



Chris John Moutos

May 25, 1924 - February 8, 2022

Chris was born on May 25, 1924, in Doliana Evrytania, Greece, and was the son of parents John Moutogianni and Kaliopi Vastaki.

He fled to America during the Greek Civil War in 1951 as a refugee and was sponsored by his aunt Mrs. Demetra Moutos.

He worked at his aunt's restaurant the Busy Bee Café from 1951 to about 1953. One day he took a trip to Asheville and the first breath of air he took reminded him of his hometown, so he stayed. He worked at Haywood Grill for a few years where he later ran it as Cosmos. Around 1963 Chris and his brother, Jim, got into the restaurant business together by purchasing a building on Tunnel Road and ran it as Acropolis. A year later they acquired the Mountaineer Court and later changed the Acropolis to a steak house. In 1977 he met and married the love of his life Varara, and had two children John and Nick.

In 1993 he was titled Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the Archbishop of America Iakovos.

Many friends knew Chris for his generous hospitality. He spent many years of his life giving back to the community by donating to various charities and religious establishments. He served in various committees and was even

elected as man of the year in Asheville.

Within the Greek community, he served as President of AHEPA, Velouchi, and the local parish. He rarely missed a day of church service and participated as a chanter.

He is survived by his wife Varvara, sons; John and Nick, grandson; Alex, daughter-in-law; Sarah, brother Jimmy, sister-in-law; Angeliki, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and god children.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Avenue in Asheville. Funeral service beginning at 11:00AM. Father Michael Diavatis is officiating. Interment will be at Green Hills Cemetery, 25 New Leicester Highway, Asheville NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Cemetery

25 New Leicester Hwy.
Asheville, NC 28806

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
227 Cumberland Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.holytrinityasheville.com/>

Funeral Service

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Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chris John Moutos*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Chris' passing. We interfaced many times over the years at charitable activities, and I always admired his kindness and willingness to give back to the community. My condolences to his family during this difficult time.*

Richard Hurley - February 18, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ *I have many memories of talks with Chris Moutos, because I stopped many times at Mountaineer Inn, to sit with him in his lobby. I knew his history well and worked at Ramada Inn in the 1970's to know he had business with the Winkenwerders and they actually traded motels or buildings at one time, long ago. He let me swim in the pool and enjoy the sign and the motel, and even offered me a room to run my own travel business out of, which was his generosity and respect he often showed. I know much of the Greek community but Chris was the only one I wanted to sit and talk with. Mainly, he always called me Doctor Bill, so he was my favorite Greek!*

Condolences to all his family and friends, his wife Varvara, who I hardly ever saw, and to brother Jim and his wife, Angeliki, who I did meet. He does now get to rest...

Billy Warlick - February 18, 2022 at 02:59 PM

SS

“ My Dad, David Weaver aka Mike enjoyed his times with Chris and his brother. He enjoyed eating at their restaurant and their company.. Now, Chris and Dad can enjoy find memories in heaven. Prayers for the family, friends, and associates during this time of loss.

SueAnn Weaver Sparks

SueAnn Weaver Sparks - February 17, 2022 at 01:57 PM

JS

“ I remember him fondly, and well. I live just a few blocks away from the motel and used to do a lot of walking, always exchanging pleasantries when I saw him. I noticed he was a beekeeper, so when a swarm of honey bees came to an evergreen in our yard, I called him. He was here in a jiffy with his equipment, his smoker, and his white protective clothing... and found the queen. Then the swarm followed. Such an amiable gentleman he was! Farewell, my dear friend! Farewell!

James L. Smith - February 16, 2022 at 12:26 PM

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“ Chris was a man with heart sharing his love with many. As a citizen diplomat he welcomed a delegation to Asheville from the Soviet Union with a luncheon hosted by the men's organization at Holy Trinity. His opening comments were, "Welcome brothers and sisters as we share the love of Christ in friendship.". From that time forward he has been a great supporter of the work of Asheville Sister Cities and was recognized by Sister Cities International. Thus, he too had a role in raising the "Iron Curtain".

He and his wife have endeared themselves to our family. With love and the peace in Christ as you have been such an elegant and humble servant... Family Richards, Irene, Constance and Ken

Irene Dillingham and Kenneth L. Richards - February 15, 2022 at 08:32 PM



Danny
Liles

In the mid-1950's my father was a struggling independent CPA practicing in West Asheville with a wife and four kids. Prior to moving to Asheville, he owned and ran a diner in Buffalo New York. I think, he and Chris hit off the first time they met. Chris became one of Dad's first clients. Well, not long after, Dad started receiving requests from other Greek business owners in the city. My Dad's successful business was launched by the kindness of Chris. When we would go to Chris's Restaurant on Haywood Street downtown, Chris would visit with us and it was like being with an uncle. He was a good man. I know my father admired him very much.

Danny Liles - February 16, 2022 at 01:07 PM



DK

*To the Moutos family,
I will always have found memories of Mr. Moutos when he was owner of the Mountaineer Steakhouse. It was the best place in town for a rib eye. Every time I went there to eat he always sent a plate of vegetables and cheese to the table. He could not remember my name but called me Mr. Politic. What a nice man and a credit to his community. My God be with you all and give you peace at this time.
David M King*

David M King - March 31, 2022 at 03:12 PM