



Mrs. Despina Peterson

November 30, 1925 - December 19, 2014

Despina Fisfis Peterson went to be with God on Friday, December 19, 2014. She was 89 years old.

Born November 30, 1925 in Monessen, PA, Despina grew up in a large extended family with her brother Nick and her many cousins.

Graduating with honors from Monessen High School in 1943, Despina attended Robert Morris School of Business in Pittsburgh and received an Applied Business and Secretarial Science Degree. She then worked as an office manager for a number of years.

Despina married George K. Peterson in Monessen in October 1954. They were the first couple to be married in the new St. Spyridon G. O. Church building on Reeves Ave. She moved with him to Asheville, NC. They both loved to play the violin. They had three children, and Despina was a wonderful wife, mother, γιαγιά (grandmother), and great-grandmother. She was a kind, generous, and selfless woman. She volunteered with the cub scouts, as a room mother at school, and with the Girl Scouts as an assistant leader, taking the girls camping. She always loved to take care of her grandchildren, and she loved to cook for her family.

Despina spoke both Greek and English fluently and loved the Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox Church, where she sang in the choir with her beautiful soprano voice for several decades. She was a member of Daughters of Penelope and was an Officer in The Philoptochos Society.

Despina is preceded in death by her husband George and grandsons Pete, William, and Patrick. She is survived by her brother Nick Fisfis (Virginia); brother-in-law, Johnny; sister-in-law, Mackey Griffis; sons, Dean (Stacee) and Stom (Kay); daughter, Maria (Jimmy); her nephews David (Dina) and Pete; niece Barbara (Steve), and her grandchildren Peter (Jessica), George (Anna), Eirene (Travis), John (Katie), Nick, and Zoe, and her great grandchildren, and other relatives.

The family will receive loved ones at 6:30 PM at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Monday, December 22, 2014. Trisagion will follow. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at the church with Father Michael Diavatis officiating. Interment will follow at Lewis Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

DEC **22**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Despina Peterson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Maria Yianopolous lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Despina Peterson*



maria yianopolous - April 17, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ *To the Peterson Family:
I have great childhood memories, many of which include your family. So saddened to read of your mother's passing. Extending my sincere sympathy to your family.*

Jon Fawcett and Family - December 27, 2014 at 07:46 PM



Jon Fawcett

Jon Fawcett - December 27, 2014 at 07:47 PM



“ *Condolences to all the family on your loss. Laretta Warlick and Billy Warlick*

billy warlick - December 25, 2014 at 12:46 PM

MA

“ *Maria lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Despina Peterson*



maria - December 23, 2014 at 03:06 PM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Martha Hoyle and family

Doug Hoyle - December 22, 2014 at 06:06 PM

G.

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. You can find much comfort in the Holy Scriptures which assures us at Psalms 34:18 that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.*

G.FORD - December 22, 2014 at 04:05 PM

RX

“ Dear Dean, Stom, Maria and families...my deepest sympathy for the passing of your lovely Mother. She was a friend to all. A sweet caring lady. She always had a hug and a kiss for me. She, like your Dad, immediately opened their arms with Christian love when I first became a member of Holy Trinity in 1994. Their kind hearts always made me feel very welcome. I will miss them both and pray for their Orthodox Christian souls. I apologize for not making either service, but I just had my fifth right leg surgery and it will be several more days before I'll be able to hobble around, but my love goes out to each of you. Your Mom and Dad raised wonderful sons and daughter along with caring lovingly for your children and spouses. My love to the Peterson family during this difficult time. You're in my prayers...
Ray Dean (husband of Hope Xenakis)

Ray Dean (husband of Hope Xenakis) - December 22, 2014 at 09:03 AM

TU

“ We are saddened to hear the loss of your mother. Despina had a beautiful smile and caring heart for all. May God Bless the family in your time of sorrow.

*Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Dotsikas and Family
Tula, Gus, Theodore*

Tula - December 22, 2014 at 08:47 AM

MA

“ *Maria sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Despina Peterson*



maria - December 21, 2014 at 10:48 PM

BC

“ *My whole hearted sympathy goes out to the Peterson family. They have been so kind to me for my entire life. Despina, "Yia Yia" was like a mother to me. She was my "second" mother. She was the kindest, funniest, sweetest mother to me. I will forever have her in my heart. I know she has gone to her Heavenly home now, to be with George, Pete, William, and countless others who have gone on before her. I will always miss her, but I am not telling her "good bye".....just "see you later".....i love you Yia Yia.....Tell my mother hello for me.....after you have spent time with family.....*

Barbara Carnegie - December 21, 2014 at 09:29 PM

JP

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Peterson family*

Joy Giezentanner Phillips - December 21, 2014 at 09:49 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Mrs. Despina Peterson.*



December 20, 2014 at 07:32 AM