

MICHAEL JAHARIS IN MEMORIAM

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The National Hellenic Museum would like to extend its deepest condolences on the passing of Michael E. Jaharis, dedicated philanthropist and distinguished member of the Greek community.

The 87-year-old was a pillar of the Greek community, tirelessly offering his time, energy, and resources to institutions of art, science, and philanthropy through the Jaharis Family Foundation, including Hunger Relief Efforts in Greece for children and families.

A New York resident, he was raised in Chicago and was a longtime supporter and member of the National Hellenic Museum.

He donated generously to the Museum, believing in the Museum's mission to share the legacy of Hellenism and to preserve the stories and honor the contributions to the United States of Greek immigrants and Americans of Greek heritage.

Mr. Jaharis was an energetic, compassionate man whose positive influence helped make the world a better place. He is survived by his wife Mary (nee Spyros), children Steven and Kathryn, and grandchildren Melina, Michael, Valerie, Wilder, and Ava.