



George Giannakos

August 30, 1936 - January 5, 2026

George Giannakos, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2026 at the age of 89.

Born in Karditsa, Greece on August 30, 1936. He moved to Athens as an adult where he proudly served as a member of the Police force. His sense of duty, integrity, and service shaped the foundation of his life and the values he carried with him wherever he went.

In pursuit of a better future for his family, George made the courageous decision to move his family to Detroit, Michigan in February 1973, with the determination to give his daughters a greater opportunity. Through strong work ethic, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment, he built a life centered on providing, protecting, and loving those closest to him.

For decades, George worked tirelessly as a chef where he did far more than prepare meals; he fed both bodies and souls. His work ethic remains an enduring example to all who knew him.

Above all, George was devoted to his family. He took immense pride in his children and grandchildren and was blessed with the joy of even welcoming two great-grandchildren.

George is survived by his wife Despina Giannakos, his two daughters Fotini Palestis Firoz (Rocco), and Rania Maria Routsis (Evans). His grandchildren Maria, Stefanos, Christos George and Penelope and great-grandchildren Christos and Eirini.

His legacy of resilience, self-sacrifice, and love will continue to guide future generations.

May his memory be eternal. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Services will be held Monday at St. John Greek Orthodox Church (11455 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48312), with the viewing at 9:30am followed by the funeral services at 10am. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Instate / Funeral Service

JAN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Greek Orthodox
11455 Metro Parkway
Sterling Heights, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Giannakos.



January 11 at 09:47 AM



“ Grateful for the memories we were able to make ☐



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