

Biography — Steven Douvas



Steven Douvas is a semi-retired insurance professional with many years of experience across different markets, but these days he prefers to focus on the parts of life that mean the most to him—family, community, and the passions that have stayed with him since childhood. Born in Boston to Greek parents, Steven grew up with a strong sense of Hellenic identity and deep roots in the Greek Orthodox Church. His involvement in church life has always been hands-on, from serving on parish councils to helping with festivals and coaching youth basketball in church leagues.

Steven's fascination with maps began when he was a child, poring over atlases and geography books with a curiosity that carried all the way through his education. That early love of geography later blossomed into a serious interest in the history of cartography. Although he had admired antique maps for years, it was his wife, Maria-Elena, who encouraged him to turn that appreciation into a true collecting passion. For more than twenty-five years now, he has been building a collection centered on the Hellenic world—maps that reflect both his heritage and his lifelong interest in how geography shapes culture and identity.

He has lived in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Greece, and completed his Master's in Economics at the London School of Economics. While he spent many years writing, researching, and consulting in the areas of insurance and risk management, he now contributes selectively while enjoying a quieter, more balanced rhythm of life.

Family has always been at the heart of everything Steven values. He is happily married to Maria-Elena, whose support and inspiration have shaped many of his interests, and together they have raised three adult children—Marissa, Jake, and Annie—each of whom brings joy, pride, and a sense of purpose to their lives. Whether gathering for holidays, sharing stories around the table, or celebrating milestones, his family remains the foundation of his identity and the source of much of his happiness.

Today, Steven continues to expand his map collection, share its stories, stay active in his church community, and enjoy the family-centered life he and Maria-Elena have built together. Steve and Maria-Elena live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, where they enjoy a warm coastal community and an active, family-focused lifestyle.