



# Sylvia Karas

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## **Sylvia Karas**

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**W**ith the deepest of sadness and heavy heart, the family of Sylvia Karas (nee Geanneses), of Westlake, Ohio, announce that she passed away suddenly on July 24, 2021, at the age of 76. She has been reunited with her beloved husband, Stefos Karas.

Sylvia (Mina to her siblings) will be lovingly remembered by her sons, Art (Éva), Leon (Grace); daughter, Cassie Zwart (David); brothers William, Anthony; sisters Bessie Ermidis (Victor, deceased), Ellie Perioris (Strat), and Antonette; as well as too many to individually name of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends throughout the United States and Greece. She was a loving Yiayia who affectionately spoiled her grandchildren, Asymina, Mina, Xander, Ana, Stefo, Alexa, Andrea, Steve, and Ariana, with her traditional baking of Greek pastries and cookies, and giving the best hugs. Sylvia was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 11, 1944, to Leonidas (Louie) and Anna (nee Kamenos) Geanneses. She attended John Adams High School, studying Accounting/Business. As part of the Delfinos group, Sylvia would “hang out” with her school friends at Canteen on a Friday night at East End Neighborhood House. After graduation from high school in 1963, Sylvia began her career at the Cleveland Trust Bank. She continued in the accounting field until her marriage on June 7, 1970, for a loving partnership of 36 years to Stefos (who preceded her in death). Sylvia took an active part in every aspect of her Greek heritage. She was a member of the Maids of Athena, took pleasure in Greek dancing, and traveling to Greece on many occasions. She was a longtime member of both St. Paul’s and St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Churches, and a member of the St. Paul’s Ladies of Philoptochos, and Daughters of Penelope Erinys Chapter 355. In her spare time, Sylvia volunteered as the Treasurer at the Parish Library of St. Demetrios, she volunteered at the St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox Festival, co-founding the Ice Cream Baklava Sundae booth, supporting the jewelry booth, and extended her creativity by designing flower



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arrangements at the Fairview Hospital Flower Shop.




Sylvia was the “try anything,” “go anywhere” Yiayia, always looking forward to the next adventure. She stayed active throughout her life completing two marathons, and remained fit with her daily pilates and walks to prepare for the next venture with her family. Although Sylvia never wanted to be the center of attention, she was the bedrock of her family. She listened with compassion and confidence, always sharing her wisdom without judgment. Sylvia held an endless love and support for everyone who was part of her life.

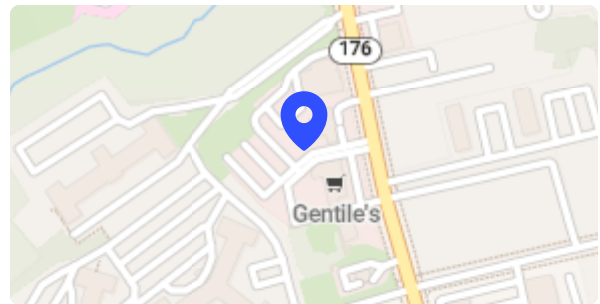
Visitation Tuesday from 5-8:00pm at Yurch Funeral Home, 5618 Broadview Rd Parma, OH with Trisagion at 7:30pm. Funeral Service Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 11:00am at St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 4548 Wallings Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133. Interment at St. Theodosius Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, our family requests a donation in her name to the St Paul Greek Orthodox Church.






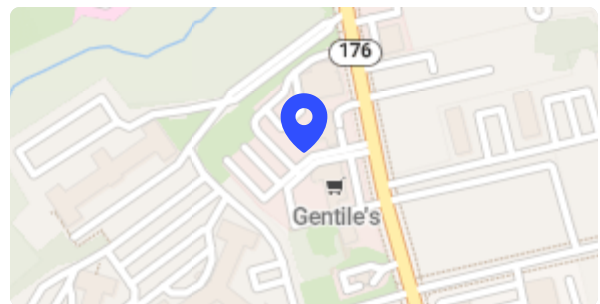
### Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, July 27, 2021
-  5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Yurch Funeral Home**  
5618 Broadview Rd., Parma OH 44134






