



Mr. John Xenakis

April 19, 1919 - September 19, 2012

John Xenakis, 93, loving husband, uncle, cousin, godfather and friend to many, passed away on September 19, 2012 at the Laurels of Greentree Ridge. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Georgia Stathacos Xenakis, his sister-in-law, Anna Xenakis of Asheville; his nieces, Litsa Bambouri of Chios, Greece, Dr. Hope Xenakis and her husband, Ray Dean of Asheville, Elpitha Makrides and her husband, Nick of Bayside, NY, Markella Zouma of Toronto, Canada, Betsy Xenakis of Durham, NC, Xenoula Maria Easton (also a goddaughter) and her husband, Brian and their daughter, Alexandra of Durham, NC and Frances Earnhardt and her husband, Brad of Asheville, NC.

A native of Chios, Greece, John was born to Xenophon and Elpitha Xenakis on April 19, 1919. He was the 3rd of 4 siblings that included Markella Fafalios, Stelios Xenakis and Maria Georganti, all of whom preceded him in death. He served in the Greek Navy during World War 11 and came to the US to begin his lifelong career in the restaurant business. Arriving in Asheville in 1950, he was welcomed at the home of the Arakas family which included his aunt, Mary Arakas and his 1st cousin, Stamati Arakas and his wife, Catherine and their children, Mary, Sideri and Drucie. He is also survived by another 1st cousin, Arnold Kalogerakis and his family. John who owned Wink's Restaurant with his cousin Stamati and Johnny-O's Sandwich Shop with his brother, Stelios.

John was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Asheville, NC. He was a tireless volunteer and 50-year member of the AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Association). His passion included discussing politics, tending to his vegetable garden and dispensing advice to his nieces, friends and godchildren (Chris, Jimmy and Angeliki). He was an advocate for good health and walked almost daily with his friends at the Asheville Mall for many years. A devoted husband to Georgia, he brought her flowers every week for more than 50 years. In March, 2012, they celebrated their 53rd year of marriage.

John's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Laurel's of Greentree Ridge and Care Partners Hospice for their wonderful care during the 2 1/2 years he lived there.

A trisagion service will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, September 21, 2012 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church with a Makaria luncheon and burial at Ashelawn Gardens of Memory following the funeral service. Father Michael Diavatis will officiate at both services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Cemetery Details

Ashelawn Gardens of Memory

901 Aiken Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Trisagion

SEP 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Xenakis*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *We are sorry about John's passing. He was a sweet, refined, and devoted man. We had the privilege of walking with John at the Asheville Mall for many years before we moved back to New York state. We had many wonderful memories of all of our Greek friends, luncheons, picnics, weddings, Mother's Day lunches, and so many things we did that we miss so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with Georgia and the whole Greek community. John was one of the "great guys".*

Bonnie and John Erwin

September 24, 2012 at 10:10 AM



“ *Accept my condolences on the passing of my friend John Xenakis. I have known John since he arrived in Asheville many years ago. My memory of him is of a quiet, unassuming and generous man. I will miss him very much and am sure that his wife and family will miss him even more.*

Respectfully submitted,

George and Despina Peterson

George Peterson - September 21, 2012 at 05:55 PM

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“ With our deepest sympathy for the loss of John. We knew John since 1967; always a happy and good man. May his memory be eternal . The family of John & Susan Poulos and Theodora Poulos have you in their thoughts and prayers.



family of John , Susan & Theodora Poulos - September 21, 2012 at 02:37 PM

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“ I remember and honor John as a great friend and confidante to my father and a very warm and caring man.

- Lyman "Greg" Gregory

Lyman "Greg" Gregory - September 21, 2012 at 07:34 AM