did so when his good friend Athanasios Vlahos needed his help with an extremely serious health problem and had to travel from Greece to USA. Nikos stood by him physically and emotionally. Thank you so much Nikos. You will always be in our heart and mind. Gabriel Vlahos' family, Areti's family, Sophie's family.*

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**Gabriel Vlaxos** - September 17, 2024 at 05:10 PM

PH

“ *I would like to say how grateful I am to have met “Nickerdoodles” that’s what I called him. He was so good to me even when he needed to be hard on me. I’m so thankful I had the moment I did and heard those words I said many times “I love you”! You will forever be in my heart! Love, Penny*

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**Penny Haynes** - September 16, 2024 at 09:42 PM

VK

“ Athan and Theresa,  
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Nick. We were unable to make it to the calling hours as we are in Ireland, but we wanted to let you both know how sorry we are for your loss. May he rest in peace.  
Bill and Becky Joseph

Vicky Kirk - September 16, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MN

“ Athan and Theresa we are so sorry for your loss of Nick. He can never be replaced. Hang in there and support and work together to get through this tough time. He was an amazing man and is severely missed already. Our deepest Condolences.  
Mike, Julie, Gabe, Amelia and Lila Nader

Michael Nader - September 16, 2024 at 05:21 AM



“ 145 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - September 15, 2024 at 05:56 PM

AW

“ Alena M West lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos



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**Alena M West** - September 15, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ Theresa, the Ritchey family offers our condolences to you, the Vlahos, and Nader family. Nikko was truly a great person, and we all loved his great sense of humor. You are all in our prayers during this time of grief. Please take comfort in knowing his suffering is now over, and he is now in the company of the lord. Love, The Ritchey Family

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**Rob Ritchey** - September 15, 2024 at 04:16 PM

KW

“ Theresa, so sorry for the loss of your husband. As they tell me about my Mom, Jan Tanner- Thompson, he is in a better place now and pain-free. God bless you for calling me to offer your sympathy regarding my Mom's passing. It was so appreciated. I kind of felt like we bonded. Please take care of yourself.....Kathy Warne

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**Kathy Warne** - September 15, 2024 at 02:59 PM

GS

“ To Athan and family, we offer our most sincere condolences at the loss of your Father. May you look to the comfort of God to help you through this most difficult of times. From Gary,Pat ,John and Mike Shryock

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**Gary Shryock** - September 15, 2024 at 02:27 PM

MK

“ *Athen*  
*We are so sorry to hear about your father, so many good memories.*  
*You are in our prayers.*  
*George, Marie ,James and Tina*


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**Marie Kares** - September 15, 2024 at 11:36 AM

TJ

“ *Athan*

*Sorry to hear of your father's passing. After reading his obituary I can see why you had so much love for him. A true American success story. He is one of the ways god blessed America. Condolences to you and your family.*



*Tim Jackson*

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**Tim Jackson** - September 15, 2024 at 07:55 AM

AM

“ *Theresa my heart breaks for you, for I truly know how strong you will have to be to get threw the next few weeks, years of your life. I am so blessed to have gotten to meet and spend time laughing and talking and make my own memories with Nik. I even named my little Greek guy you gave me Sir. NIKOLAS.He looks over my Ivy , that came from you and Nik. I love you both so much and he will be waiting for the day ,you his beautiful Theresa will be with him again.*

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**Alex Moody** - September 14, 2024 at 06:05 PM

AH

“ Athan  
*I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Your Father's legacy will live on through the love and wisdom he passed on to you. May you find strength in his memory.*

ANGELA HERSHBERGER - September 13, 2024 at 11:05 PM

RG

“ *Memory Eternal!*  
*We will keep Nikk in our prayers and Liturgy.*  
*Good Shepherd Church*

Rev Richard Greiner - September 13, 2024 at 07:44 PM

LF

“ *Love Caroccio & Ziolkowski family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos.*



Love Caroccio & Ziolkowski family - September 13, 2024 at 07:12 PM

LF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you Theresa. We are glad we got to visit with Nick and you in May. Peace to you.*  
*Lynda and Steve Frueh*

lynda frueh - September 13, 2024 at 05:10 PM

LS

“ LaRae Spencer lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos



LaRae Spencer - September 13, 2024 at 05:00 PM

MB

“ Mary Fedash, Jackie Beck and John Beck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos.

Mary Fedash, Jackie Beck and John Beck - September 13, 2024 at 03:03 PM

MB

“ Mary Fedash, Jackie Beck and John Beck purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nicholas "Nikko" Z. Vlahos.



Mary Fedash, Jackie Beck and John Beck - September 13, 2024 at 03:03 PM

JL

“ My sincerest condolences to Athan and family. I was fortunate to have known Nikko for a long time, he always had a smile on his face and a kind greeting when I would see him! May you Rest in Peace my friend!

Jim Lapp - September 13, 2024 at 01:56 PM

HP

“ *Condolences to the Vlahos Family. My husband, George Pappas, Sr. got his wedding party tux's from his business in February 1971. Our children and grandchildren met him on several occasions.*  
*The George Pappas Family*

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**Hilda Pappas** - September 13, 2024 at 01:11 PM