



Simos C. Dimas

April 4, 1948 - November 29, 2024

Simos Constantine Dimas passed away on Friday, November 29th, 2024 while visiting his beloved son Alex and daughter-in-law Annalise in Orlando, Florida. He was 76 years old.

Simos began his career in trust and estate planning at Chase Manhattan and Morgan Guaranty. A graduate of Columbia College, he received his JD from Fordham University School of Law. He is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor awarded to “Americans of diverse origins for their outstanding contributions to their own ethnic groups and to American society.”

As an attorney active in both the US and his spiritual and historical home, Greece, Simos successfully litigated the first case brought by the Greek government under its antiquities law. He aided in the negotiation of the US-Greek bilateral air treaties as co-counsel to the Greek delegation representing the Greek national carrier Olympic Airways in the US. Simos was also proud to work with the American Jewish lobby on the recognition of Israel by Greece. Indeed, his service to Greece dates to the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Following the 1985 Reagan travel advisory against travel to Greece, Simos served as Director of Greek National Tourism, organizing a national public relations and advertising campaign which was credited with revitalizing Greek tourism at the time.

Ever-proud of his Epirotan heritage, Simos was a past president of the Panepirotic Federation of America and worked with the Greek Foreign Ministry on Albanian refugee policy and issues involving the Greek ethnic minority in Albania. Until his passing, Simos was active on behalf of the Greek minority in Albania as well as other international and domestic litigation for his clients.

Simos had an indefatigable commitment to justice. He regarded the practice of law as a privilege which included the obligation to defend the underdog and to constantly pursue truth and fairness. Impervious to the conventional opinions, Simos was a champion of just causes. Endowed with a fully formed Orthodox consciousness, to his friends, adversaries, and many admirers he justly earned the reputation as “the Last Knight”.

He is survived by his sister, two sons and a name-sake grandson. He was a tireless, loving and self-less grandfather. The day before he passed, on Thanksgiving morning Simos wrote to his family, “On this day when we celebrate the blessings we have received I want all of you to know how grateful I am for the many blessings I have received from all of you, not just this year, but for all the past years. Lots of love from me.”

Simos’ funeral will be held at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 143 E. 17th Street:

- Saturday, December 7th
- 10:00AM Funeral Celebration (There is no viewing prior.)

Interment to immediately follow at Cypress Hills Cemetery, 833 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

Traditional Greek makaria at Amali restaurant at 115 E. 60th Street following the internment.

In lieu of flowers, Simos would have requested that donations be made to GrantedUSA.org

May Simos' memory be eternal as we all pray for and trust in the life of the age to come. Amen.

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Simos C. Dimas.

December 05, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Simos C. Dimas.



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“ On behalf of the ACS Athens Board of Trustees, the President, the administration, the faculty, and the staff, we extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Simos C. Dimas for their loss. As a Board member, he played an important role in transforming the governance structure, contributing significantly to the institution's strength and sustainability. We wish his family strength during this difficult time and hope they find comfort in the many happy memories they shared together. A donation was made to [GrantedUSA.org](https://www.GrantedUSA.org) in his memory.

ACS Athens, Athens, GREECE - December 04, 2024 at 07:25 AM

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ACS Athens, Athens, Greece - December 03, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Simos C. Dimas.

December 03, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Simos C. Dimas.



December 03, 2024 at 08:52 AM

GF

“ Gary Figler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Simos C. Dimas.

Gary Figler - December 03, 2024 at 12:29 AM

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“ Gary Figler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Simos C. Dimas.



Gary Figler - December 03, 2024 at 12:29 AM

UF

“ Unidine Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Simos C. Dimas.



Unidine Family - December 02, 2024 at 12:31 PM

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“ Unidine Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Simos C. Dimas.

Unidine Family - December 02, 2024 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ In loving memory of a Wonderful Man. Thank you for sharing your Thanksgiving with our family, his conversations will be missed! Love Aunt Jill

Jill Baez - December 02, 2024 at 11:56 AM