

Kelly Family Submission

Dave was a tall man at around 6'5". He made his livelihood as an Auto Mechanic. He came to America as a young boy, about 9 years old, in 1930. He lived in New York until he had finished auto mechanic school in 1942. Dave found a job at a mid-size garage in the Queens area.

By 1944 the war had hit home. Dave had to work in an airplane plant. It was long hours the days were hard; it's what had to be done to support the War effort. He met and married a New York Irish girl "Lindsey" while at the plant. Sometime after 1946 they moved to Grove City, Pennsylvania to work for an auto repair garage. Dave and his family started a First Life celebration on Lake Shenango, PA.. Their group still holds a First Life there even today. Dave died at the age of 98. His family held a First Life, 2021 on July 3rd as a tribute to Dave.

Dave left his family a journal that recorded his family history and their connection to the Stavrosians. His grandfather had been a crewman on board the downed Stavrosian ship. The family made their way out of Greece then settled in Ireland.

Dave's father took the name, O'Malley, to fit into their new community. Dave kept the name using it his whole life. Dave's son Mike O'Malley served in Vietnam as a civilian pilot for Air America. Mike retired as a Ford car salesman. He was last known to live near Lake Tahoe.

Dave's daughter Lisa married, then they moved to Los Angeles. It is unknown if she worked or had children of her own. Mike O'Malley had one son called Dave after his grandfather. Peter Kelly told us that Dave was or had worked in NASA space center. Peter thinks Dave was an airframe engineer. Peter did say that he had not seen his cousin Dave in over four years. Dave had not been back to the family's First Life celebration for a long time. Many of the extended family of the O'Malley's, Gordon's and Kelly's, still live in P.A..

Many are looking forward to 2022 First Life celebration with the hope of seeing all the family from around the country.

This family story was submitted to the S.G.L. by Peter Kelly. A descendant of Dave O'Malley.

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