John Fotios Leckas

June 18, 1946 - April 7, 2021

Leckas, John F. 1946-2021 A barefoot boy from the village of Ancient Corinth, John lived out his Greek heritage with great pride and his fiery personality. He especially loved the music and songs of his country, the "laika": the music of the common people. We have many memories of him singing with his brothers, or solo, at the top of his lungs while dancing the "Zeibekiko" in the kitchen. Never at a loss for a Greek proverb or a quote from Socrates, he enriched our lives with his stories of the Old Country, the birthplace of Democracy and Christianity. John experienced Christ in a very vibrant way and found so much comfort and joy in Him. If he had a chance to tell you; he'd want you to know it's never too late. That he "came late to the game", but you don't have to. "Seek for more Light" he would say. John had a heart for the homeless and hungry people in the world. He loved the outdoors and hunted with the same passion and skill he brought to his work as a painter. He loved his boys and was immensely proud of each of them for their unique skills, personalities and accomplishments; and his grandchildren were the icing on the cake for him. Soccer, as players or spectators, brought our family together. John and the boys would play til dark. John and Terri lived out the greatest love story ever told. In spite of differences in ages and cultures, their marriage was a testimony to their love and the power of God in their lives. They supported each other in their work: Terri washed his painter pants and packed his lunches, and years later, John paved the way for Terri's dream, Queen of Cakes. They worked side by side at the shop, baking, decorating and

delivering cakes. John loved his family, his work, his homegrown tomatoes, his dog, and a good broadside shot with his bow. He loved lamb with spaghetti, a level plumb line, greek coffee and flowers in pots. He was a simple man who loved the simple things, and the greatest of all, his "Christouli". Celebration in heaven is currently underway as John joins his parents and siblings. John is survived by his wife Therese and three sons, Vasilios (wife Jackie, daughters, Evangeline and Naomi), Fotios (Jillian), Gianni (sons Gianni, Vasilios and Nicolas), Daughter-in-Law Alicia Leckas, Many friends and relatives who loved him, Best Man Dimitri Santrizos, and beloved dog, Illa. Private Funeral Service Tuesday, April 13, at 11 a.m. with a private visitation one hour prior at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave. South, Minneapolis. Interment Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to FOCUS MN: focusmn.org/ Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Church Service

APR **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

Lots of good memories working with John. Paint the sky blue mate

John Foster - June 03, 2021 at 05:50 PM

VN

Dear Terri, Your touching words brought John to life for me. May his memory be eternal and his new life in heaven a worthy reward for a life well lived. With love, Vangie Nicklow

Vangie Nicklow - April 12, 2021 at 05:07 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Fotios Leckas.

April 11, 2021 at 06:05 PM

Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Fotios Leckas.

April 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM

Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Fotios Leckas.

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