



## James G. Pantalos

January 11, 2013

James "Jim" Pantalos, age 92, of Columbus, OH, died peacefully Friday, January 11, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pavlyak Pantalos; daughter, Jacquie Reed of Fishers, IN; son, George Pantalos of Louisville, KY; and five grandchildren. Jim was born in Argos, Greece and came through Ellis Island with his family as a small child. Jim was a graduate of Auburn High School in Auburn, NY. After serving in the 15th Air Force in north Africa and in southern Italy during WWII, he returned to Miami University in Oxford, OH to complete his undergraduate studies in social work. Following graduate studies in social work at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, he worked briefly in Jackson, MI, before moving to Columbus in 1952. He worked as a social worker at Columbus State Hospital and the Columbus City Health Department before joining the faculty of the School of Social Work at Ohio State University in 1963 where he befriended and mentored numerous students until 1985 and continued to serve as the faculty advisor to Alpha Phi Omega well beyond his retirement. Throughout his life, Jim was a concert and jazz musician, playing with Ziggy Colye's dance band for many years as well as civic bands and orchestras in Central Ohio. Jim and Mary were members of St. James Episcopal Church upon arrival in Columbus, and have been members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in recent decades. Jim was also an adult volunteer at COSI for many years. Calling hours will be at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington, from 5-8 p.m. Monday, January 14, 2013. Funeral Service will be celebrated at

the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 555 North High Street, Columbus, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Burial will take place at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Auburn, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's memory to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church or St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Cross and Cottage Streets, Auburn, NY 13021. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com) to send on-line condolences.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James G. Pantalos*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Mary and George, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of both of your parents. I have known them since we were in grade school. I was excited when I discovered they were current customers in my business. I will certainly miss talking with "Jimmy the Greek" as he identified himself each time he called. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

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**Yvonne Ankrum Smith** - January 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Losing parents is going through a door you can never go through again. Reading the obituaries, I am struck by what full, rich lives James and Mary Pantalos led! I hope you are comforted by your memories of all the good times you had with them. -- Jill Scoggins, a colleague of George Pantalos at the University of Louisville Health Science Center*

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**Jill Scoggins** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Dear Family of Mrs and Mr. Pantalos. I am so sad to hear about the loss of both your parents in such a short time. I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Pantalos. He was my academic advisor, while a graduate student at Ohio State. He was such a wonderful wonderful man. He was full of fun, and full of compassion. He accepted the role of my DAD away from home while a student. You could always count on him for a listening ear, a kind heart, and good advise. I have had the priveledge of continued contact with him through the years through annual Christmas messages. He continued to be an encourager and supporter even though we were distant. Be proud of your parents. They touched many many lives.

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**Cindy Mason Yost** - January 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I am sorry for the loss of your father and I see now your mother also. They have both lived long lives. I am grateful for Jim for the part he played in my life while I was in graduate school at OSU from 1985-87. Another student and I were looking for a group to discuss how our Christian faith intersected with the field of Social Work, and there was no such group. We inquired and someone told us to talk to Jim Pantalos. He agreed to sponsor us and for two years (even after he was a professor emeritus) he met with a group of 10+ Christian students to talk faith & social work. This group led to a chapter of North American Christians in Social Work (NACSW) and continued many years after. I am grateful for him, because that group meant a lot to me in the midst of a large university. My condolences to you....Phyllis Thompson

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**Phyllis Thompson** - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear George, I am so sorry for your loss. It was inspiring to read about your wonderful father, and the great life that he lived. On behalf of Red Cross. our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Mary Ellen

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**Mary Ellen Wissel** - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jacque and George, Deeply sad to hear of your Father's passing. He truly was a man of character and wit; loved by all who knew him. Ashland Chemical Retiree

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**Delores Fayson** - January 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Enjoyed sharing meals with James at the Trillium. We will miss the music James shared with us all at mealtime.

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**Richard G Hall** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Sending you loving thoughts across the miles from Marka and her mother Elsie. Jim brought wisdom, kindness and a twinkle in his eye to every occasion. I will miss him. Love and strength to Mary and her dear family.

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**Marka Rifat** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ George, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on the passing of your dad. Cherish the memories and keep them in your heart. Stephanie

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**Stephanie Owens Newcomer** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ George & Diana, It was good to see you both at Newman on Sunday! Again, so sorry to hear of your father's passing! May your mom, and all of your family experience God's healing and comfort, as you honor and pay tribute to your father and his well-lived life, here on earth! Now he is with the angels and our Lord! Love and Healing to You All, your Newman friend, Nancy

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**Nancy Drugan Koehler** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ George, We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mike S

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**Michael Sobieski II** - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My mother and I were so sorry to read about Jim Pantalos' passing this evening. I had the good fortune to know Jim through orchestra. I'll always how Jim would make jokes in rehearsal, making me laugh. My condolences to Mrs. Pantalos and all of Jim's family. May Jim rest in the peace of Christ.

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**Raquel M. Trejo** - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Mary & Family: I have so missed both you and Jim! How you both would brighten my day with your love and those special twinkles in your eyes! I cannot think of better to people to have spent time with and shared thoughts and hugs! God Bless you both, and I will see Jim and his twinkling eyes in God's Kingdom. My hugs, love and prayers surround you both. How blessed we have all been by Jim's presence on earth! Susan

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**Susan Peters** - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Dear Mary, Father Daniel and I want to extend our sincere condolences upon hearing of Jim's death. We always enjoyed chatting with you two when we visited Annunciation. Further, Jim was one of my professors at OSU when I was in grad school. He talked me through more than one crisis. I shall always remember him with fondness. May his memory be eternal!

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**Elaine Rentel** - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Pantalos family, I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a great friend and advisor to all of us in APO. He will greatly missed.

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**Andrea Fox** - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Mary, George & Jacquie: My deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. I know how much you will miss him. Our family has many fond memories of fun times with the Pantalos family. We are in Florida and cannot attend the service for our dear friend, but my thoughts and prayers are with you. Joann Cunningham Arnold

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**Joann Cunningham Arnold** - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I was very sad to hear of Jim's passing. I enjoyed knowing Mary and Jim while I worked at Trillium Place. He was a very special man and I have fond memories of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary and George and all of your family. I pray that God will bless you with His peace and comfort.

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**Debbie Kamer** - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM