



## Savvas "Steve" Demetriou

October 20, 1929 - August 19, 2024

On Monday, August 19, 2024, Savvas "Steve" Demetriou, 94, of Naples, Florida died peacefully in his sleep. Steve was born on the Greek island of Cyprus, son of the late Christina and Demetris Yerosavvas.

In 1949, at the age of 20, he emigrated from the Greek village - Droushia/Paphos through Ellis Island to work in New Jersey with his godfather in the restaurant business. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Banks in Winthrop, Mass for the 19th Coastal Artillery Regiment - a designated Command Center for Boston Harbor Nuclear Radar threat monitoring. During his military service, Steve brought his younger brother Peter over from Cyprus and together they purchased the Donut Hole, a popular breakfast place across the street from Fort Banks. Soon after, they expanded to create an iconic family restaurant - Brothers Restaurant.

Steve was the epitome of the American Dream, an entrepreneur who went on to purchase a shopping mall that included Demetri Brothers Liquor (famous for the "coldest beer in town"). He was known as charming, hospitable and a man of great faith.

Early in his career journey, Steve met Marina Pavles at a Greek event in New York, and it was love at first sight. On June 30, 1955 Steve married Marina and had an amazingly beautiful marriage for 67 years before Marina passed

away in May 2022. Together they were initially members of the St George Greek Orthodox Church in Lynn, Mass and after moving to Naples, Florida they joined St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church.

Surviving are son, Steve (Dana) Demetriou of Dallas, TX; two daughters, Christina Demetriou of South Yarmouth, MA and Nelia Demetriou of Naples, FL; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and one brother, Peter Demetriou of Winthrop, MA.

On Friday, August 23rd, Father Demetre Mott will conduct a funeral service at 9:30 am, followed by an Entombment - both taking place at Naples Memorial Gardens.

To sign Steve's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Entombment

AUG 23. 9:30 AM (ET)

Naples Memorial Gardens  
525 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Dear Steve and Family,  
On behalf of the Lyons Family of Winthrop, Pauline and Lloyd, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. My Dad has shared many memories that the 2 couples experienced. My your Dad have eternal glory.  
John Lyons

John Lyons - September 16, 2024 at 10:14 AM

SM

“ Shannon Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Shannon Miller - August 29, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 29, 2024 at 09:07 AM

MH

“ Marietta H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Marietta H. - August 24, 2024 at 03:30 PM

JB

“ god bless the Demetriou family, one of my favorite memories as a child was going to Brothers Restaurant on Sunday morning after delivering the Boston Herald Traveler and ordering my favorite, the toasted coffee roll. Mr. Demetriou was always behind the counter to greet my dad and me with a smile and thoughtful conversation. A great man, a great time, a great memory as if it happened yesterday. He will be missed. God bless his family; i pray that they are at peace.  
With love, Jim De Biasi.

James De Biasi - August 23, 2024 at 09:34 AM

MM

“ Michele M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Michele M. - August 23, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 22, 2024 at 03:38 PM

LK

“ Love, Fred, Lena, Michael and Joey Koury planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Love, Fred, Lena, Michael and Joey Koury - August 22, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.*



August 22, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.*



August 22, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Eric and Jil Olofson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.*

**Eric and Jil Olofson** - August 22, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Danny, Julieann and Fayline purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.*



**Danny, Julieann and Fayline** - August 22, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 21, 2024 at 10:25 PM



“ George N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

George N. - August 21, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ Bob and Jessica Pragada planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Bob and Jessica Pragada - August 21, 2024 at 06:03 PM



“ Bob and Jessica Pragada purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



Bob and Jessica Pragada - August 21, 2024 at 06:03 PM

FB

“ From Risa and Kevin Berryman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

From Risa and Kevin Berryman - August 21, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 21, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 21, 2024 at 03:58 PM

BF

“ A Kind Loving and Honorable Man. Remembered always. God Bless

Bill Frazier - August 21, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 21, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ Chuck and Cindy Long purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



**Chuck and Cindy Long** - August 21, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Chuck and Cindy Long planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

**Chuck and Cindy Long** - August 21, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



August 21, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LS

“ Love Doug and Diane Snyder purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



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**Love Doug and Diane Snyder** - August 21, 2024 at 12:56 PM

BL

“ Barbara L. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

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**Barbara L.** - August 21, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



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August 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM

TA

“ The family of Steve Arnette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

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**The family of Steve Arnette** - August 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JE

“ Jacobs Board of Directors and ELT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Jacobs Board of Directors and ELT - August 21, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JE

“ Jacobs Board of Directors and ELT purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



Jacobs Board of Directors and ELT - August 21, 2024 at 11:47 AM

MC

“ Maria Carvajal planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.

Maria Carvajal - August 21, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JM

“ Jessica & Patrick Mahal purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



Jessica & Patrick Mahal - August 21, 2024 at 11:34 AM

NF

“ Nick and Dijana Furman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Savvas "Steve" Demetriou.



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**Nick and Dijana Furman** - August 21, 2024 at 11:21 AM

SD

“ 1 file added to the album Savvas



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**Steve Demetriou** - August 21, 2024 at 08:55 AM

DS

*My wife and I were fortunate enough to meet Steve and Marina at their grandsons wedding in Dallas. What a wonderful family the Demetriou's are. We are so glad to be a part of it.*

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**Doug Snyder** - August 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM