



George Antonatos

August 19, 1930 - July 14, 2024

George Antonatos, beloved husband, father, and esteemed member of the dental community, passed away on July 14, 2024, in St. Augustine, FL, at the age of 93.

George was born on August 19, 1930, in Paleon Faliro, Greece, the son of Spyridon and Efthymia (nee Paleoroutas) Antonatos.

George received his dental degree from the University of Athens in Greece. He served in the Greek Army as a dentist for three years and then operated a private dental practice in Athens, Greece for four years. Next, he was granted a fellowship in the Guggenheim dental clinic in New York, New York, and then another fellowship in St. Joseph's Hospital in Reading, Pennsylvania. For George to have a dental practice of his own in the United States, he had to attend and graduate from a dental school within the United States. This meant he needed to repeat dental school. Accordingly, George attended the dental school of the University of Missouri and was awarded the DDS degree in 1967. In 1969 George moved to Montreal, Canada where he had a private practice for two years. While there, George met his wife-to-be Helen, and the two were married in 1971. Together, George and Helen returned to Missouri so George could serve as Chief of the dental department at Fulton State Hospital for one year before moving to and settling in St. Augustine, Florida. George practiced dentistry in St. Augustine for 24 years before retiring in

1997. He earned the nickname “painless dentist” among his many patients.

A devout member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, George found solace and community in his faith. He was also a member of the American Dental Association, Missouri Dental Association and Florida Dental Association.

Beyond his professional achievements, George had a love for nature and simple pleasures. He enjoyed watching sunsets, tending to his garden, and indulging in light woodworking projects.

George was married to his beloved wife, Helen Antonatos, for 53 years. Their enduring love and partnership were a source of strength and joy for their family and friends.

George is survived by his wife, Helen; children, Effie and Spiro; his sister, Mary Mastoridis; sisters-in-law, Toulia Rodousakis, and Ann C. Antonatos as well as several nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Constantine, and his niece, Katheryn Antonatos.

George will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband and father. The needs of his family were always a top priority, and he was loved for being gentle and generous and for having a remarkably deep well of patience.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 19 at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Interment to follow in San Lorenzo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 2940 CR 214 St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
2940 Co Rd 214
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 829-0504

Graveside Service

JUL **19**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (est)

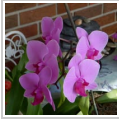
San Lorenzo Cemetery
1635 U.S. 1 South
St. Augustine, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Best dentist I've ever had, to this day! And his dry wit and calm demeanor meant a lot too. When he was back in the Atlantic Bank building shortly after we moved here, ladies' hair pieces, called "falls" were in vogue. My mom was sporting one but when Dr. Antonatos put the chair back, the hairpins gave way and it fell off without her notice. He didn't miss a beat but reached down and held it aloft with two fingers and said, "I think this is yours." Any embarrassment dissolved as they both broke up. As a patient myself, I never knew there was a such a thing as pain at the dentist's office until Dr. Antonatos retired and I had to find care elsewhere. He was just the GOAT. So sorry he's gone.*

Trish - July 20, 2024 at 07:57 PM



Thank you for the memory and warm wishes and thoughts.

Yiayia Eleni - August 01, 2024 at 06:45 PM

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“ *Jennifer B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Antonatos.*

Jennifer B. - July 19, 2024 at 07:14 PM

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“ *George M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Antonatos.*

George M. - July 19, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Maria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Antonatos.*

Maria - July 18, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Antonatos.*



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