



## Chris Grantias

May 3, 1951 - March 23, 2025

Chris J Grantias, 73, passed away March 23, at home in Mounds View, MN after many years of living with MS and recently cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kristine; sons John (Ala) and Andrew (Anna) and grandchildren Noah, Sophie, Basil and Ulysses.

Chris was a pianist and composer and an educator most recently at MacPhail Center for Music and Perpich Center for Arts Education. He earned degrees from the American Conservatory, Northwestern University in Evanston, Drake University and a PhD from the University of Minnesota. He was active in the Twin Cities arts community, composing for various ensembles and choirs and presenting workshops. In retirement, he enjoyed his grandchildren and volunteering for the lunch and clothing programs at FOCUS ministries. Each October for eight years, Chris, along with musician friends, presented a concert titled Kalo Taxidi (Good Journey) to raise funds for the National MS Society.

Although his disease gradually stripped away many of his physical abilities, Chris maintained a positive outlook until the end, relying on family and his faith to see him through. He especially liked finding the connections between people and was called "the Connector" by his friends. He enjoyed all music and making music, his family, family trees, all things Greek, all things Chicago, Dad jokes and the Cubs. He will be dearly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents Georgia and John Granias and sister Barbara Carrera.

Visitation is Thursday, March 27 from 5-7:00 at the Washburn McReavy Shoreview location. Funeral on Friday, March 28 at 11:00 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 956 Forest St, St Paul MN. In lieu of flowers, if you wish, please donate to FOCUS MN at [focusmn.org](http://focusmn.org) or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at [nationalmssociety.org](http://nationalmssociety.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel  
515 Highway 96 West  
Shoreview, MN 55126

## Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church  
956 Forest Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

## Lunch Delay

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church  
956 Forest St.  
Saint Paul, MN

## Graveside Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
2600 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Chris Granias.



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March 26, 2025 at 11:37 AM