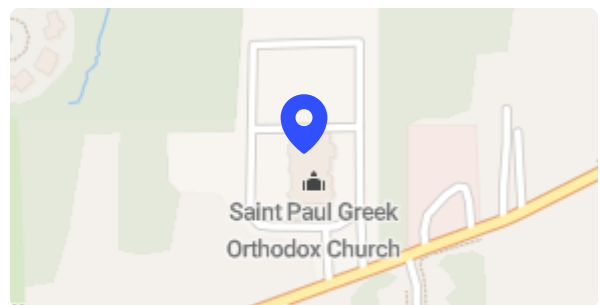
### Trisagion Service

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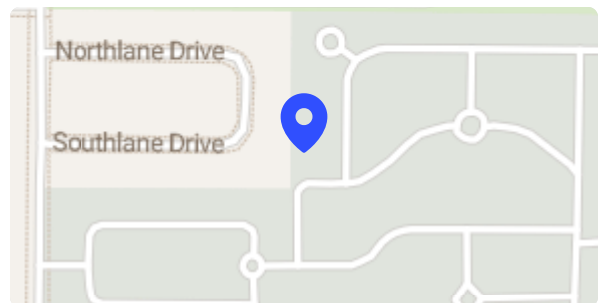
### Funeral Service

-  **Wednesday**, July 28, 2021
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church**  
4548 Wallings Road, North Royalton OH 44133



### Cemetery Details

-  **St. Theodosius Cemetery**  
8200 Biddulph Road, Cleveland OH 44144





# Tribute Wall

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**Sherrie Mcadams** posted:

I met Sylvia many years ago when her daughter was getting ready to get married. She had been a good friend and client of mine. She came in the salon every couple of weeks to get her manicure. We would talk family and children. She loved her children and grand children more than you know. She was always there for support and I was always there with an ear to listen. She will be forever missed. God Bless her and her family. My prayers are with you.

July 27 at 7:15 AM

**RB** **Rose B.** October 9 at 11:36 AM

I met Sylvia a couple years ago through a mutual friend she was dating. She was always sweet and smiling. I miss seeing her at the mall here.



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Karas family.



July 27 at 6:13 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Ringed by Love to the Karas family.



July 26 at 6:06 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Karas family.



July 26 at 4:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Karas family.



July 26 at 1:34 PM



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**Joyce Anagnos, Pdg** posted:

I had the honor of knowing Sylvia through my service on the District #11 Lodge of the Daughters of Penelope and through her sister, Toni, who also served for many years on the Lodge. Sylvia was a wonderful supporter of the Daughters and an excellent chapter officer and member. We will miss her dearly. May her memory be eternal.

July 26 at 12:33 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Karas family.



July 26 at 11:37 AM



**Anna Stilianos** posted:

Your sweet smile and presence will forever be missed. Rest In Peace Nouna. Your memory will live thru your wonderful children and sweet grandchildren. Memory Eternal. Anna, Steve and Zoe Stilianos

July 26 at 11:14 AM



**Love Dale Georgiou** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Karas family.



July 26 at 11:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Karas family.



July 26 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Karas family.



July 26 at 7:48 AM



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**Darlynn Velotta** posted:

Dear Leon, Grace and family...Our hearts go out to you on the loss of your mom. You always spoke so lovingly about your mom, Leon, and I know that she was so close to her grandchildren. May the beautiful person she was and the love she had for all of you bring you peace and comfort. You were blessed to have such a special mom and Yia -yia. Please know that you are in all of our prayers. Dar Velotta on behalf of your friends at the City of Independence.

July 26 at 5:19 AM

DA

**Diana Augustine** lit a candle in honor of Sylvia.

Sincere condolences to the Karas family from Mayor Molnar City of Macedonia and his Administrative Team. Diana Augustine

July 26 at 4:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Karas family.

July 26 at 3:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Karas family.

July 25 at 8:02 PM



KW

**Kevin And Lou Werner** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Karas family.

July 25 at 3:11 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Sylvia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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