



Mackey Peterson Griffis

November 15, 1924 - October 19, 2023

Mackey Peterson Griffis passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2023. She was 98 years old.

Born November 15, 1924, in Norfolk, VA, Mackey and her family moved to Asheville in 1926.

Her father was a restaurateur and owned several restaurants in the area. She was co-owner of the Merritt Island Crab Company and Captain Ed's seafood restaurants in Merritt Island, FL, and worked at Stein Mart in Asheville, NC, for many years, retiring at 89 years old.

Mackey loved her church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox, from the time her parents joined in 1926 and was a member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. She sang solos beautifully in the church choir and professionally for decades.

Mackey was a loving mother, aunt, great aunt, and godmother and was known for her zest for life and as a “fashionista,” even into her late 90s.

She is preceded in death by her parents Gus and Mary Peterson, her brother George (Despina), brother Johnny, and her great nephews Pete S. Yianopolous, William Stamos Peterson, and George Patrick Kekenos-Huskey. Mackey is survived by her son, Pete Alexakis, and many nephews, nieces, and godchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Ave. Asheville, NC on Thursday, October 26th at 12 PM with Father Michael Diavatis officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 1 Chapel of Faith Drive, Candler, NC 28715.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 8369, Asheville, NC 28814.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Entombment

OCT **26** (ET)

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
1 Chapel of Faith Drive
Candler, NC 28715

Entombment immediately following funeral service

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Mackey



Gloria King-Ryals - November 15, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mackey Peterson Griffis.

October 24, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mackey Peterson Griffis.



October 24, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mackey Peterson Griffis.

October 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mackey Peterson Griffis.*



October 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mackey Peterson Griffis.

October 23, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mackey Peterson Griffis.*



October 23, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Such a lovely lady. We shared many great times over dinner. Prayers for the family.*

Owen Fields - October 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM