



## **Chris Xeros**

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Chris Peter Xeros passed away on October 6, 2019. He was born September 23, 1927 to immigrant parents, Peter and Helen Xeros. Chris grew up in Old East Dallas, along with his siblings, Constantine "Gus", Basil, and Effie. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and later inducted into the Woodrow Wilson Hall of Fame (2014). He studied violin at the Julliard School of Music followed by service in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After his military service, Chris attended North Texas State College, now The University of North Texas, receiving his Bachelor and Masters Degrees. Chris was involved in the classical music industry for most of his life. For 36 years, he taught music in the Dallas Independent Schools, including a long tenure at W. T. White High School. In 1961, he founded the Richardson Symphony Orchestra and served as its conductor until 1992. After retiring from the RSO, he was urged to assist in the founding of the Allen Philharmonic and served as its director for nine years, retiring in 2001. Chris was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, serving as a choir director, chanter, and Byzantine Music Scholar. Chris was preceded in death by his wife, Katina Michaels Xeros, his son Charles Xeros, and his daughter Eleni Xeros Huff. He is survived by brother Basil and his wife Elaine Xeros, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A prayer service will be held at 7 pm, Wednesday October 9th at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (HTGOC). Funeral will be held at 10 am on Thursday October 10th at HTGOC, followed by interment at Restland Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Benevolent Fund. "May his memory be eternal"

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