



Mrs. MARIA KOZOMBOLIS LEMAY

March 15, 1959 - December 4, 2023

MARIA KOZOMBOLIS LEMAY

A member of a prominent Lowell family

Co-Owner with her brother of Captain John's Restaurant

Maria Kozombolis Lemay, 64, co-owner and operator, with her brother Nicholas Kozombolis, of Captain John's Restaurant and Lounge in Cupples Square, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2023 in Boston, following a brief battle with cancer. She was the beloved wife for 15 years of Brian J. Lemay and devoted sister of Nicholas P. Kozombolis.

Maria was born in Lowell on March 15, 1959, a daughter of the late John and Stavroula "Stella" (Papanastasiou) Kozombolis. She was a graduate of Presentation of Mary Academy and Lowell High School, 1977, receiving high honors at both institutions. Maria also studied Law at Suffolk University in Boston.

Maria was brought up in the restaurant business. Her parents, John and Stella had established two successful restaurants in the Highland's Cupples Square location on Westford Street, first the Lobster Basket, and later, Captain John's Restaurant and Lounge, expanding on their prior success. Maria and her brother Nick worked alongside their parents until their deaths, John in 1983 and Stella in 2019. Maria and Nick took over the ownership and day to day operation of Captain John's continuing their parent's legacy, serving yet another generation of patrons good spirits, cold beer, and the best fried and

baked fresh seafood anywhere.

When Maria wasn't at the restaurant, she enjoyed going to the beach and traveling to Aruba with her husband Brian. Maria enjoyed cooking for her family for all the holidays. She also enjoyed decorating her home and restaurant with flowers for holidays and special occasions. She loved shopping. Maria was a very loving person, caring for everyone, especially her employees. She was also very generous to our local charities and especially to Rosie's Place in Boston.

Maria is survived by her husband Brian Lemay, her stepdaughter Alyssa J. Lemay; her brother Nicholas P. Kozombolis; several cousins and her Godchildren; Marcus, Fotulla, Tammy, and John; Maria leaves countless friends, patrons, and customers of her beloved Captain John's, who's friendship over the years has felt like family to her. Last but not least, she leaves her dog, C.J. Lemay and cat Thumper.

Family and friends are invited to her calling hours on TUESDAY, DEC. 12, 2023 from 4 until 8 PM at ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 44 PRINCETON BOULEVARD, LOWELL. Maria's FUNERAL SERVICE will take place on WEDNESDAY MORNING at 11 AM at St. GEORGE CHURCH. Burial will follow in the Westlawn Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Maria's memory may be made to St. George Church, 44 Princeton Blvd. Lowell, MA 01851.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
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Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

Boston Road
Lowell, MA 01852

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
44 Princeton Boulevard
Lowell, MA 01851

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
44 Princeton Boulevard
Lowell, MA 01851

Burial

DEC 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

Westlawn Cemetery
Boston Road
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Tribute Wall

HG

“ Heidi Gauthier lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
MARIA KOZOMBOLIS LEMAY



Heidi Gauthier - February 12, 2024 at 06:35 PM

GZ

“ Nick and Brian we are so sorry for the loss of your sister and wife.
Maria you will never be forgotten. You were one of the sweetest
person I knew. May you rest in heavenly peace. The Zaharoolis
Family

Gail T Zaharoolis - December 13, 2023 at 09:30 AM

EB

“ God Bless Maria she was the sweetest person always had kind
words and was a very very hard worker. She was always so nice to
everyone and was good for a laugh too. I'll never forget her, she is
already missed and we'll never be forgotten. She helped so many
people. I have good memories of her that make me smile.
God Bless you Maria RIP. XXOO
Eddie Boyle Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Eddie Boyle - December 09, 2023 at 07:14 AM

RH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Kozombolis/Lemay family and friends
our prayers are with you all Amen 🙏 from the Harmon family and
Calvary Baptist church .

Randall Harmon - December 08, 2023 at 07:09 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MARIA KOZOMBOLIS LEMAY



Sean & Erin Rourke - December 08, 2023 at 07:07 PM

CH

“ Catherine Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MARIA KOZOMBOLIS LEMAY



Catherine Higgins - December 08, 2023 at 12:23 PM

SG

“ My family has known the Kozombolis family since Captain John's was run by John and Stella. Maria went to school with my brother at the Hellenic Academy where Maria excelled as a student. My sincere condolences to her husband and stepchild. Nicky, I can't imagine the pain you are going through. Stay strong. Our family will keep you in our prayers. May Maria rest in peace!

Steve and Leslie Georgoulis - December 08, 2023 at 10:51 AM

LA

“ My condolences to Maria's family and friends. She was a wonderful person. Thinking of you Nick. Sending hugs and prayers may she rest in peace 🙏 with sympathy Lyndabeth Abraham

Lyndabeth Abraham - December 08, 2023 at 09:47 AM

CR

“ My sweet maira I have you in my heart ❤️ my you R.I.P now. we have been friends for a long time you will be missed 😭

Colleen Rooney - December 08, 2023 at 07:05 AM

KT

“ We love you forever and ever Mama Maria !!!
Love Krissy Mark Markus and Katalina 💋💋
🙏



Kristina moore Thompson - December 08, 2023 at 05:18 AM


Cynthia Souza

“ My girl here was such a hero to so many people! Her heart was as big as the planet! She was so giving and had so much empathy for the less fortunate! You are my angel fly high my sweet friend! Till we meet again! LOVE YA WOMAN...

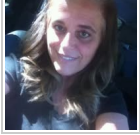
Cynthia Souza - December 07, 2023 at 08:53 PM

CS

“ Cindi Souza lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
MARIA KOZOMBOLIS LEMAY



cindi souza - December 07, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Her husband Brian and her brother Nick*

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Maria has touched my heart in more ways then one. She was a true friend and welcomed me with open arms. May she RIP . We have gained another Angel and I know her parents greeted her with open arms*

I will forever miss her .

With all my Love.

Kim Campbell (Kimba).

Campbell Kim - December 07, 2023 at 05:16 PM