



John C. Googas Jr.

March 31, 1952 - April 7, 2024

John Chris Googas, Jr. passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 7, 2024, surrounded by his loving family and God, whom he trusted with all of his soul throughout his beautiful life.

His source of joy, comfort and peace was his family, church and public service.

He was born in Albany on March 31, 1952 and raised by his beloved parents, the late John and Eleftheria Googas. They instilled in him the importance of faith, and he followed their guidance as an active and lifetime member of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church. He served in many leadership roles over the past several years, including the Parish Council, Saint Sophia Housing and volunteer of the annual Grecian Festival, where he enjoyed cooking for members of the community.

It was apparent to everyone who knew him that his wife of 43 years, Mary Pat (Stackman) Googas, was his soulmate. He was also a loving and devoted father to Melissa (Matt) O'Connor and Andrea (Rob) Hahn. His grandchildren, Ronan and Ava, brought him an immeasurable amount of happiness on a daily basis. They each feel blessed to have spent so much time with him, including many vacations throughout the country. He was also the cherished brother of Christine (Arthur) Gianakos, James (Mary) Googas, and several

nieces and nephews, many of whom he considered children of his own.

In addition to his faith and family, John dedicated his life to public service for 43 years, through his role as a senior advisor to the New York State Senate. On June 16, 2016, the Senate adopted a Legislative Resolution in his honor, stating that in his official acts, he was “governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems ... and earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues.”

Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services on Friday at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Graceland Cemetery in Albany. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany, New York, 12208, or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, in memory of John C. Googas, Jr.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I will always remember and appreciate John Googas as thoughtful and highly competent in his legislative capacity; while in the NYS Assembly, I was often guided by his intelligence and advice.
-Douglas Prescott

douglas prescott - June 25, 2024 at 10:27 PM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to the Googas family!

Mark Gerling - April 12, 2024 at 06:07 PM

TF

“ Thinking of you at this difficult time. May his memory be eternal 🙏

The Marathakis's Family - April 12, 2024 at 12:39 PM

VH

“ So sorry for your loss. May his memory be eternal!

Vince and Deaane Hormovitis - April 12, 2024 at 12:35 PM

SE

“ Condolences to the family and especially his grands, whom he was so looking forward to having time with when he retired! I spent many years joining Wanda Williams in meetings w/ the Senator . John was always at his desk in the open room ready to assist the Senator! We appreciated him so much...

Sybil A. McPherson, Esq. - April 11, 2024 at 06:31 PM

GC

“ Glenn and Chiara Contreras purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Googas Jr..



Glenn and Chiara Contreras - April 11, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DM

“ Mary Pat and the entire Googas family, My deepest and sincere condolences on John’s passing. I had the pleasure to have worked with John in the Legislature for many years and knew him long before. I’m unable to attend the services and wish the Googas and Stackman family peace and comfort during this very difficult time.

Dave Marcy

Dave Marcy - April 10, 2024 at 01:28 PM

TK

“ The Blooms, Conlins & Diane Koutelis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John C. Googas Jr..



The Blooms, Conlins & Diane Koutelis - April 10, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John C. Googas Jr..



April 10, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John C. Googas Jr..*



April 10, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John C. Googas Jr..*



April 10, 2024 at 06:49 AM



“ *Love Always, Kevin, Chris & Sloane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Googas Jr..*



Love Always, Kevin, Chris & Sloane - April 09, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Googas Jr..*



April 09, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CY

“ Cassie Stricos and William Yager purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of John C. Googas Jr..



Cassie Stricos and William Yager - April 09, 2024 at 03:51 PM

CY

“ Cassie Stricos and William Yager planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Googas Jr..

Cassie Stricos and William Yager - April 09, 2024 at 03:51 PM