



## Jean Louis Constantinides

February 3, 1967 - November 9, 2020

Jean Louis Constantinides of Marietta, Georgia, passed away on Monday evening, November 9, 2020, after a brief illness. The funeral will be held at the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta on Monday, November 16, at 11:00 a.m.

John was born on February 3, 1967, in Beirut, Lebanon, of a Cypriot mother and Lebanese Cypriot father. His parents moved to Cyprus in 1975 to escape the Lebanese Civil War. John finished school in Cyprus and came to Atlanta in 1985 to attend Georgia State University from where he earned a degree in business in 1989. During his freshman year at University, then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger came to speak to the students about foreign policy. During the question-and-answer in the crowded auditorium, John raised his hand and point blank asked the Secretary of State whether he had authorized the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Also at GSU, John met and fell in love with his future wife, Mary Mallory, and they were married in 1989. They lived and worked in Atlanta, where they raised their four children, Amanda, Alexandra, Dina, and Louis. John was talented and creative, had broad business experience, and was well traveled. Some of his favorite pastimes were hunting and shooting while placing Third in the 2000 USA Shooting National Championship for men's trap in the final Olympic Team selection. Most recently he joined the restaurant world, first with 'Blu' and then with 'Skewers,' both establishments on Marietta Square.

John was a man of sparkling wit and boundless energy. He loved his family, his work, Cyprus, and his adoptive country. He will be greatly missed by his parents, Dina and Louis Constantinides, and siblings, Alexa Constantinides and Irene Constantinides, in Cyprus; by his wife; children; grandchild, Ari Soto, and his aunt and uncle, Poly and Morris Potter, in Atlanta; and by a broad network of relatives and friends on two continents.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Marietta.

# Cemetery

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## Green Lawn Cemetery

950 Mansell Road  
Roswell, GA, 30076

# Events

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**NOV** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 11:59AM

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Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church  
3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, GA, US

**NOV** **Burial** 12:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Jean and I were classmates and friends for a number of years. He was a fun guy to be with and always had a funny story or a witty comment to share. He certainly could make us all laugh. He made those long boring classes more enjoyable and brought many a smile to our high school days. He could take a well-known song and change the lyrics to fit the situation to really brighten our mood. A calm and cool guy he would reason on things and bring clarity to complex issues. His language skills were impressive and he could crack one-liners and joke in four languages! French classes would have been unbearable if it were not for him adding his unique skills and fun into the mix. He was no slouch and he picked up bowling and really worked at it to become quite the champion all those years ago. Sincere and heartfelt condolences to his entire family.

Hisham.

Hisham - November 16, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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“ Jean was a good friend and colleague of mine. We worked together for quite a while, from 2014-2016, in the restaurant Delray Diner located at 2475 Delk Rd. Jean and I worked very well together and we had similar interests in chemical engineering that we met and talk about many times. I knew his family, who were all very nice people. And I would see them sometimes when they came to visit him and eat dinner with him while he was at work helping me. We had a very good time working together, and I know he and his family are in my heart.

Niko Lambrou - November 12, 2020 at 11:12 PM

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“ My husband Jeff and I were privileged to attend Jean and Mary's wedding in Cyprus and to meet many of his family there years ago. Our thoughts are with Mary, Amanda, Alexandra, Dina and Louis first and foremost. But they also extend to his wider family. May God be with you all at this sad time.

Suzanne and Jeff Sammons

suzanne sammons - November 12, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ Mary, Amanda, Alex, Dina and Louis - you all are in our thoughts and prayers. It saddens us to learn that Jean is no longer with us. Marietta has lost an amazing man. Your dad was such a bright light in this world and full of charm. He was a true delight and a wonderful cook. Miss seeing him ride his motorcycle through the neighborhood on his way home. Have enjoyed so many delicious meals at Blu and recently at Skewers. He will be missed. Blu always had THE BEST gyros in Marietta.

Rob, Charlene, David and Lexi MacPherson

**The MacPhersons** - November 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ My deepest condolences the Constantinides family. His daughter is my best friend, and though I never met Jean, I heard good things about him, and I am saddened I was not able to meet him in person due to distance. I am saddened by this loss. Rest In Peace Jean.

**Alema** - November 12, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ The MacPherson Family lit a candle in memory of Jean Louis Constantinides



**The MacPherson Family** - November 12, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ I met Jean at his restaurant, Blu Greek Taverna, years ago when I met a friend there for dinner. Although the restaurant was closed at that time of day, he offered to make us dinner anyway and visited with us. He struck me as being larger-than-life in personality and exuberance, I know he will be missed by many.

**kelly manthe** - November 12, 2020 at 12:09 PM

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“ Habibi Johnny agapi mou kali s'agapo toso poli ma toso i  
dedicate blue hearts because my brother was a man who loved the sea,looking at  
the ocean kept him calm,inspired and provided him with strength to keep going i love  
you and god willing i always next to Maru the kids ,Arouli mas ,Theia poly Uncle  
Morris o theos anapausei tin psixi sou den exo alla logia



**Alexa Constantinides** - November 11, 2020 at 03:20 PM