



# Nikolaos Zaharopoulos

January 21, 1945 - March 10, 2024

In loving memory of Nikolaos Zaharopoulos - January 21, 1945 - March 10, 2024

Nikolaos Zaharopoulos, born in Xrisovo, Greece, age 79, peacefully passed after a year-long courageous battle with cancer in his home surrounded by family on the beautiful Sunday afternoon of March 10, 2024.

“Nick” was raised in the village of Xrisovo, Greece. As a teen, his family moved to Athens where he attended film school, worked on numerous sets of famous Greek films, and enlisted in the Greek Army. He then married his spouse, Georgia, in 1969, and together they came to the United States of America, where they first settled in Cape Girardeau, MO. Upon arriving to the US, he was offered a job to work as a behind-the-scenes technician with Walt Disney Production Studios in California. Despite the offer, his heart kept him in southeast Missouri, where many of his family had settled in the years prior. He was described as an “innovative entrepreneur,” who began many businesses including restaurants, a pastry shop, television production studios, an electronics retail store, and was involved in Amway for many years. He also became a proud United States citizen in 1976 (the bi-centennial year, in which he was very honored). Nick and his family lived in Sikeston, MO in their early years. They later moved to Memphis, TN, and then to Jonesboro, AR. Upon retirement, Nick and Georgia moved to Searcy, AR, to be closer to family.

Through his endeavors, he met and befriended many lifelong friends and colleagues. Nick never met a stranger, and was always willing to help, no matter the circumstances. Nick was a big dreamer and a hard worker. Many would say he was ahead of his time, as he was always coming up with new ideas and ways to improve whatever situations or problems he saw in his environment. Some of his best ideas were formed with a ball-point pen on a restaurant napkin. In most recent years, he thoroughly enjoyed long walks and fitness, which included tracking his steps and visiting with any neighbor lucky enough to be outside. Nick was a very proud grandfather, who loved to brag on his beautiful granddaughters and their many accomplishments.

Nick is survived by his wife, Georgia Zaharopoulos of Searcy AR, his children, Steve Zaharopoulos of Tarpon Springs FL, Pete (Katherine) Zaharopoulos of Springhill TN, and JoAn (Clayton) Edwards of Searcy AR; his granddaughters, Christin, Vivi, and Lydia and great-granddaughter Rachel; his siblings, Martha (Ted) Kappis of Jackson MS, and Aleca (John) Lazaridis of Tampa FL. He is preceded in death by his parents, Stavros and Yianoula Zaharopoulos, and grandson, Brandon Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Nikolaos's home church, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, TN, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

-Matthew 11:28-29

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, located at 573 North Highland –

Memphis, Tennessee 38122, with Father Simon Thomas officiating. Friends may visit at the church, beginning at 12:00 p.m. A graveside committal service will be conducted on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Honey Hill Cemetery in Searcy.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Honey Hill Cemetery

Honey Hill and Country Club Rd's.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
573 North Highland Avenue  
Memphis , TN 38122

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Honey Hill Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sakarellos & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Nikolaos Zaharopoulos.*



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**Sakarellos & Family** - March 12, 2024 at 02:03 PM

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“ *Sakarellos & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nikolaos Zaharopoulos.*

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**Sakarellos & Family** - March 12, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JB

“ *John C. Bierk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nikolaos Zaharopoulos.*

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**John C. Bierk** - March 11, 2024 at 05:57 PM

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“ *My dear Georgia and Joan,  
Death ends a life, but it doesn't end a relationship, and from time to time in the future, both of you will call up memories good memories that bring joy and peace.  
John Cashion Bierk, a friend of Nick's  
from Cape Girardeau, Mo.*

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**John Cashion Bierk** - March 11, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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*Thank you so much. It was nice to meet you when you came to visit my dad last month. I know he was honored to call you a friend.*

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**JoAn Edwards** - March 12, 2024 at 01:15 PM