



## George Aspros

April 10, 1919 - April 10, 2017

George Aspros, a resident of Allegro Senior Living, died peacefully on April 10, 2017 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

He had a magnetic personality and made friends easily; from Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to the Costco off Capital Circle, everyone knew George. With his big smile and effervescent personality, the action always centered on George. He was renowned for his unsolicited and very personal advice, which he generously shared with both friends and strangers but especially with his family. Throughout a long and happy life, through strength of will, force of habit and a bit of luck, he lived the life he wanted to live.

George was born in New York City in 1919 to immigrant parents who had arrived at Ellis Island two years earlier. Escaping war torn Greece they came penniless and unable to read or write English. George worked for his father in the family fur business throughout his childhood. He worked his way through college, graduating from NYU in 1940 with a degree in business. He taught radar in the Army Air Corp from 1943 until the end of World War II.

After the war, he met Hester Wixson, a young war widow, and they married in 1948. Their marriage lasted 66 years until her death in 2015. His enduring marriage to the sweetest lady in the world was one of his lifetime achievements.

George had started his own fur business but soon moved to the world of costume jewelry where he spent most of his work years. In the fashion industry George was the force behind Ledo Jewelry, Polcini Jewelry, and then

Jack Gilbert. He was a well-known and respected member of the midtown scene in those years. He was in the center of 5th Avenue during the hay day of fashion.

In later years he taught marketing at Nassau Community College and mentored with the Small Business Administration (SCORE). He advocated for veterans issues most of his life.

He died on his 98th birthday surrounded by his family who had gathered from all over the country to celebrate the event. George was preceded in death by his parents, Anastas and Barbara Aspros, his sister Desi Oertel and his wife Hester. He is survived by his sons Douglas (Dee) and Steven (Mary), and his daughter Carol (Bob); his grandchildren, Matthew, Emily, Christina (Joy), George, Natalia (Christopher) and his three great grandchildren, Penelope, Emily and Pierce.

To say we will miss him doesn't nearly capture a world without George. A private memorial will be held sometime in the future.