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Angelos Xatzisofokleous

Angelos Hatzisofokleous was born in Nicosia on May 5, 1963. His family is from Cyprus. He is a photographer, owner of his own studio in the area of Agios Dometios in Nicosia.

His paternal grandfather was Evangelos Hatzisofoklis who was born in 1917 and died in 1958. He was born in Akanthou in the district of Ammochostos and lived there all his life. He was a farmer, but he also played the violin for a living at weddings. He was a kind respected man. He was married to Angeliki who was also from Akanthou and they had four children, Sophocles, Dimitris, Ilias and Stavroula. Angelos's grandmother, Angeliki, was very hardworking and kind. She worked in the fields while caring for her family as well. Unfortunately, she was left a widow at a young age, having to care for her children herself as well as educate them. Sophocles and Dimitris became school teachers, while Stavroula was a kindergarten teacher. Ilias went to London where he worked in the business of leather goods.

Sophocles, Angelos's father, was born in Akanthou on May 25, 1941. He had a difficult childhood and was left an orphan at the age of 16. He worked in the fields helping his mother while studying to be a teacher at the Academy of Nicosia. He worked in various places as a teacher such as Salamina, Pitsilia and in the village of Askas, until he was assigned to teach in Latsia in Nicosia in the area of Agios Dometios where he had become vice principal by his retirement. He is a man of integrity. He is also kind, yet strict as a teacher, and a wonderful family man. He raised his children teaching them values, love for their country and family, as well as respect for God and their fellow man. He married his beloved Giannoula Mouzoura who was the daughter of Christos and Stella Mouzoura, born on December 25, 1941 in Nicosia.

Angelo's maternal grandfather, Christos, who was born in Nicosia in 1905 and died in 2002, had fought in WWII. He worked in the asbestos mines. He married his beloved Styliani from Gerakies. They had five daughters, Niki, Avgi, Giannoula, Mary and Despo.

Giannoula, Angelos's mother, attended Pedoula junior high school, to which she walked every day. She then graduated from Neocleous High School in Nicosia and worked for several companies after her graduation. However, after she was married, she stopped working since her husband was a teacher and was frequently transferred from one place to the next. Giannoula loves her children and grandchildren very much, as she is a kind loving woman.

Angelo's parents have two children, Angelos and Christos. Christos was born in 1967. He graduated from the Pancyprrian high school. He studied to be an aircraft mechanic in Bristol, England and worked for Cyprus Air. He has been working for Etihad as an aircraft mechanic in Abu Dhabi since 2015. He is married to Aria, and they have two daughters, Adrianna and Joanna.

Angelo started the primary school of Agios Dometios in fourth grade. When he was in fifth grade the Turkish Invasion took place in 1974. His father was then assigned to teach Greek in London at a community Greek School. The whole family moved to London where they lived for two years. Angelos finished primary school in London and then started secondary school. In 1976 he returned to Cyprus with his family and he continued going to school at the Boys' School of Kykkos. He then attended the

Technical School of Nicosia where he studied Electronics. He completed his military duty from 1981 to 1983 in the infantry unit at the village of Geri and was assigned to an office for most of his service. When he was discharged, he started working for a machine repair company at first and then went on to Cyprus College to study photography. He then went to London where he continued studying photography. He opened his own photography studio in the area of Agios Dometios to which he moved in 1988, and in 1990 he moved his place of business to a larger studio at which it is located to this day. He travels abroad frequently in order to be kept up to date with the latest advancements in his field. He mainly photographs and records weddings and various events. He attends seminars involving his field of work and invests in the latest technology with a view to pleasing his clients. He has his work assessed by the British Institute of Professional Photographers, the Society of Wedding Professional Photographers, and the Master Photographer Association. In 2015 he was awarded by the Ministry of Labor in the field of Modern Businesses of Cyprus. He likes organization, discipline and quality which is why his work is distinct. He has been a member of the Association of Professional Photographers of Cyprus since he started working. He has served as president for two terms and secretary for another two terms as well, and is well respected by his associates for his contribution to the association. It is worth saying that he offers his services free of charge to charities in Agios Dometios as need arises.

In 1988, Angelos married Gianna Achilleos. Gianna was born in the village of Nikitari in Nicosia. Her parents are Michalakakis and Eleni Achilleos. His wife has also attended photography courses and seminars as well as seminars in photo processing. Together they worked hard under difficult conditions so that they could bring their business to the level of grandeur it is today. A big part of the success must also be attributed to Eleni. She is a professional, a wife and a mother, always at Angelos's side, to this day. She has a brother, Achilleas and a sister, Eftihia. They work in their family's business. Angelos and Eleni have three children, Sophocles named after his paternal grandfather as is the custom among Greek families, Michalis and Eleana.

Sophocles was born on May 28, 1990. He finished the Pascal English School and studied Graphic Design at Frederick University in Nicosia. His goal is to start his own graphic design business.

Michalis was born on July 29, 1994. He finished the Pascal English School as well and studied Business Management at Wolverhampton, in England.

Eleana was born on May 26, 2000 and is a senior at the high school of Kykkos. She wants to study accounting and economics. 🌸

