



Dr. Demetrius Karathanos

July 12, 2012

Dr. Demetrius Karathanos, 70, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died Thursday, July 12, 2012 at his home. Born in Argos Orestikon, Greece to Nikolas and Anthi Papademetriou Karathanos, growing up he loved river swimming, playing soccer with his friends, and eating sweets at the local village bakery. Demetrius and Patricia Hager Karathanos were married June 9, 1969, in Montreal Canada. Born to them were three children: Nikolas Karathanos, Cape Girardeau, MO; Fr. Achilles Karathanos (Pres. Yianna), Belleville, IL; and Dr. Katya Karathanos (Billy Aguilar), San Jose, CA. Father Achilles and Pres. Yianna have four children--Demetri, Isa, Samuel, and Isaac-- who continually made Demetrius smile. He is also survived by his sister, Asimina Lioukou, Argos Orestikon, and her family. Demetrius received bachelors and masters degrees in engineering from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. His Ph.D. in statistics was from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO. Demetrius taught quantitative courses in the Department of Management at Southeast Missouri State University for 26 years. During this time, he served the United States Department of Commerce as senior examiner of businesses applying for the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Demetrius modeled his philosophy of a balanced life. Among many ways, this is evidenced by his helping to create and develop the youth soccer program in Cape Girardeau. He also enjoyed tennis and its social trappings. Demetrius was reputed to be one of few who could "call a line," in tennis and some might add, "in all

aspects of his life." Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Ford & Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home. The Trisagion Service will be at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery. Fathers Daniel Morten, Joseph Strzelecki, and Achilles Karathanos will officiate. Memorial contributions may be given to St. John The Theologian Orthodox Christian Mission, 353 Christine St., Suite 1, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ We are saddened at the passing of Demetrius. May his memory be eternal. Theo and Paula Amigdalos

Theo Amigdalos - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Patricia, my thoughts are with you and your family.

Linda Wiggs - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dr. Demetrius Karathanos

Sarah Gage - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Please accept our condolences. May God rest the soul of Dr. Karathanos. The Hartley family

Lee and Rosie Hartley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Pat, Nicholas, Father Achilles, and Katya, We are saddened by the loss of your beloved husband and father. Demetrius was such a wonderful addition to the Hager family. He was so kind and loving. He will be in our hearts forever.

Linda West - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ I am so saddened by learning of your husband's passing away. You and your family are in my prayers and wanted to express my deepest sympathy and understandings. I am out of town since July 12 and will be back home on July 28. I am thinking of you and would dlike to visit with you when I come home. I always remmeber Demetrius as a kind and intellectual person and so glad that I got to know him more through John and playing tennis. Deepest Sympathy, Kilja Israel

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Kilja - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Farther Achilles and Family, When The Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves memories in its place. Hold on to the memories and let them guide and comfort you during this time of great loss and sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Zoi' Se Esas'. With love in Christ, Andriana P. Wilbanks

Andriana P. Wilbanks - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Father Achilles & family, you have my heartfelt sympathy for the death of your father. His faith in God, his family & living life to the fullest made him an extraordinary man. May his memory be Eternal.*

Katherine Palladino - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *May His Memory Be Eternal. My prayers are with you. Sincerely, Teena*

Constance Teena Magoulias Shafer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Fr. Achilles, Presvitera and Children, Please accept my sincere condolences for the falling asleep of your beloved father. May his memory be for a blessing. ~Sophia Toumbalakis*

Sophia Toumbalakis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dear Patricia and family, Our deepest sympathy upon your loss of Dr. Karathanos. Please know you and your family are and will be in our prayers. May God be with you in this time of sorrow. Cathy and Dave Kapfer*

Dave and Cathy Kapfer - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *May his memory be Eternal. Your family have been in our prayers.*

Ted & Beth Millas - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Sincerely, Wayne Maupin "an old tennis buddy"

Wayne Maupin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Pat, I was so very sorry to learn of Demetrius' passing. He was very fine, and my heart is with you and your family. With deep affection, Julia

Julia [Hager] Olin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ sincere condolences

Johnny and Jeanie k. Demos - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ May his memory be eternal.

Tom, Cathy, James and Thomas Longos - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Demetrius was such a very kind and soft-spoken man. Every time that I was around him, he had a smile on his face... I know how much your family means to you all. Please know that all of you are in my continued thoughts and prayers. I know how much Katya's friendship has meant to my sister, Jamie throughout the years and Jamie has always spoken very highly of the entire Karathanos family!! Demetrius will truly be missed by many. Much Love!

Kelly (Suedekum) Suhre - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Memory Eternal! You have been in our prayers since we heard of Demetrius' repose, especially since we walk in the same valley with the death of my mother on 19 June. We've chatted briefly a few times since Father came to us. Our love in Christ, who trampled down death by death! Ezekiel & Katherine Wolfe*

Ezekiel & Katherine Wolfe - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *So sorry for your loss...You will be in my thoughts and prayers..Linda (Switchboard at Southeast)*

Linda Pobst - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Patricia, I was very sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of working together with you both at SEMO. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Steve*

Steve Del Vecchio - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *We want to extend our condolences to Patricia, Nicolas, and Catya on the passing of Demetrius. We have been gone from Cape Girardeau for 26 years but still remember Demetrius so well. He and Patricia visited us in San Bernardino 22 years ago just after our oldest grandson was born. Leo has particularly fond memories of working with Demetrius at SEMO on a grants committee over several years. This is where our families got to know each other and Leo was reminded of a few issues with regard to statistics from Demetrius. We also discovered that they shared our same tastes in wine over dinner one evening at their house. We have many other fine memories of our times together with Demetrius and Patricia. We wish all the family our very best and sincerest sympathies.*

Leo and Jackie Connolly - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM