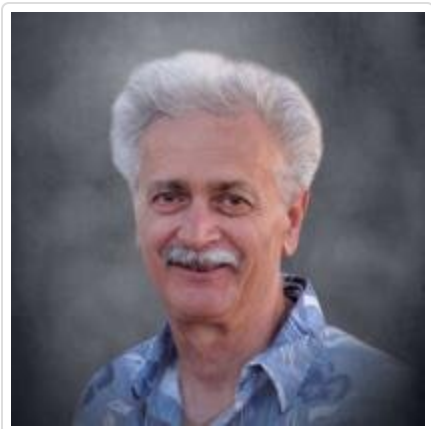




Athanasios Criaris

July 28, 1944 - March 28, 2023

Athanasios Criaris, 78, of Pennsauken, NJ passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Athan was born in Lemnos, Greece to the late Emanuel and Aristeia (Chletsos) Criaris. He, along with his family, moved to the Camden area in the summer of 1956. The family finally settled in Pennsauken, where he resided until his passing. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1966, where he was class president.

Athan enjoyed gardening and watching the Phillies and Eagles, but his real passion was for food. He worked as a chef most recently for McFarlans Market, but was a long time chef at the Greenbrier Restaurant in Cherry Hill, NJ and the Merchantville Country Club. He loved exploring the local restaurants, and always could be heard offering his well-meaning professional suggestions on his meal.

Athan leaves behind, to cherish his memory, his loving wife Linda Criaris, his daughter, Katrina Criaris and her husband Jeffrey Owad, his brother, Nick Criaris and his wife Anna, his sisters Elizabeth Loudon and Olympia Criaris and her partner Dino, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Friends and relatives are invited to a memorial gathering on Friday, April 7,

2023 from 2:00pm-3:00pm at Inglesby & Sons Funeral Home, 2426 Cove Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109. A memorial service will immediately follow at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pennsauken EMS, donations can be sent to the Pennsauken Firefighters Association at 5301 Lexington Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109. On the memo portion of your check, please add, In Memory of Athanasios Criaris.

For online condolences, www.inglesbyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home
2426 Cove Road
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Memorial Service

APR 7. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home
2426 Cove Road
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Tribute Wall

AP

“ Our deepest sympathy to all who loved Athan! He was a gentle soul and will be missed by many.

John and Anna Pregartner (class of 66)

Anna Pregartner - April 06, 2023 at 07:16 PM

WT

“ With caring thoughts, Jonah & your team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Athanasios Criaris.



With caring thoughts, Jonah & your team - April 06, 2023 at 08:33 AM

JB

“ The Criaris Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. May you all find peace in the days ahead, and may his love & memories be with you always. Jannette Brunson & family

jannette brunson - April 05, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Athanasios Criaris.



April 05, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Athanasios Criaris.*



April 04, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *To Linda and Katrina, Elizabeth, Olympia and Dino and Nick and Ann... Carol and I just wanted to mention how much we all have enjoyed knowing Athan, over the years. I loved all of the family gatherings, where we would look forward to seeing and talking with Athan. To us, it was plain to see just how very close Athan was to the rest of the family. He was wonderful man to know; a loving husband and father and someone who loved and cared for his brother and sisters, nieces and nephews. Carol and I will definitely miss Athan. May God Bless you, Athan. I just know He will. John and Carol Leach*

John Leach - April 04, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Olympia, it is so hard to lose a brother. As you know we lost Mike in July. You and Dino were there to comfort us. We hope that our friendship can help you through this tough and trying time. Love to you, Dino and your family. The Guggino Family, Rosemarie Guggino Buckley.*

Rosemarie Buckley - April 03, 2023 at 03:05 PM

LM

“ *Athan, You were a Special kind of person! So sorry to hear of your passing! Our very deepest sympathies to your precious family. You were in my graduating class. Woodrow Wilson 1966. Lucy & Sonny Martz*

lucy martz - April 01, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Athanasios Criaris.*



April 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Athanasios Criaris.*



March 31, 2023 at 10:46 PM

JR

“ *My sympathies to all of Athan's family. I graduated high school in 1966 with Athan, and after that, enjoyed many meals that he prepared at the Greenbriar in Cherry Hill as well as Merchantville Country Club. Always a kind and gentle person.
RIP Athan.
Judy Allison*



Judy Allison Richards - March 31, 2023 at 01:43 PM

EL

“ My dear brother Athan, I will miss you terribly especially when we have family gatherings. I will cherish the childhood memories we shared and the great times we had as adults. I'll especially miss your weekly calls to see how the family is as doing and always asked about my heath and if I needed anything. GOD blessed us with a great brother, uncle, husband, father and soon to be grandfather. I will always think of you when I hear songs I know you liked and whenever the Phillies are playing. you were much loved by all who knew you. All my love your sister Elizabeth

Elizabeth Loudon - March 31, 2023 at 01:05 PM

JE

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your passing. May your memory be eternal. I always was impressed with how cool and calm you would be in a busy kitchen. Say hello to my father, he's waiting up there for ya

Jack Ekimoglou - March 31, 2023 at 12:06 PM

CR

“ I'll never forget what a great guy and boss he always was. Thinking about you Linda and Katrina I'm sure he will be greatly missed. Sending hugs

Colleen Russo - March 31, 2023 at 11:49 AM

PV

“ Linda, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Whenever I was in Athan's presence, he always had such a sweet smile on his face. I saw the love he had for you all in his eyes. I so looked forward to days when he shared his delicious rice pudding with us! May he rest in peace.

Peggy Vance - March 31, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JM

“*Athan was always so kind. He would make my husband, Skip, his famous chili. I loved his rice pudding which he would make so Linda could bring to work and share with everyone. Linda would always have the best salads because Athan would make her lunch everyday. How sweet is that. Rest in peace Athan, you will never be forgotten. Linda, Katrina and Jeff you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Jean Madara*

Jean Madara - March 31, 2023 at 08:43 AM