



## Obituary

**Died:** Thursday, May 17, 2012

George Nicholas Faraclas, 92, of Branford, passed away peacefully at CT Hospice on May 17, surrounded by his family. He leaves his loving wife of 65 years, Helen Basel Faraclas, with whom he shared a beautiful lifetime that included travel, volunteering, and dedication to their church and family.

He was born in Ansonia on February 11, 1920, to the late Nicholas and Catherine Faraclas. He joined the US Army Air Corps, and was stationed in the South Pacific during WWII, where he served as a Sergeant. After completing his tour he attended the Junior College of Commerce (Quinnipiac College) and earned an AS in Accounting. George took great pride in his work, as accountant, chef, restaurateur and auditor. Together with his brother William, he built and owned a successful chain of full-service pharmacies in the late 1960's

## Service Summary

- Service details not available -

George was extremely proud of his Greek heritage and spent nearly 65 years serving the community of Saint Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church. He initiated many community programs, served on the Parish Council, and was a member, Past-President and District Treasurer of the AHEPA. He was honored as Ahepan of the Year and received special recognition as an honorary member of the Philoptochos Society. His favorite accomplishments were the results of his efforts as co-founder and past-chair of the Church's Odyssey Greek Festival.

George lived life with true passion and tireless energy. He helped many charities and individuals, and always put others before himself. To his family he was gentle and giving, always with a big smile and warm heart. During his retirement he looked forward to traveling west each winter with his wife Helen to be with his beloved California family. He enjoyed cooking, organizing events, playing cards, completing crossword puzzles and sharing his time and humor with family and friends.

George leaves his daughter, Anne, of Branford, son William and daughter-in-law Kara, of Southbury, and son Paul and daughter-in-law Jacqueline, of North Branford; six grandchildren, Elias (Erin), Christian, Farah, Azer, Allison and Kristen, who adoringly knew him as Papou; great-grandson, Tristan; and sister, Helen (John) Karanzias, of Long Beach, CA. George embraced his many nieces, nephews and in-laws as immediate family. He was pre-deceased by brothers Gregory, Anthony, Stanley, John and William Faraclas.

Friends may call at The Celentano Funeral Home, 424 Elm

St. (cor. Dwight) New Haven Sunday from 4 to 8 pm and are invited to attend funeral services at Saint Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church , 480 Racebrook Road, Orange Monday, May 21st at 10:30. Interment in Beavertdale Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Saint Barbara Building Fund or CT Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT 06405.