



OBJECT ID	2012.23.19
OBJECT NAME	T-shirt
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Cotton; Polyester
OBJECT ENTITIES	Grill, Ramova (owned by) Dinos, Tony (is related to) Miller, Ward (is related to) Gertos, Bob (is related to) Gertos, Bill (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Ramova Grill Ramova Grill T-Shirt T-shirt

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

An XL grey t-shirt from Ramova Grill. The top three signatures were the owners, Tony Dinos, Bob Gertos, and Bill Gertos. The bottom three are by the waitresses. The front of the t-shirt says "Bridgeports' Famous Ramova Grill," with a picture of their famous chili under that, and then it says, "Serving The Finest Chili 1929-2012." On the back it says, "Ramova Grill 'Best Chili In The City!' 'The Decor Is Vintage, NOT Retro!' 'A Cheap Delicious Meal, That Will Not Disappoint!'"

Not Disappoint!"

ORIGIN

The Ramova Grill opened in Chicago in 1929 and after 82 years it shut down in 2012. Tony Dinos was from Greece and moved to the United States in 1960 where he started working at the Ramova Grill, his first and only job he has ever had in the United States. He started out as a dishwasher but once he learned English better his uncle, Pete Gertos, promoted him to cook and four years after that he bought in and owned part of the place. In 1965, while working at the grill, Dinos met Liberty Sfondels, whom he would marry just two month later and are still married to this day. The Ramova Grill was known for their pancakes and chili. Dinos got the chili recipe from the original owners and will not give the recipe to anyone, not even his son-in-law who owns a diner in Indiana. Dinos and his partner Bob Gertos have decided to close the grill after working there for 52 years to spend more time with family and travel.

CITATION

T-shirt, Ramova Grill Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 07/01/26.
