



John Karanikas

August 27, 1965 - December 19, 2013

Ioannis (John) Karanikas

Known by friends as “Johnnie the Greek”

John Karanikas, 48, of Kansas City, KS, passed away Thursday, December 19th, 2013. John was born August 27, 1965 in Larissa, Greece to Stylianos and Evanthia Karanikas. He immigrated to the United States and lived first in California, moving to Kansas City in 2003.

John belonged to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kansas City. He owned and operated a commercial transportation company in Kansas City until his death, and was beloved by all those who knew him. He was known for his gregariousness, loyalty, generosity, and smile. John undoubtedly gave more than he ever received. He loved anything Greek, visiting his home country every year. He loved all of the major American sports: soccer, baseball, basketball, and football, while rooting for both the Oakland Raiders and the Kansas City Chiefs. John will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Survivors include his siblings and their spouses, Evangelia (older sister) and Ioannis Gerases (brother-in-law), Michael Karanikas (brother), Anna (twin sister) and Demetrious Gourgiotes (brother-in-law); and nieces and nephews, Eleni Gerases, Areti Gerases, Georgios Gourgiotes, and Evanthia Gourgiotes, all of whom reside in the prefecture Larissa, Greece. He also leaves behind

Konstantinos Kariotis (2nd cousin), his wife, Carol, and their sons Pericles and Peter, all of the Kansas City area. John also leaves behind many good friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 27 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 12001 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO, 64145. A private burial for family will be held following the service. Visitation will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 26 at the Church, where there will be a Greek Orthodox service at 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (816-942-9100).

Fond memories of John and words of comfort for his family and friends may be left by logging onto: www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com. Cashatt Family Funeral Home - Platte Woods has been entrusted with final arrangements. 816-587-8200

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
12001 Wornall Road
Kansas City, MO 64145

Service

DEC **27.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Karanikas*

October 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of my ex brother in laws passing. We always had fun when I would go to California to visit them. They also came to Ohio to visit and also was here when his mother in law died . We have found memories of him talking of his country and fixing his Greek food for us. My heart goes out to his family . Juanita Walker*

juanita walker - December 29, 2013 at 07:52 PM



“ *I knew John when he lived here in California , i had the honor of being at his wedding when John and Luanna got married ,I remember when John was so happy that he was going to take Luanna to Greece to meet his family and see his country John would pick my boyfriend and me when we needed a ride to go to work, when Luanda told me of his passing , I couldn't believe it, my condolences goes out to his family , and even tho Luanna and John have not been together for a while , my condolences to Luanna and his step children , and a host of friends he left here in California, he will be missed.*

Virginia Molina - December 28, 2013 at 12:01 PM

JA

“*Johnnie would always be sure to provide us a safe ride home at the end of a fun night out. He would tell us, "I want to find a nice Greek woman to marry. Misstur Tony, help me to find a nice woman." We just saw you a few weeks ago and now I wished we would have hugged you. You will be missed Johnnie the Greek!*

Julie Henrichson & Tony Antonucci

Julie Henrichson & Tony Antonucci - December 25, 2013 at 08:32 PM

JG

“*Johnnie would do anything for anyone. He had stories for days; entertaining ones too! He truly cared for his friends, and I will miss my friend, "Johnnie Baseball!" The last thing he said when I last saw him was, "I be around. If you need me, call me!" We know you will, Johnnie! RIP*

Jason Galvin - December 25, 2013 at 12:26 AM



“*An honest, generous, funny & sweet man. Always threw his arm around my shoulder, pulled me in & had a story to tell. I will miss my friend Johnnie.*

Joe Burnam - December 24, 2013 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ To me, he was always Johnny, a true friend to my son and myself. Johnny was always upbeat, however, he had his serious side. He was thrilled every year to go to Greece to visit his family and would talk about it months ahead of his trip. I can remember going to Tasso's with Johnny and my son, Marc, where Johnny insisted that I try all the Greek dishes that he loved.
It will be truly missed by my son and myself

Janet Stulz

Janet - December 24, 2013 at 01:26 PM

LC

Johnny's smile was contagious! His was a friend to all. Johnny would lighten up a room every time he walked in. We all will miss him dearly. Your friends from Sully's!!

Lisa Carl - December 26, 2013 at 08:06 PM