



## Pete Steve Calos

July 27, 1931 - October 26, 2019

Pete Steve Calos, 88, died peacefully October 26, 2019, at home in Hopewell, Virginia. The son of immigrants from the island of Crete, Greece, he and his four siblings were born and raised in Danville, Virginia. They remained close throughout their lives.

Pete graduated from George Washington High School in 1949, and from Virginia Tech in 1954, with a BS in industrial engineering, and as a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. During his school days, he developed an interest in photography, covering high school and college sports for newspapers from Danville to Raleigh, North Carolina. After college, Pete enlisted in the US Army, serving from 1954 to 1957. He was stationed in Paris, France, with the Signal Corps. While in the army, he honed his shooting skills, taking black-and-white photos of iconic European landmarks, which have been displayed in family homes ever since.

After being honorably discharged from the army, Pete married Mary Mitchell, in her native Hopewell. They moved to Martinsville, Virginia, where Pete began his career in industry, with the DuPont Company. Pete and Mary moved back to Hopewell when he took a job in 1960 with Allied Chemical Corporation. They bought a home in the historic City Point neighborhood, overlooking the James and Appomattox rivers, where they raised their family and lived together for the rest of his life, just as Pete always said he wanted. They lived near Mary's parents, who loved Pete like a son, and who he loved like his own.

Pete was immensely proud of his Greek and Virginia heritage, and of his family, as it was of him. Being around Pete was like having Google, before it existed. He always knew the answers to his children's endless questions. Watching him watch Jeopardy confirmed his vast knowledge. He was known to his dotting grandchildren as "Papou," from the Greek word. To his many nieces and nephews, "Uncle Pete" was a solid source of quasi-parental advice and non-parental levity.

Weekends were for meandering along the back roads of the commonwealth, where over the years Pete photographed literally every county courthouse, covered bridge, and

lighthouse. Mary and one or both of their children were usually in tow, and they delighted in watching him interact with strangers, often feigning to "need directions" as an excuse to get to know people from all walks of life. He did the same thing in other parts of the world during his many travels with Mary and the rest of the family. He always noted how people are more similar than different, despite their cultures.

Back home, Pete was an active member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond. He served on the parish council, taught Sunday school, and was an integral part of the cathedral's annual festival, exhibiting many of his Greek photos. He loved his adopted hometown, Hopewell, where he served as chairman of the City Point Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, president of the City Point Civic Association, as a member of the Hopewell Board of Zoning Appeals, and as an honorary member of Historic Hopewell Foundation.

After retirement from Allied in 1992, Pete ramped up his travels, in Virginia and elsewhere. He enjoyed sharing the highlights of his adventures, at libraries, schools, civic clubs, and senior centers, and to staff of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. His dry wit made for entertaining programs. The couple's Virginia travels were featured weekly by the local newspaper, in a spread entitled "On the Road with Pete and Mary," and on the PBS television show Virginia Currents. Much of his Virginia photography collection is housed at the Library of Virginia.

Pete is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Mary Mitchell Calos, daughter Kimberly Ann Calos, son Stefan Mitchell Calos, daughter-in-law Amy Ashworth Calos, grandson Samuel Pinkleton, grandson-in-law Andrew Russell, granddaughters Alexa Calos and Ariana Calos, sisters-in-law Cleo Sapon Calos, Margaret Dobbins Calos, Katherine Mitchell Cosmidis, and Gloria Mitchell Lee, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pete was predeceased by his parents, Anna Maurakis Calos and Efstratios Calos, parents-in-law Garifalia Kolidakis Mitchell and Emmanuel Mitchell, infant daughter Courtney Lane Calos, sister Stella Calos Morris, and brothers Gus Calos, James Calos, and Stavros Calos.

The family will receive friends Sunday, November 3, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home, 820 W. Broadway, Hopewell, where a Greek Orthodox Trisagion service will be held. Pete's funeral will be Monday, November 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Malvern Avenue, Richmond. Burial will follow at Merchant's Hope Memorial Gardens, 11302 Merchants Hope Road, Prince George. Memorial contributions may be made to Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Malvern Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23221.



# Cemetery

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## Merchants Hope Memorial Gardens

11302 Merchants Hope Rd.  
N. Prince George, VA, 23860

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Hopewell Chapel  
820 W. Broadway Avenue, Hopewell, VA, US,  
23860

**NOV** **Service** 11:00AM

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Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox  
Church  
30 Malvern Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23221

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home** - October 30 at 03:18 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to your father's life ! Awesome memories to keep in your hearts. My deepest sympathies to your mother, and Kim, Sam and all your family

**Michelle T. dit Paquette** - October 31 at 11:39 AM



“ Lovely remembrance...so many memories. Wish there were captions. God bless you all.  
Amelia Catakis

**Amelia Catakis** - October 31 at 02:26 PM



“ You have all shared so many wonderful memories together. I hope those memories will comfort you during this time.

I am grateful for the time I spent with Mr Calos, and will always cherish those moments.  
Fran Morris

**Fran** - October 31 at 10:47 PM

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“ Cissy Buyalos lit a candle in memory of Pete Steve Calos



**Cissy Buyalos** - November 03 at 11:32 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pete Steve Calos.



October 31 at 07:45 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mr. Calos was a very special person to me. I had the pleasure of working with him at Allied back in 1986-87. He was so good to me. He will certainly be missed.

**Becky Littlepage** - October 30 at 08:48 PM

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“ Becky Littlepage lit a candle in memory of Pete Steve Calos



**Becky Littlepage** - October 30 at 08:40 PM

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“ 134 files added to the album LifeTributes



**J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home** - October 30 at 03:11 PM

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“ I remember meeting Pete for the first time through Kimberley. We had a wonderful conversation reminiscing about life in Danville, VA. and finding out he knew my relatives and I knew and know his. I always enjoyed going down memory lane with Mr. Calos. May he rest in peace.

Sending Love to Mary, Kimberley and the entire family,

Deborah James Zeman

**Deborah Zeman** - October 29 at 07:01 PM

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“ My condolences to Pete's family, I worked with Pete at Allied Chemical and he was one of a kind, honest caring person. Roxie Cousins



Roxie Cousins - October 29 at 03:58 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pete Steve Calos.



October 29 at 03:16 PM

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“ Mary and I extend to the Calos family our condolences and deepest sympathy. May peace reside in your hearts as you celebrate the life of Mr. Calos.  
With warm regards,  
Mary and W. H. Goodwyn, III

W. H. Goodwyn, III - October 29 at 09:27 AM

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“ Our most sincere condolences to the Calos family.  
On behalf of St. Peter's Greek Orthodox Church, Danville, VA., may his memory be eternal.



Anne Haley - October 29 at 06:24 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. We worked with Pete at Allied Signal and was always a pleasure to be with. He will be missed by all.

Kenny and Claudia Leech



Claudia Leech - October 28 at 10:30 PM

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“ Laurie Dishman lit a candle in memory of Pete Steve Calos



Laurie Dishman - October 28 at 07:22 PM

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“ My deepest, deepest sympathies to all

Kathleen Bryant Vincent - October 28 at 05:17 PM

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