

James C. Fountas - Obituary

James C. Fountas passed away November 1, 2020 in Rockville, Maryland, of natural causes at the age of 91. James was born in Staten Island, New York, son to Christos and Mary Fountas, brother to Pauline and George. He graduated from Curtis H.S. in 1948 and subsequently attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1952. James served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954 as a 1st Lieutenant and was deployed in Korea. Upon his return, he was employed at United States Gypsum Company. Over his career, James managed manufacturing facilities across the Northeast along with assignments at corporate offices in Chicago and New York. He retired in 1998 after a career spanning 45 years.

James was devoted to his Greek Orthodox faith, serving the Church both locally and nationally. James was a member of the Parish Council at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield, New Jersey from 1977 to 2017, serving as Parish President, Secretary, and Treasurer. James was awarded the Archdiocesan Medal of Saint Paul in 1980. In recognition of years of extraordinary service, James was invested as an Archon for the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle in 1981 and conferred with the *offikion (office), Depoulatos*. He served the Order as a member of the National Council and as Treasurer from 1997 to 2018. James also served as Vice-Chairman of the Council of the Metropolis of New Jersey and as a member of the Archdiocesan Council. He was appointed to the New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission by the Governor of New Jersey in 2009. In 2012, he received the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship.

James is survived by his wife of 61 years Jean (nee Vallas), his son Christopher, daughter-in-law Christine, and beloved grandchildren Rosemary and Noel-Emile. A viewing and funeral services starting at 10:00 a.m. will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 7701 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817. Interment will follow immediately after the service at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, MD 20876.