



## Stylianos Vackimes

September 17, 1930 - June 22, 2024

A beautiful baby was born in Greece on September 17, 1930 and passed away June 22, 2024 in San Antonio. His name was Stylianos Vackimes Kournana. He came to the United States through Ellis Island with his parents Sophia and Nickles Vackimes. Stylianos learned English as a second language. At a young age he worked picking up fruit where he made friends and learned Spanish. He joined the American Army and went to the University of Berkeley, California. He studied history. He opened the first Pizza Restaurant "La Villa Roma" in Mexico City. He opened one more restaurant, "El Rodeo" and a piano bar "El Gato Rojo" Then he opened a philatelic and numismatic store "Centro Filatelico in Mexico City. He was number 1 in the philatelic business. He was recognized in Mexico and all over the world. He was the editor of the Mexican catalogue. His number one advice was "to save money, refinance." He never went to the doctor. He was a healthy person. He was very smart and proud of knowing he had a high IQ. If there was a problem to solve, his words were... "That's a Mickey Mouse situation." He used to sing, dance, and make lots of jokes. His passion was to drive around 10 to 13 hours per day all over San Antonio listening to the radio station 1310. Always singing and making funny sounds with his voice. He used to drive every two weeks without stopping from Mexico City to San Antonio. He loved his mediterranean food, parmesan cheese, olives, garlic, tamara, chicken, wine and his chocolate popsicles and baklava. He was always having a lot of fun with his baby girl Alex. He was always singing, dancing, laughing, and

driving around. Alex and Dada used to say every time “I love you, I love you too, I love you 200, 400, 700, 3,000,000.” Alex used to tell him... “I love you, together till eternity, and Dada responded all the time together till eternity.” “I love you Dada with all my heart. I love you, Alex. Dada’s sound (Gara, gara, gara!)” Together Till Eternity...

# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Searching for my old friend in Google I found this. Good memories.  
Who is going to take care of mexican stamps?

Felipe Panizo - August 16, 2024 at 03:52 PM

AV

Hello Felipe, my dad closed his store.  
You can contact me Alexandra Vackimes via Facebook.  
Thanks for remembering my dad.

Alexandra Vackimes - September 28, 2024 at 12:58 AM

AV

“ I love you Dada with all my heart!  
Together till eternity!  
We laugh together, dance together and play together!  
What an amazing joy!  
New adventures Dada!  
Enjoy

Alexandra Vackimes - July 13, 2024 at 03:10 PM

DG

“ We enjoyed getting to know your father when you, Alex, brought him to our house in Austin for small group and at his birthday party with the wonderful flamenco dancers that he so loved! He was definitely a very intelligent man and was fun to get to know him and learn of his life experiences! As Ephesians -3:19 says, "May God give you the peace that passes all understanding in Jesus Christ our Lord." He is now dancing with the angels!!

Dan and Jean Geurkink - June 28, 2024 at 12:15 PM

KD

“ *Stylianios always, always had a smile on his face through which the joy in his heart would shine forth. Thank you for sharing such beautiful and special stories of him, Alex. May his memory be eternal.*



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**Kim DeForrest** - June 28, 2024 at 11:52 AM

JD

“ *It was always enlightening to visit with him in Mangos Hall after Liturgy and listen to stories he would share. Those visits will be missed. May his memory be eternal. 🕊️🙏*

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**Jack D.** - June 28, 2024 at 11:37 AM