



## Daniel George Christopoulos

April 22, 1957 - May 30, 2026

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Our deeply loved Dan passed away May 30, 2026, after a 6-week battle with pancreatic cancer. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, George and Esther Christopoulos, and sister Elaine Jacobs.

Dan lived a life of service to the Lord. At six years old, when asked at school, what he wanted to be when he grew up he said - a priest. He was holding church services in his family's garage shortly thereafter. He had a passion for hunting, fishing, and sports of all kinds, professional, college, and those of his grandchildren. His Alma Mater, the University of Wyoming held a special place in his heart where he starred as an All-Conference place kicker in football and still holds the UW field goal distance record as a kicker of 62 yards. Dan received a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross Seminary in Brookline MA. After his first parish assignment at the Annunciation Cathedral in Houston, TX, he became the first official American Orthodox missionary sent out by the Greek Orthodox Church to Kenya, Africa, which ushered in the beginning of the American Pan-Orthodox agency, OCMC ( Orthodox Christian Mission Center). His life of service continued in parish ministry and then with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), the American Pan-Orthodox philanthropic and relief agency assisting people in America and

throughout the world. He ended his career by going full circle. Dan's final area of service was with the (OCMC) Orthodox Christian Mission Center. He began his career spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and ended his career committed to the same goal.

For the last 15 or so years, Dan had been a Chaplain for the Edina Police Department. He was called upon for notifications of death or other challenging situations where spiritual support was needed. He came to love the members of that department and often attended their roll calls or visited just to see the officers and be there for their needs.

As a son, brother, husband, father, stepfather, Papou (grandfather), mentor, and friend, he was always offering love, support, and his perennial "silliness" that the grandchildren loved so much. Words do not do justice to the void his absence leaves in our hearts. But we know Dan is in the arms of our loving Lord who he served all his life and we will see him again.

He leaves behind his wife of 27 years, Patty, his daughters Jordan Smith (husband Matt), grandson Greysen, daughter Zoe Olson (husband Taylor), children Evy & Easton. Stepchildren Valerie Comprelli (husband Kevin), grandchildren Juliana, Connor, and Tommy. Stepson David Boosalis (wife Kristine) grandchildren Ava and Kate, sister Adrienne Johansen (Dave of blessed memory), brother Fr. Lou ( Marsha) Christopulos, numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Services for Dan are as follows: 5-7pm Monday, June 8, viewing with a Trisagion Prayer Service at 7pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:30 am followed by internment at Lakewood Cemetery and a Meal of Blessings (Makaria). Services and meal are at St Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave

So Minneapolis, MN 55408.

In Lieu of flowers please consider donations to OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center), IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), or St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church here in Minneapolis.

Christ is Risen and so is our beloved Dan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church  
3450 Irving Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dean** - June 04 at 04:40 PM

DE

*Kenya 1986 not 1982*

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**Dean** - June 04 at 08:45 PM

RK

*Dan is my cousin who we kept in touch all through college. He was fun and funny and had a wonderful spirituality about him. I am so sorry for your loss. He will surely be missed by all. Love and prayers to the family. Robin Hunley Kasuboski*

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**Robin Hunley Kasuboski** - June 06 at 10:55 AM

DE

*great voice*

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**Dean** - June 09 at 04:52 PM

DE

“ 16 files added to the album Kenya 1982



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**Dean** - June 04 at 03:14 PM

MS

“ *I loved Dan since we played together at age 4. He said that I could clean my white pants with rocks because that's how the Indians used to. Unfortunately, the rocks were dirtier than the pants. I'll miss him. Michael Soulis*

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**Michael Soulis** - June 04 at 01:55 PM

LS

*Fr. Dan presided at the funeral for our family's youngest family member, Emily , who ultimately died, age 31, from an auto accident. Fr. Dan (he'll always only be FATHER Dan to me) said repeatedly in the funeral service, a truth about Em..."Emily was an athlete," he said,repeatedly....and in so naming the double meaning of athlete ~ both physical and spiritual (she was an athlete...AND loving, friendly, advocating, cheerful, and supportive of EVERYONE) ~he took away a lot of traumatic pain our family was bearing. He was deep.....and simple, and thus easily sweet. That's it....He was so very EASY, as a person. Anyone could always approach Dan ~ Father Dan ~ and as an intrinsically shy person, I always felt such relief with his easy kindness. How I shall miss his Christianity...which was so simple, loving ~ cheerful. ~May our Lord give us all comfort at his passing, with the sure knowledge we will of course see him again in Heaven ~ but miss him so severely til then...*

*Laura K. Smith  
Holy Apostles/St. Constantine & Helen Churches*

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**Laura Katherine Smith** - June 04 at 09:30 PM

DB

*Many memories with the family in Cheyenne, Wyo. but the fondest memory is when I took Dan & Lou to watch the cowboys play a football game from the sidelines bench. See you in paradise!*

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**Dick Behning** - June 05 at 11:23 AM

RC

*“ Michael and I send our love and prayers.thinking of you and yours,  
Love Rhonda Cokinos*

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**Rhonda Cokinos** - June 03 at 10:32 PM

PH

*“ I am very sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. May his memory be eternal.*

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**Petroula Hansen** - June 03 at 07:36 PM

AN

*Completely shocked and sad I had no idea he was sick I feel so bad for Patty and his Beautiful Family Life is so precious We are all losing a wonderful fun loving man May our memories be always good and gracious Forever Eternal life*

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**Ann Legeros Norring** - June 03 at 09:09 PM

NA

*Very sorry for your loss may God have mercy on his soul. I didn't know Dan as well as Roy did from their days at I.O.C.C May his memory be eternal Christ Is Risen!*

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**Nick Azar** - June 04 at 01:14 PM

LH

*I share a most special memory...Midnight Pascha Service. reading from in front of the congregation, Dan read the storybook, 'Guess How Much I Love you' and, related it to Christ, "Who stretched out His arms and died"*

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**Linda Hodge** - June 04 at 04:30 PM