

as a member of the Gator basketball team. He held various management positions at Monsanto during his 35 years with the company, leading hundreds of employees in their transition to retirement.

John enjoyed coaching his three sons in youth basketball and baseball in Gulf Breeze, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and at Monsanto. His life bore witness to his strong Orthodox faith, evident to all who came to know John. Baptized at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, John served the Church on the Parish Council as a Board Member; led the Sunday School program as its administrator; sponsored GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth Association) and co-chaired the Greek Festival for many years. He and his wife were also members of St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church. Together, they enjoyed traveling across Europe and especially his ancestral homes of Volos and Skopelos, Greece. An avid golfer, John hit the links regularly with his friends and his sons whenever he had the chance.

Anyone who encountered John was met with an engaging smile and warm reception of a true friend; those who came to know him were better for his deep generosity and loyal nature. A bright light for his family and friends, his departure leaves a void no man can fill but only God can heal.

Visitations will be held on Friday May 9th, between 5 and 7pm with Trisagion Service beginning at 6:30pm at Waters and Hibbert Funeral Home. A second Trisagion Service will be held at 9:45am followed by funeral services at 10am on Saturday, May 10th, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on Garden Street. Fr. Peter Papanikolaou and Fr. David Bleam will conduct the services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Endowment Fund or St. Andrew the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Waters and Hibbert are coordinating the funeral arrangements. Honorary Pallbearers: Tom Psaltis, George Bokas, Bill Agall, Chris Bithos, Fotias Bokas, Summers Jarrett, John Parliaris, John D. Scapin, Michael Stamitoles, Tony Tampary, Paul Tringas. Active Pallbearers: Peter Bithos, Victor Bokas, Nick Gomenis, Bill Parliaris, Chris Psaltis, John Scapin, Michael Scapin, Greg Staviski, Anthony Tampary, Jr.