



George J. Lamprinakos

August 14, 1925 - April 4, 2025

George J. Lamprinakos, 99, fell asleep unto the lord on April 4th, 2025. A native of Asheville, he was the son of the late James G. and Virginia C. Lamprinakos. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Esther Stathacos Lamprinakos; his son, James G. Lamprinakos; his daughter, Eugenia S. Lamprinakos; his brother, Paul Lamprinakos and his sister, Tina Caras.

He graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering in 1949 and a Bachelor of Science degree in textiles in 1950 from North Carolina State University. He held various administrative and technical positions at American Enka and Ak 20 for 33 years prior to his retirement.

He served in the United States military in the European Theater in World War II in the 65th and 71st divisions, which spearheaded the drives in Germany to the Enns River to meet up with the Russians.

He was a dedicated lifelong member of The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church where he was very active and instrumental in building the church complex as it is today. He served on the parish council as President, Treasurer, Director of Sunday School and Church Administrator for many years. He was co-chairman of the first Asheville Greek Festival held at Asheville City Plaza. He was a pillar of his Church and was a role model to many throughout his life.

George's greatest loves were his God and his family. He was a devoted and

loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. As the eldest of his siblings and many cousins, he always hoped he had been a good role model for them and that they would follow in his footsteps regarding church, family, education and country.

He was awarded the Medal of St. Paul by Archbishop Jacob of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. In 2000 he was awarded the Archangel Michael Medal by Metropolitan Alexis of Atlanta for his devout and continued service to the church. He was a member of ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials), where he received the ASTM Award of Merit for exceptional leadership. He also served on other technical and engineering societies.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Melodie of Lexington, SC; his grandson, George Lamprinakos II; his granddaughter-in-law, Rachel; his two great-grandchildren, James (8), Marie (5), and many nephews and cousins. His favorite advice to young people was to ask questions!

A funeral service will be at 9:00 AM at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Ave., Asheville. Burial will follow in Ashelawn Gardens of Memory, 901 Aiken Road, Asheville. A Trisagion service will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Memorial Fund or the Iconography Fund.

Cemetery Details

Ashelawn Gardens of Memory

901 Aiken Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Trisagion Service

APR 8. 6:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR 9. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Interment

APR 9 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ George was exemplary in every way. He was a devoted son, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend, and citizen. He was the oldest of nine Lamprinakos cousins, and he looked after all of us. I am the youngest, and I shall miss him terribly. He was wise, loving, erudite, optimistic and had a wonderful sense of humor.
Rest in peace, dear one.
Your memory is a blessing.

Your loving cousin,
Maria

Maria Collias - April 07, 2025 at 09:33 PM

MC

There were ten cousins. George had a little sister named Maria (in honor of her paternal grandmother). Maria passed away when she was a child.... shortly before I was born.

Maria Lamprinakos Collias

Maria Collias - April 07, 2025 at 10:15 PM

SA

“ The Asheville community and especially the Alter boys, will miss you. There was only one "Uncle George" Zoe se mas.

SPIRO ALIFERIS - April 06, 2025 at 10:40 AM