



## Joseph Michael Koutsodontis

October 7, 1959 - May 11, 2023

Joseph Michael Koutsodontis was born on October 7, 1959 in Queens, New York to George Emmanuel Koutsodontis and Bessie Pauline (Bryant) Koutsodontis. Michael was raised in Queens, New York to about the age of 17, when they decided to move to Panama City, Florida for a short stay then down to Houston, TX. There he worked as an executive and sous chef in various fine dining restaurants. Houston would be where he met Dianna, got married, and had 3 beautiful children, raised in the Lutheran Faith. Staying faithfully married for the past 38 years. He will be missed by many!

Aside from cooking fine food, he definitely enjoyed his rock music, going to more than 50 concerts in his lifetime. Also, playing his collectible guitars and collecting rare muscle cars! After getting burned-out of the restaurant business, his brother offered him a job as a manager/operator of our family-owned Auto Repair Shop in Downtown Houston where he would work for the next 15 years.

Michael passed away on May 11, 2023 in Richmond, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Emmanuel and Bessie Pauline Koutsodontis; his brother, Ronald William Koutsodontis, and his two children Michelle Kay and George Michael Koutsodontis. He is survived by his wife, Dianna Kay (Moore) Koutsodontis; his son Nicholas Robert Koutsodontis; his niece, Tina Marie (Koutsodontis) Rogers, Andalusia, Alabama, and his brother-in-law

Robert Kelly Wyatt.

The Koutsodontis family will be present to receive friends Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM with a service celebrating Michael's life beginning at 1:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. Mr. Koutsodontis will be laid to rest at Memorial Oaks Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Funeral Service

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
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## Graveside Following Chapel Service

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MAY **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery  
13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Michael Koutsodontis*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Joseph Michael Koutsodontis*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Joseph Michael Koutsodontis*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Joseph Michael Koutsodontis*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

AL

“ I knew Ron and his beloved German Shepherd back in 2009, before I met Michael, when I first brought my Volvo XC70 (2002) to be checked out after I bought it. Over time when I brought it in for service, I eventually met Michael and sympathized with him after Ron passed. Over the past 13-14 years, Michael became a friend as we shared stories about food, desserts and cars. He serviced my two vehicles from the day I bought them and helped me maintain them. Then a few years ago he told me he'd gotten lymphoma and was working hard to rid himself of it because it was slowing him down. Typical response of a hard, working man.



*I sent an email to inquire about when I could bring in my vehicle when I was stunned by his son about the terrible news.*

*RIP Michael.*

*Al*

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al - July 10, 2023 at 11:08 PM

PC

“ I was a patron of Ron's Downtown Auto since I moved to the Montrose area roughly twenty years ago, and I am to this day. Since Michael took over running the shop, I regarded him as not just "my mechanic," but a fast friend. Whenever I had occasion to bring one of my used cars in for repairs, we would catch up on life events. We especially connected on music; we talked about guitars and exchanged CDs at Christmas time. He'd always offer me a lift back to my place when I had a car in for service. I will miss him greatly and send love and energetic support to his family.

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Paul Colby - June 17, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Koutsodontis.



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May 20, 2023 at 12:14 AM



“ *The Campos Family* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Joseph Michael Koutsodontis.



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**The Campos Family** - May 19, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Koutsodontis.



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May 19, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Michael Koutsodontis.

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May 19, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - May 18, 2023 at 11:11 AM

HP

“ *We are deeply saddened learning of the transition of our friend and associate Michael. Yes, he repaired our cars but we usually lingered at the shop to discuss life in general. You can also know that his diagnosis was on the spot with life in general, as well as our cars conditions! May he rest in peace and as we say in the Greek tradition...Memory eternal! Sincere condolences to family and other friends.*

*Argo and Howard Pyle*”

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**Howard Pyle** - May 18, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - May 17, 2023 at 04:43 PM

LM

“ *Dear Diana, My condolences to you and Nick. May God grant you comfort and strength through this sad time, as you mourn the loss of Michael.*  
*Leslie & Royce*



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**Leslie Mosby** - May 15, 2023 at 12:17 PM