

## STYLIANOS KYRIAKIDES, CV for book

Born in May 1910 in Cyprus, in a poor farming family, he became one of the best marathon runners in the world between 1932 to 1948.

He won Boston marathon in 1946, in 2:29:27, a world's best time and European record and took part in the Olympic games of 1936 and 1948.

He was far ahead in his time in his training techniques and used his fame to help his country after WWII and his fellow countrymen, becoming a Greek national hero.

The first long distance runner to use hand stop watch for pace and stretching exercises, as well as the first to run for charity and for a cause.

He has been honored in many countries and cities, and many documentaries have been made for him.

Kyriakides who was a great athlete, a national hero and a great humanitarian , died in December 10, 1987 at the age of 77, the same number he chose as a bib in winning Boston. He always said that 7 was his lucky number.