

# Order of Service

## Trisagion

*Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Friday, September 27th, 2024 ~ 7:00pm*

## Funeral Service

*Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Saturday, September 28th, 2024 ~ 11:45am*

## Committal Service

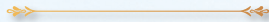
*Finley-Sunset Hills Memorial Park  
Saturday, September 28th, 2024 ~ 2:00pm*

## Officiants

*Fr. Paul Paris, Proistamenos  
Deacon David Cole*

## Chanter

*Maria Daniels*



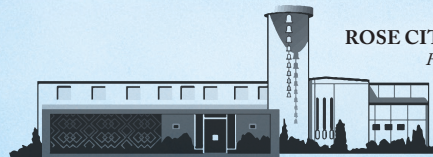
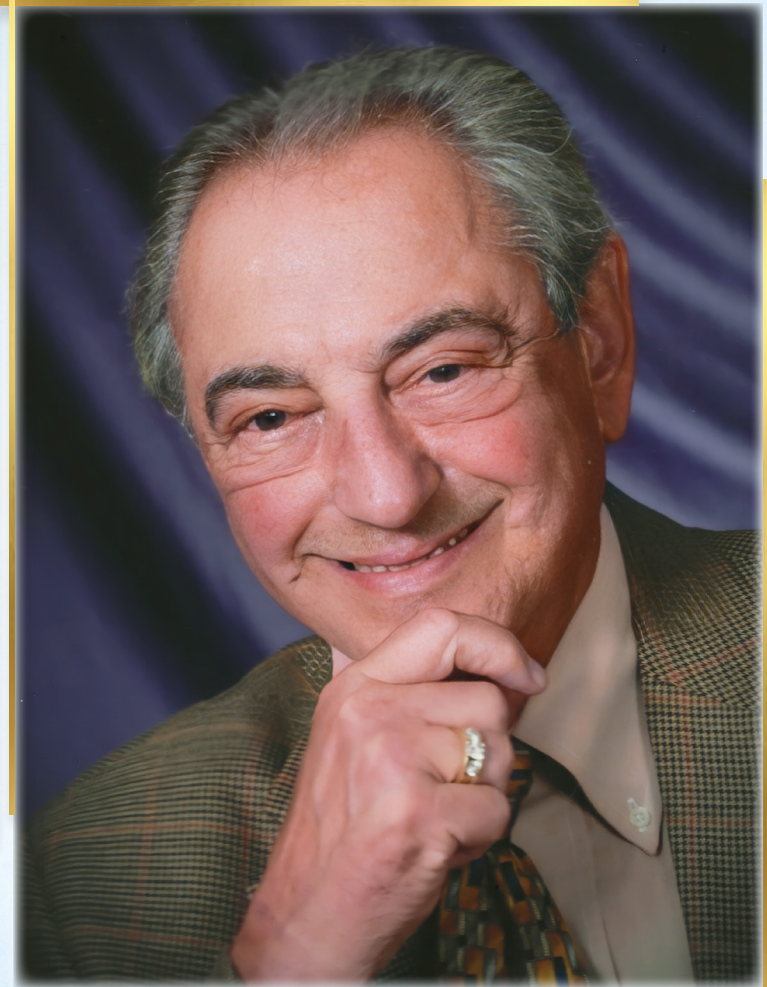
## Pallbearers

*Bill Langus  
Jim Langus  
Bill Dunbar  
Greg Hendricks  
John Raptor  
Bill Martien*

## Honorary Pallbearers

*Sara Fahlman  
Jessica Bouganim  
Nicholas Kauffman  
Tyler Fahlman  
Natalia Bouganim  
Ashley Cardonia*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Nicholas John Raptor*



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SUNRISE  
*March 4, 1939  
Portland, OR*

SUNSET  
*September 14, 2024  
Portland, OR*

# Nick's Story



*Nicholas John Raptor was born in Portland, Oregon, on March 4, 1939 to parents John and Theodora Raptor. On September 14, 2024, Nick passed away peacefully at home after a brief illness with devoted wife Diane by his side. Nick's children, John and Cindy, his loving puppy, Yianni, and close friend Bill Dunbar were also at his side.*

*Nick graduated from Grant High School in 1956, and attended the University of Oregon and Multnomah Bible College. He married Connie Brindley in 1958, and together they had Kim, Cindy, and John. Soon they moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where Nick travelled for the Goldsmith Company as a dry goods supplier to businesses.*

*Once Nick's father, John, decided it was time for Nick to return to Portland and work in the family communications business, Nick returned with his family where he remained until his death.*

*Mobile Radio Communication Service was founded by John. Nick became Vice President, and handled accounts for local doctors, hospitals, first responders, and companies. At the time, answering services and pagers were the hot ticket, followed by mobile phones and ultimately cellular, of which they were an original partner in Oregon and Washington. Mobile Radio was immersed in all of it, and Nick often held court at Ryan's Eating Establishment, a Portland restaurant, where he had many a business "lunch" with customers. Ryan's is where he met his current wife of 27 years (and partner of 46 years), Diane Courter. They were married in August of 1997.*

*Nick's love for his Grant High School Class of '56 ran deep and for more than 10 years, he and Diane threw large Christmas parties for his classmates. To make the parties special for his classmates, he would arrange for the Grant Royal Blues (GHS's performance choir) to perform at the party in full formal dress. They would arrive in a school bus, and perform holiday songs. At one party, the headcount was over 120 people in attendance. In addition, he would arrange for vintage cars from the 50's to be in the driveway. Nick was in his element.*

*Another one of Nick's passions was boating. Nick and Diane lived on a houseboat for years with their cigarette boat parked at its side. The boat was as long as the house and as fast as a rocket, and Nick couldn't be happier. The houseboat was the center of entertainment, and many family dinners and impromptu parties were given. As you may have guessed by now, Nick was a very social person.*

*He was a member of Columbia River Yacht Club, and at one point Co-Cruise Director, responsible for arranging the "cruises" yacht club members would take. These were usually weekend boating jaunts where the boats would cruise to a location and either drop anchor or tie off as a group for a weekend of outdoor meals, games, and visiting with other yacht club members. He and his co-chair would often dress up in costume for the cruises depending on the holiday, theme, or occasion. Members always looked forward to the grand entrance of the Cruise Directors and laugh at the crazy costumes they chose to wear. Nick always wanted to make sure the members were having fun.*

*Through a mutual friend, Nick and Diane met Jerome Kersey, and an immediate friendship was seeded. Nick introduced Jerome to boating in the off-season, and Jerome invited other teammates to go boating with them. This was during the 1988-1991 NBA seasons when the Trailblazers were making it to the finals more years than not. Many lifelong friends were made through Jerome's friendship with Nick and Diane, and it was a special time for him.*

*His first dog was Theo (named after Mom Theodora). Nick was then 64 years old and fell head over heels in love with the little Shih Tzu who remained as his "best pal" always by his side for the next 15 years. Nick's wishes were to have Theo's ashes entombed with him. So be it.*

*Though Nick had many passions, his first was for the Greek culture, his family and his dedication to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. His parents were dedicated patrons of the church and raised their children immersed in the Greek culture and teachings of the church. It was very important to them, and respect for that ran deep through Nick's blood.*

*Nick is survived by his wife Diane Raptor, daughters Kim Raptor and Cindy Hamill (Larry), son John Raptor (Angela), granddaughters Sara Fahlman, Jessica Bouganim (Gil) and Ashley Cardonia (Devin), grandson Nicholas Kauffman, great-grandson Tyler Fahlman, and great-granddaughter Natalia Bouganim.*