



Mrs. Aletheria Hanzas "Libby" Chakales

June 11, 1921 - July 9, 2014

Our loving mother, Aletheria (Libby) Chakales, daughter of Constantine and Victoria Hanzas, fell asleep in the Lord, July 9, 2014, at her home in Asheville. Born June 11, 1921, she was the fifth of eight children, and was preceded in death by her parents, six of her brothers and sister, and her beloved husband, James P. (Jimmy) Chakales.

Mrs. Chakales enjoyed a rich and wonderful life throughout her 93 years, especially through her love of music and politics, which she often brought together in her role as hostess extraordinaire. She worked for a nearly 20 years in the office of the Buncombe County Register of Deeds and was active in the Democratic Party for much of her life, as well as with the Does, the women's branch of the B.P.O. Elks service organization.

Born into one of the founding families of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Mrs. Chakales was heavily involved in the life of the church, serving as the first president of the Daughters of Penelope, choir director, member of the Philoptochos and active in many other capacities.

She was also a highly talented musician who played piano, violin, clarinet, guitar, and xylophone. She started her high-school orchestra and played clarinet in its marching band. A member of the National Honor Society, she was offered scholarships to two music conservatories, though her education

was interrupted by World War II.

Mrs. Chakales is survived by her three children, Charlotte McCarty (Peter) of Los Angeles, CA, Peter Chakales (Ann) of Atlanta, GA, and Victoria Chakales of Asheville; and by four grandchildren, John T. and James P. McCarty of Los Angeles and Pressley Ann and Taylor James Chakales of Atlanta; her brother Agamemnon Hanzas of Potomac, Maryland, and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

The viewing and Trisagion service will be held Sunday, July 13, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Ave. Viewing will be at the church at 6:00 p.m., with the service beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will take place Monday, July 14, at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity, followed by interment at Riverside Cemetery. The family will host a memorial luncheon at Holy Trinity's Hellenic Hall after the burial.

Pallbearers are grandsons John Thomas McCarty, James Peter McCarty, and Taylor James Chakales; nephew George Psinos of Palm Beach, Florida; and great-nephews John Zouzoukis of Atlanta, and Rick Hoyle, George Tsiros, and Gus Stamatiades all of Asheville, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

JUL 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
227 Cumberland Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.holytrinityasheville.com/>

Trisagion

JUL 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.holytrinityasheville.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
227 Cumberland Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Aletheria Hanzas "Libby" Chakales*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - July 18, 2014 at 06:46 AM



“ *To the family of Libby Chakales,
Bruce and I are so sorry to hear of death of our friend Libby. She was a dear friend of my Mother, Martha Weir and we spent many occasions working together for the Democratic Party in Buncombe County! What fun we had and what energy & enthusiasm Libby displayed! We will miss her.
The Chakales Family is in our thought and prayers.
Sincerely,
Carol Peterson*

Carol Peterson - July 14, 2014 at 09:14 AM

LC

“ Aunt Libby was wonderful to our family and I regret that we did not have more opportunities to be together over the space of time and distance. When I learned of her passing I took out the photos of Meredith's wedding when she and Uncle Jimmy traveled to Maryland to join us in the celebration and helped us incorporate Greek tradition. She was a very special lady! Meredith, Stefanie and I send our deepest sympathy to all who loved Aunt Libby. God bless you all.

Love,
Dwight's girls (Linda, Meredith, and Stefanie

Linda P. Chakales - July 14, 2014 at 08:19 AM

MD

“ Libby was a kind and wonderful friend and co-worker. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Libby in the Register of Deeds office for several years. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Libby's family. May God bless the family during this time of sorrow.

Deepest Sympathies,
Mr. & Mrs. Otto W. DeBruhl

Mr. & Mrs. Otto W. DeBruhl - July 13, 2014 at 06:25 PM

MF

“ Libby was wonderful and kind to our family. May God bless the family in your time of sorrow. May her memory be eternal.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Dotsikas and Family - July 13, 2014 at 12:59 AM

RH

“ I had the pleasure of serving on the Asheville-Buncombe Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony with Libby. She was dedicated, energetic, knowledgeable and charming, and her perpetual smile would light up a room. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Randall C. Hall

Randall C. Hall - July 12, 2014 at 08:45 PM



MC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Libby will be missed. I adored her as she was so sweet to me. She had a sweet smile and a kind word always and also a wonderful beautiful person inside and out. Rest in peace.

Mary Vlahos Craven - July 12, 2014 at 11:17 AM



IC

“ Isabelle Cledaras lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Aletheria Hanzas "Libby" Chakales

Isabelle Cledaras - July 12, 2014 at 08:06 AM



IC

“ My condolences and prayers to the family. Miss Libby will be remembered by her sweet kindness, her smile . loved by all. Another angel to rest. May her Memory be Eternal.

Isabelle Cledaras - July 12, 2014 at 08:05 AM

NT

“ Dearest Peter, Charlotte and Vickie, Nick and I are so sorry we are in Greece and can not be with you at this difficult time. Some people pass through this world and leave it exactly as they found it. Others, like Aunt Libby, leave it a more beautiful place. I will always remember her gift of laughter which was contagious to all around her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Aunt Libby is not gone but remains with us in our beautiful memories of her. Love, Anastacia and Nick

Nick and Anastacia Tsiros - July 12, 2014 at 02:53 AM

PW

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Libby's family. We worked together for many years and retired on the same day. In the days ahead, hold close those memories of this beautiful lady.
Sincerely,
Peggy M. Willett

Peggy Willett - July 11, 2014 at 07:03 PM

BJ

“ Benn Edney Fass, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Aletheria Hanzas "Libby" Chakales



Benn Edney Fass, Jr. - July 11, 2014 at 03:15 PM

BJ

John and I send all our love and prayers to Victoria, Charlotte, Peter and their families. We treasure our memories of Miss Libby and will miss her warm, loving smile most of all. God bless you all and all those who knew and loved her. XOXOX

Benn Edney Fass, Jr. - July 11, 2014 at 03:23 PM

LS

“ A wonderful woman who will be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family.

Leslie Smith

Leslie Smith - July 11, 2014 at 02:52 PM

LS

“ Leslie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Aletheria Hanzas "Libby" Chakales



Leslie Smith - July 11, 2014 at 02:49 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Aletheria Hanzas "Libby" Chakales.



July 11, 2014 at 01:29 PM

MK

“ Prayers are with the family as you go through this difficult time. Libby was a very classy lady and a very special friend to me.



Margaret Koutris - July 10, 2014 at 02:32 PM

TB

Mrs. Chakales was a gracious and elegant lady and she will be missed. My best to all of the family.

Trent Van Blaricom - July 11, 2014 at 10:15 AM