



Katherine Vassos

November 5, 1919 - August 18, 2018

Katherine Vassos died peacefully on August 18, 2018. Beloved wife of Jerry V. Vassos (deceased), loving mother of daughters Anastasia Vassos and Donna Vassos, and beloved mother-in-law of Gary Koeppel, she is survived as well by many nieces and nephews in Greece and in Cleveland. She leaves behind dozens of former Greek School Students who can read and write Greek due to her tutelage. They still recall the influence she had on them.

She was born in Coutalis, Turkey in 1919. During the 1920's her family emigrated to Thessaloniki where she was educated. She met and married Jerry Vassos in 1949 and settled in Cleveland, OH. After raising her two daughters, she became active in the Greek Orthodox Church as a member of the Philoptochos Society. She was also a member of the Coutalis Benefit Association. Mrs. Vassos taught Greek School at St. Demetrios Church as well as Sts. Constantine and Helen before teaching privately in her own school.

During holidays and special occasions, she was a constant help to her husband fulfilling orders at Vassos Brothers Candies, along with the rest of the family.

She had a successful retail career for many years at Higbee's Department Store, Dillard's, and then for a brief time at Horne's Department Store and Novatny Furs.

Throughout her life she was an avid gardener, and an accomplished seamstress.

VISITATION TUESDAY 4-8 PM at St. Demetrios' Metallinos Cultural Hall, 22909 Center Ridge Rd Rocky River. TRISAGION SERVICE 7 PM. FUNERAL SERVICE WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22, 2018 at 11 AM at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 2187 W. 14th St. Cleveland. Interment Lakewood Park Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Ames Family Hospice House for their dedicated care to Mrs. Vassos during her final weeks there. In addition, the family extends gratitude to her caregivers in her final years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Demetrios Trust Fund, and St. Demetrios Philoptochos Society.

Cemetery

Events

Lakewood Park Cemetery

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Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Trisagion Service

07:00PM

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Funeral Service

11:00AM

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Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

2187 West 14th Street, Cleveland, OH, US

Comments



“ Katherine has a special place in my heart. She helped me pick out my wedding dress since my mother had died and she designed and made me a beautiful outfit for my honeymoon. She was like family to me. I babysat her girls and was godmother to her youngest daughter. I will miss visiting her.

Penelope Gedeon

Peneloe Gedeon - August 20, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ My parents were lucky enough to have met Mrs. Vassos and her husband when they first moved to Cleveland. Their home took on so many roles in our lives, all a tribute to a monster work ethic, a fierce determination to succeed, and she was as lovely and classy a host as she was a devoted wife, and she was as devoted to her husband as anybody I've ever met. She modeled all these qualities to her students and this one can honestly say that he's not only better for it, her passing marks the end of something profound. R.I.P., Auntie Kathy, you're memory will be both vibrant and eternal. I miss you already.

Jack Linos - August 19, 2018 at 11:43 PM