



John Danias

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Celebrating the Life of Mr. John Danias

January 29th, 1930 – March 26th, 2025

We gather to celebrate the beautiful life of Mr. John Danias, a kind and hardworking man whose journey touched the hearts of many. Born on January 29th, 1930 in Platanos, Greece, John's vibrant spirit and dedication shone brightly throughout his remarkable life.

In 1952, filled with hope and determination, John arrived in New York City from his beloved Greece. He became the maître d' at the esteemed Waldorf Astoria, where his warm hospitality and gracious demeanor left a lasting impression on all who met him.

Love found its way when John married Penelope in 1962. Together, they embarked on new adventures, moving to Wilmington, Delaware in 1964. There, John showcased his entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating various businesses for many years. Alongside Penelope, he also managed a chain of car parking lots in Manhattan, turning hard work into success with unwavering dedication.

John's faith and heritage were the pillars of his life. He was deeply involved with the Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington, DE, where he generously gave his time and energy. After retiring to Ocean City, Maryland, he continued his devotion by dedicating countless hours to St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, a place he cherished dearly.

Proud of his Greek roots, John shared his culture with joy and enthusiasm, enriching the lives of those around him. His legacy of kindness and hard work continues to inspire all who knew him.



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John was a loving family man. He is preceded in passing by his parents, Nicholaos Danias and Anastasia Danias, and his daughter, Irene Payne. He is survived by his cherished daughter Fifi Hiotis-Blackburn and his beloved dog, Brodie.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, 8805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with entombment to follow at Epworth Methodist Cemetery, 187 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

To honor John's memory, contributions may be made to St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, reflecting his lifelong commitment to his faith and community.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 BY 3PM. TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



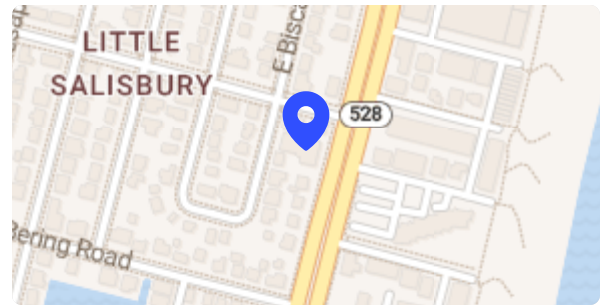
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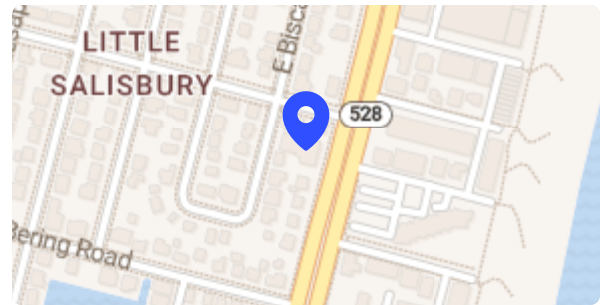
Visitation

- Thursday**, April 3, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. George Greek Orthodox Church**
8805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City MD 21842



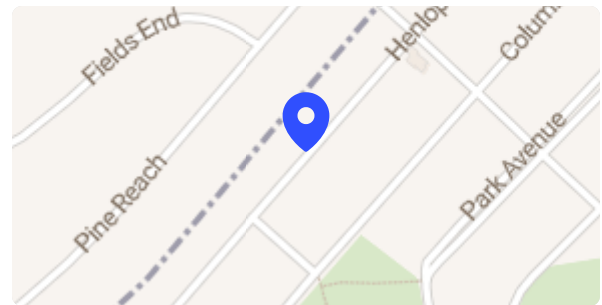
Funeral Service

- Thursday**, April 3, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- St. George Greek Orthodox Church**
8805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City MD 21842



Entombment

- Thursday**, April 3, 2025
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM ET
- Epworth Methodist Cemetery**
159 Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971





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Bill Parker posted:

So sorry to read this. He was friends with my dad and Pappuos. Mr. D was a very important man in my life. Mr and Mrs D Gave me my first job at their Restaurant. I was either 13 or 14 and learned a lot from both of them. They helped give me the work ethic I have today. Wish I saw this before 4/4 cause I would have definitely intended his service.

April 5 at 4:15 AM



Rob, Gary , Rosco & Gizmo sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Danias family.



April 1 at 1:32 PM



Don Ernakovich posted:

John was my gym partner and new-found friend; I will miss him. May his memory be eternal

March 29 at 2:36 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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