



## Sam Hasapopoulos

February 2, 1924 - August 31, 2019

Sam Hasapopoulos, 95, of Clear Lake, died Saturday, August 31, 2019, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice in Mason City.

A funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 1311 Second Street S.W., Mason City, with Rev. Joseph Mirowski officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery in Mason City. In the spirit of Sam's favorite saying, "God Bless America", red, white and blue attire is requested.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family suggests memorial contributions to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice or the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Mason City.

Sam was born February 2, 1924, the youngest son of Greek immigrants Gus and Fotini (Giannopoulos) Hasapopoulos in Mason City and was raised on Lehigh Road on Mason City's north side. His parents immigrated to the United States in 1906, through Ellis Island, eventually making their way to Mason City. With due diligence, imagination and hard work, Sam and his brothers built a business together and showed what could be accomplished in this new country that they loved so much.

As the youngest son, Sam was not required to serve in World War II, but heeding the call to serve his country, he voluntarily joined the United States Army at the age of 17. Later he returned to Mason City and began a long and successful business career with his brothers, Ted, Pete and George. They owned and operated several area businesses, including: The Bolero, Town House, Hasse's Drive Inn, Mason City and the Holiday Motor Lodge, Clear Lake.

Sam married Marilyn Larson on March 18, 1956, at the Holy Transfiguration Greek

Orthodox Church in Mason City. To that union, two children were born, Kathryn and Costa.

Sam was a member of the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Mason City and AHEPA. Throughout his life he enjoyed traveling to his farms regularly, golfing, intently watching the stock market ticker on the bottom of his television and traveling with his family. He was a very charismatic gentleman, liked socializing with everyone, always had a smile on his face and enjoyed singing and directing with his hands, to any song he heard. He would often end many conversations with, "God Bless America."

Sam is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn of Clear Lake; two children, Kathryn (Dale) Snyder of Clear Lake and Costa (Tami) Hasapopoulos of Woodbury, MN; six grandchildren, Alexis Snyder, Andrea (Dan) Gabrielson, Chelsy (Erick) Anderson, Tiana (Chris) Culler, Niko Hasapopoulos and Jake Hasapopoulos; 15 great-grandchildren, Hudson, Finn, Laken, Preston, Kenedie, Bradan, Quinn, Evan, James, Levi, William, Kathryn, Claire, Evie, and Audrey; a sister, Bessie Schisel of Garner; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, Pete and Ted; and sister, Theodora.

# Cemetery

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## Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery

1224 South Washington

Mason City, IA,

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
1311 2nd St. SW, Mason City, IA, US

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
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# Comments

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“ We always dislike as we read the passing of such a fun and nice man. We have many memories of the good times and caring with our families. So many memories on 4th Ave North. Thinking of the family during difficult times. Love, Chris, Alan , Daphne and Dustin!!

**Chris Duea** - September 04, 2019 at 05:02 PM

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“ The entire Hasapopoulos family was very near and dear to the Ramsey's. I remember my mother (Ruth) and my father (Bud) ALWAYS speaking so highly of them. I always enjoyed dining at the Holiday Lounge and my dad taking me back to the kitchen to talk to all the brothers. I will never forget this.

**Mark Ramsey** - September 02, 2019 at 12:00 PM

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“ I enjoyed the times Marilyn & Sam joined us for meals at CMP. Sam was a gracious & thankful man. He'll be missed by those that were lucky enough to share even a short time with him. Hope my ice cream put a smile on his face. Condolences to the Hasapopoulos Family!

**Janice Rose** - September 01, 2019 at 11:31 AM

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“ Sam, You're the best looking man in my parish, "Yes, I know that, but, I can't help it" God love Him, he was a Christian and a Gentleman, May his memory be eternal!!  
Father Joseph

**Father Joseph** - September 01, 2019 at 10:53 AM

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“ I was raised on a farm in Elma, and Sam owned the farm. My parents rented it from him and they always talked very highly of Sam. I can remember one time when we went and spent time with him on his pontoon. what a wonderful man.

**Lori Ellingson** - September 01, 2019 at 09:25 AM

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“ He was a great man, I am sorry for your loss Kathy and Dale. He always had a smile on his face when he saw you. Right out of high school I delivered Coca-Cola to the Holiday Motor Lodge. A lot of memories with our talks as you can imagine. I was so sad when the great greek food left Clear Lake.

John Lindsay

**John C Lindsay** - August 31, 2019 at 07:39 PM