

George Viridakis

Born: May 1, 1924
Hometown: New Haven, CT
Class: 1944
Service: Merchant Marine
Position / Rank: Cadet-Midshipman
Date / Place of death: December 12, 1942 / New Haven, CT
Date / Place of burial: December 14, 1942 / Beaverdale Cemetery, New Haven, CT
Age: 18



George Viridakis reported to the Academy in the summer of 1942 and was recommended for appointment as a Cadet, Merchant Marine Reserve, U.S. Naval Reserve on June 30, 1942. Six months later, on November 27, 1942 he was admitted to the Laurel Heights Sanitarium in Fairfield, CT while he was home on sick leave from Kings Point. George Viridakis died on December 12, 1942 of military tuberculosis, a systemic disease. An honor guard of six Midshipmen and a bugler from Kings Point traveled to New Haven on December 14, 1942 for his funeral at Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church. He was buried at Beaverdale Cemetery, New Haven.

George Viridakis was the only son of John Viridakis and Anna K. Strigos Viridakis' three children. George's sisters were Rita (five years older) and Mary (two years younger). According to the 1940 U.S. Census, both of George's parents, who were immigrants from Greece, worked to support the family. John was a watchmaker while Anna was a dress maker.