



## Marianna Johnnides

April 12, 1970 - April 14, 2025

It is with immense sadness that we share the passing of Marianna Johnnides Ioannou, 55, of Alexandria, VA. She passed away peacefully on Monday, April 14, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her mother, and father, Eleni and Gus Johnnides.

Born on April 12, 1970, in Nicosia, Cyprus, she became a refugee at the tender age of four years old after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. She was a beautiful, charismatic and strongly determined woman whose life was marked by resilience, deep love for her family, and an unwavering spirit.

She found her strength and joy in her family. Her devoted husband of 25 years, Constantinos Ioannou, was her rock through life's many challenges, and together they raised their beloved son, Aristotle, who was the light of her life. Marianna was also a cherished sister to Euripides (Maria) and Christianna (Theodoros d.2021)), and a loving aunt to her nephews in Virginia, Alexandros, Marinos, Constantinos, George, and Elias as well as many nieces and nephews in Cyprus.

Marianna grew up in the warmth of her family's restaurant, where her love of food and people took root. That passion grew into her own successful business, Mamma's Kitchen, where she poured her heart, culinary talent, and sharp business sense into every dish and decision. A fierce and inspiring

woman, Marianna faced illness with the same determination and courage that defined her life.

The family will receive guests on Thursday, April 17 at Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church (3149 Glen Carlyn Rd, Falls Church, VA 22041) beginning at 10:00 a.m. for visitation, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at National Memorial Park, (7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042).

Her memory will be treasured by all who were blessed to know her, and her spirit will continue to inspire us to live with the same strength and bravery that she did.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church  
3149 Glen Carlyn Road  
Falls Church, VA 22041

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church  
3149 Glen Carlyn Road  
Falls Church, VA 22041

## Burial

APR 17. 12:30 PM (ET)

National Memorial Park  
7482 Lee Highway  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/falls-church-va/national-funeral-home/4927>

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ We were frequent customers for many years. Marianna hired many from her Alma Mater West Potomac HS. The restaurant became a fixture for the community & the "go to" spot for our family over 20+ years! She was remarkable! What I treasure most is how her staff loved her. She closed at 8PM to assure their safety in getting home. Most were students as well. They had school work, family & lives outside of work. Marianna knew that & facilitated it by closing at 8PM. They loved her for doing that! I did too! The business could have made much more money by remaining open until 11PM or later. Her people were more important to her. In my 73 years that made her uniquely wonderful! From all of us that she welcomed & served so well, we won't see the likes of her again. May God greet her smiling with the kindness & concern that she provided to us in her life! May her family be consoled knowing that we loved her for the kindness she demonstrated to all. Rest in peace, Momma! You earned it.

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**Dave Cybulski** - July 29, 2025 at 11:20 PM

CC

“ The family should know--if they don't already--that there is a lengthy NextDoor thread with many, many tributes, condolences and kind words for Marianna. She was one of those community members that everybody knew and loved but didn't get the thanks she deserved in life. I will miss her everytime I walk in the door of Mama's Kitchen.

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**Carol Cooke** - April 25, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TH

Hi Carol, thank you. Can you provide the link pls?

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**Thecla** - April 27, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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[https://nextdoor.com/p/zszLKGhjDk4T?utm\\_source=share&extras=MTAzNzE4Mzcz&ne\\_link\\_preview\\_links=&utrd37b-4d6c-89f7-9f0c172b2252](https://nextdoor.com/p/zszLKGhjDk4T?utm_source=share&extras=MTAzNzE4Mzcz&ne_link_preview_links=&utrd37b-4d6c-89f7-9f0c172b2252)

Thecla - April 28, 2025 at 02:38 PM

RG

“ I am very saddened to learn of Marianna passing. Marianna was so very kind. I loved the way she recognized my voice when I called an order in. We always discussed my travels and I shared photos of the food I ate while out of the country. She was a bright light in the community and will be missed!! May she rest in Heavenly peace!!



Rita Green - April 24, 2025 at 10:22 PM

GT

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Gus and Aris at this very sad time. Marianna was a thoughtful and wonderful person. May she rest in peace.



Gloria A. Thomas - April 22, 2025 at 07:36 PM

PW

“ Condolences for the loss of Marianna Johnnies. She'll be remembered as a sweet member of the community, and a lovely addition to the local services to Hybla Valley.

Pei Wang - April 21, 2025 at 01:24 PM

PW

\*Marianna Johnnides

Pei Wang - April 21, 2025 at 01:25 PM

CW

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Marianna's passing. Over the years we have felt fortunate to know her and especially enjoyed her cooking class, learning to make paella and crostini among other dishes. She truly was instrumental in creating the fabric of the local community. Chris and Jeannine

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**Christopher Adam Wozniak** - April 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

CA

“ Christopher A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marianna Johnnides.

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**Christopher A.** - April 20, 2025 at 07:48 PM

MO

“ Sorry to hear about this. Many good stories we shared from Marymount university and then when she opened the restaurant. May she rest in peace as she was sick fo a while.

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**monica/chris** - April 18, 2025 at 05:25 PM

MK

“ Maria K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marianna Johnnides.

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**Maria K.** - April 17, 2025 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ *The McEvoy Lis Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marianna Johnnides.*



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**The McEvoy Lis Family** - April 16, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TF

“ *The McEvoy Lis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marianna Johnnides.*

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**The McEvoy Lis Family** - April 16, 2025 at 03:15 PM

RC

“ *My family and I are heartbroken at this news. Marianna was always a joy to see anytime my family and I stopped into her restaurant. Her care for her customers, restaurant team and community were inspirational. She saved the day for me about a dozen years ago by helping me and Cub Scout Troop 301 with our first ever Spaghetti Dinner with 25 gallons of spaghetti sauce that had everyone raving for more! My family and I (and others in that scout troop) have never forgotten her help to us. It was wonderful to see her business grow and she made the area all the better for it. Whenever my wife and I saw her, she would always ask about our kids (now grown) and she never forgot about the spaghetti sauce order either! My family and I extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends and of course to the Momma's Kitchen family. She was a blessing to all who knew her and made our community a better place to be.*

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**Rich Cooper** - April 16, 2025 at 02:11 PM

PE

“ Peter & Argyroulla Eftychiou purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Peter & Argyroulla Eftychiou - April 16, 2025 at 12:13 PM

TF

“ The Kountouris Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



The Kountouris Family - April 16, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



April 16, 2025 at 11:24 AM

EF

“ Eleni Solos-Kountouris and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Eleni Solos-Kountouris and family - April 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

EF

“ Eleni Solos-Kountouris and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marianna Johnnides.

Eleni Solos-Kountouris and family - April 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

TF

“ Theodorou Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Theodorou Family - April 15, 2025 at 08:24 PM

BH

“ Bruno & Hope purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Bruno & Hope - April 15, 2025 at 06:54 PM

IA

“ Ilias and Stella Antoniou purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Ilias and Stella Antoniou - April 15, 2025 at 03:46 PM

IA

“ Ilias and Stella Antoniou planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marianna Johnnides.

Ilias and Stella Antoniou - April 15, 2025 at 03:46 PM

KF

“ Kyros Ioannou and Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Kyros Ioannou and Family - April 15, 2025 at 03:12 PM

CL

“ Charles/Efty, Sophia/Christo, Lambros purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marianna Johnnides.



Charles/Efty, Sophia/Christo, Lambros - April 15, 2025 at 03:02 PM