

# Dr. George S. Syros, DDS, FACP

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George S. Syros was born on February 23rd, 1981 in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. His parents, Spyros and Eleni, were Greek immigrants and he joined his two brothers, five-year old John and four-year old Demos. George's Father Spyros was working as a sailor (first mate) for Upper Lakes Shipping so he was often away at sea. It was difficult for his mom given that she was in a foreign country, with a basic knowledge of English so later on Eleni, in August 1981 decided to move back to Greece while George was six-months old. Since the family moved to Greece Spyros would continue to work in Canada and joined his family every winter for 2-3 months

and every summer.

George walked for the first time on the day of his first birthday! George completed grades 1 through 4 at the 37th Elementary School of Peristeri, Athens. The family moved to Glyfada, Athens in 1990 and George joined the 4th Elementary School of Glyfada, Athens and completed grades 5-6. George also completed grades 7th through 9th at the 2nd Junior High School of Glyfada and then grades 10-12 at the 2nd Senior High School of Glyfada. At the age of 9, the family signed George up for basketball at the Glyfada basketball academy. George grew into a formidable basketball player. He played semi-professional basketball during his university years and was very happy to not only do something that he loved but also earn enough to pay for his personal expenses at a time when the family's finances were very limited.

George finished high school in 1998 and took the Greek national exams. He didn't manage to enter the Athens School of Dentistry but gained admission to the Thessaloniki School of Biology. But he decided not to attend the university in the 98-99 so he could retake the national exams in June 1999 with the intention of finally gaining admission to the School of Dentistry. But yet again, the results were not in his favor enough to gain admission to the School of Dentistry. So in September 1999 he moved to Thessaloniki and started attending the School of Biology. But he had not given up his hope of becoming a dentist. So he tried again, and in June 2000, he was accepted into the Athens School of Dentistry.

While George was in the army he had started applying to US schools as he wanted to specialize in prosthodontics. George and a fellow classmate, Aristotelis Marinis, were accepted at the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Iowa and he moved to Iowa City in July 2007. George stayed in Iowa City until 2010. Upon completion of the program he went to MD Anderson in Houston where he met Dr. Jacob. He stayed a year in Houston and in June 2011 he moved to Chicago where he joined the University of Illinois at Chicago as a Clinical Assistant Professor. After spending three years in Chicago, he joined ClearChoice in June 2014 with Dr. Rhonda Jacob. Since starting with ClearChoice Dental Implant Center Dr. Syros has created thousands of smiles and changed so many lives. Dr. Syros truly loved his patients and his staff along the seven years since being with ClearChoice.

Dr. George Syros leaves behind his beautiful wife Georgia Michou and two children, Eva, six years old, and Yasin, three years old. He spent his last days on a beautiful vacation in Greece with his family before leaving us on Monday July 12, 2021. Dr. Syros was such an amazing man and he will truly be missed by so many family member, friends, and colleagues. WE WILL MISS YOU FOREVER DR. SYROS and you will forever be in our hearts.