



Jonas K. Vynis

October 7, 1932 - November 20, 2020

Obituary

It is with great sadness that the family of Jonas K. Vynis announce his passing. Jonas was born on October 7, 1932 in Kaunas, Lithuania and passed away on November 20, 2020 in San Jose, California, at the young age of 88. He is survived by his wife of over 30 years, Helga, his daughter, Angela and his two children from a previous marriage, Audra and Aras.

During WWII, Jonas's father, Pranas, went to war. Unfortunately, he never came home. Jonas and his mother, Angele, searched for him for years, but were unable to find him. It wasn't very long after his father's disappearance when Jonas and his mother were forced to leave Lithuania due to the Communist take-over. After traveling through countless internment camps, Jonas and his mother made their way to America and settled down in Rochester, New York.

At 19, Jonas voluntarily joined the United States Air Force where he would work as an Airman. He traveled the United States and met many friends along the way. One of his favorite stories to tell us was when he was stationed in warm Louisiana and had to transfer to Washington State. He left Louisiana in a summer T-shirt and shorts and arrived in Washington frozen. While he was walking through the town shivering and doing whatever he could to keep warm, everyone around him was dressed in head-to-toe parkas.

People were staring at him and wondering why on earth he was wearing summer clothes! When he met up with his friends, someone offered him a jacket so he could warm up. Jonas always laughed while telling this story. He said looking back, it is crazy what kids go through!

After his honorable discharge, Jonas actively engaged in his community by joining the American Legion, Scouts and became a member of the Phi Kappa Pi Fraternity. He enjoyed folk dancing, soccer, fishing and eventually became a green belt in Karate. In his spare time, he enjoyed creating wearable and intricate jewelry designs; some which have been displayed in galleries. Jonas also loved designing hangable artwork from scratch. He would draw up his ideas and make them come to life!

In 1962, Jonas moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he would work as a draftsman at General Electric. He would take hand drawn sketches and turn them into accurate drawings. As a detailed-orientated person, Jonas loved taking his time to carefully work on drawings so they would be perfect. Several years later, Jonas moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he continued to design for high-tech companies. During this time, he was awarded two cost improvement awards, nine patent applications with two awarded. His patent numbers are 3,848,209 and 3,860,895.

Sometime in the 1980's Jonas moved to sunny California where he met his wife, Helga. They met in a dancing hall and began dating shortly after. After seven long years of dating, they married and were blessed with a daughter, Angela, who is named after his mother. Throughout the years, Jonas continued drawing and painting. He enjoyed taking road trips and visiting new places with his family. He loved fixing and tinkering with things around the house. He always used to say that it kept his mind fresh!

Jonas was a passionate, sentimental soul who loved joking around and

having fun. He always found a way to make the people around him smile. He loved talking with new people and listening to their life stories. Jonas was the type of person made you feel good about yourself. He was easy to talk to, understanding and kind-hearted.

Jonas was a son, father and a best-friend.

We love and miss you dearly Jonas. May you rest in peace.

“Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words

and missed beyond measure” - Anonymous

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Sentimental thoughts was purchased for the family of Jonas K. Vynis by Jocelia Wilson. Send Flowers

Jocelia Wilson - May 31, 2022 at 10:33 AM

TL

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Jonas K. Vynis by Tatevik & Levon. Plant a TreeOur thoughts and prayers are with youTatevik & Levon

Tatevik & Levon - May 31, 2022 at 09:22 AM

MA

“ It was a lovely memorial The colorguards Angelas memories of her father The priest I especially loved the photos of young JonasEverything was great until the funeral director Popped in The Alvarados will miss Jonas

Mary Alvarado - February 05, 2021 at 02:10 PM

EP

“ We are going to miss you Jonas all the lunches and dinners we've had with you and Helga. All the laughter and jokes. The sillier the better. Love Ed and Terry Penello

Ed and Terry Penello - February 05, 2021 at 10:53 AM

GG

“ May Eternal Light shine upon you. May your soul rest in peace thru the mercy of God. Goodby friend. We will always remember our cruise together and the fun we had in Las Vegas. Great memories.

Gilbert & Thelma Godinez - February 05, 2021 at 08:56 AM

DW

“ Jonas and I grew up together in Rochester and we're part of many activities. After 13 years of marriage we had 2 wonderful children, Aras and Audra, but separated and remained friends. He was outgoing, a great artist and loved to dance. We are all grateful for Helga and Angela taking such good care of him, especially during his health declining years. Dalia Woodliff, Aras and Audra Vynis

Dalia Woodliff - February 02, 2021 at 02:48 PM

ED

“ Jonas was a dear family friend and I will cherish the memories I have of Holiday gatherings and laughter with him and his family. Most of my memories of him are from when I was a child and I remember Jonas always joking and making others laugh. I will always remember how happy he was at his daughter, Angela's, wedding. Sending our love and condolences, Elycia and Sammy DanielsCeci, Tony and Frankie Greve

Elycia Daniels - January 28, 2021 at 03:35 PM

AN

“ You will be forever in my heart. I love you.

Angela - January 23, 2021 at 05:24 PM