



## Mrs. Maria Xekarfotos Tasios

August 12, 1928 - August 5, 2011

Maria Xekarfotos Tasios was born on April 12, 1928 in Klafsion, Evrytanas (Greece) to the late Nikolaos and Despina Xekarfotos, the oldest of three siblings: Kostantinos "Gus" Fotos and Ageliki Gionis who preceded her in death. In 1953, Maria married her husband, Nick, from Sella Evrytanas and together they brought to the world four sons.

Maria immigrated to America with her husband and children in 1967 looking to make a better life for her family. She, along with her husband, operated the Flamingo and Leicester Family Restaurants for many years.

She left us all with a great example of what hard work, perseverance and her unwavering belief in God can accomplish. Maria was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Philoptohos Society.

Maria was called home by the Almighty after a courageous battle with cancer on Friday, August the 5th, surrounded by the love of her family and friends. Maria leaves behind many friends that she made over the years. She would often say that God gave her the greatest gift of all, the gift of making friends with everyone she met.

Maria is survived by her husband of fifty-eight years, Nick; her sons: Pete and wife, Gail, Gus and wife, Wendy Christina, Arthur and wife, Katha, and

youngest son, Demitrios. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Nick, Christopher, Alexandra, Graham, Nikolaos and Derek; three great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends both here and in Greece.

In her spare time, Maria enjoyed her greatest hobby, working in her garden and planting beautiful flowers in her yard that the whole neighborhood enjoyed.

The family would like to express many thanks to everyone for their sympathy and support during this time of need. The family would also like to express a very special thanks to the wonderful people from Hospice (Maria would often call them angels from above) for making her comfortable, pain free and happy in her last days. A very special thanks to Wendy, Katha, and Sheila Waldroup for the very special love and care shown to enable Maria to enjoy her last days at home.

A Trisagion service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 8, 2011 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Hellenic Hall. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church with Father Demetrious Iliou officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Post Office Box 8269, Asheville, NC 28814, CarePartners Hospice and Palliative Care, 68 Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28803, or American Cancer Society, 120 Executive Park, Building 1, Asheville, NC 28801.

# Cemetery Details

## **Green Hills Cemetery**

25 New Leicester Hwy.  
Asheville, NC 28806

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Maria Xekarfotos Tasios*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Our whole family grieves with you over the loss of your mom. Maria was ALWAYS there with a smile and will be missed. Now she's in a place where there is no pain, she can garden to her heart's content, and she can keep a watchful eye over all of us.*

*Terry, Terry, & Cindy Costelloe*

**Terry Costelloe** - August 22, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ *I AM BEYOND GRIEF AT THE LOSS OF A WOMAN WHO BECAME MY GREEK MOTHER.I MADE HER A PROMISE SHE WOULD DIE AT HOME AND I DID JUST THAT.SHE DIED AT HER HOME AND I WAS RIGHT BY HER SIDE.SHE TOLD ME 4 MONTHS AGO NO MORE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, YOU ARE NOW MY DAUGHTER.I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT.BUT I KNOW IN MY HEART SHE IS WITH HER FATHER,MOTHER,AND HER BROTHER,SISTER AND SISTER-IN-LAW.BUT MARIA I KEPT MY PROMISE- YOU DIED AT YOUR HOUSE SURROUNDED BY YOUR LOVED ONES.BUT THIS HAS JUST ABOUT KILLED ME AND MY HUSBAND,GUS.ABOUT 1 MONTH AGO SHE STARTED SEEING HER FATHER IN THE MORNING AND SHE HAD 3 LITTLE BOY ANGELS THAT WOULD FLOAT AND SIT ON HER BED.I KNOW SHE IS IN HEAVEN.LOVE FOREVER,WENDY TASIOS*

**wendy christina tasios** - August 12, 2011 at 06:55 PM

NO

“ Family: We are so very sorry for your loss. She always made us feel very welcome and always "fussed" over my son's every need when we'd come in to eat. Nothing speaks more highly of a woman than to be known as a loving mother and she "mothered" many. May God bless each one of you with peace and rest in the days to come.

*Mark, Norma & J.T. York*

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**Norma** - August 09, 2011 at 02:02 PM

JJ

“ Nick, Pete, Gus, and Arthur I am sorry for your loss I will miss Maria's beautiful smile and pleasant greetings. With much love.  
*James "Butch" Jackson*

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**James F. Jackson** - August 08, 2011 at 02:03 PM

SW

“ GUS & WENDY WE ARE VERRY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MRS. MARY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AN EVERYONE OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW BUT IM SURE MRS. MARY IS UP THERE IN HEAVEN SMILEING WITH THAT BEACTIFUL SMILE SHE HAD AN REJOICEING SAYING IM NOT GONE FOREVER I WILL SEE ALL OF YOU AGAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF JORDAN WITH OUR LORD. POPA WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN AT THE RESTRANT AN LAUGHING WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN. MRS. MARY WOULD PROBABLY SAY YOUR STRONG AN I LOVE YOU AN DONT GIVE UP. IF WE CAN HELP THE FFAMILY IN ANYWAY OR JUST TALK WERE HERE FOR YOU. LOVE TO ALL OF YOU. SHORTY & SHERRY WRIGHT

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**SHORTY WRIGHT** - August 08, 2011 at 11:39 AM

WT

*thank you very much-wendy and gus*

**wendy tasios** - August 13, 2011 at 02:47 PM

MK

“ *Wendy and Gus, we are so sorry to hear about your sweet and loving mother passing away. We are praying for you all in your time of sorrow, and we are here for you just call us and let us know what we can do we love you*

*Wendy Stubblefield Tasios's sister and brother-in-law Mary and Tim Kinsler*

**Mary Kinsler** - August 07, 2011 at 08:44 PM

WT

*thank you ,my little sister,mary grace*

**wendy tasios** - August 13, 2011 at 02:48 PM

HH

“ *So sorry for your loss. If you need anything please let us know. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Holly & Allen Hilton** - August 07, 2011 at 07:15 PM

WT

*thank you big sister-Holly*

**wendy tasios** - August 13, 2011 at 02:49 PM

NT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Maria's family for their loss of a most remarkable woman and friend. She will be missed in our community. We are sorry we cannot be with the family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them.*

*Nick and Anastacia Tsiros  
Nostimo, Everytania, Greece*

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**Nick & Anastacia Tsiros** - August 07, 2011 at 03:59 PM

RE

*From our family to yours we are very sorry for your loss. Please accept our sympathy.*

*Ron Edwards and the entire Edwards family of Edwards Equipment Company..*

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**Ronald B. Edwards** - August 10, 2011 at 08:38 AM

WT

*i wish your family could have come but please pray for this family and especially NICK. THANK YOU-WENDY*

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**wendy tasios** - August 13, 2011 at 02:54 PM

WT

*please pray for this family and hope to meet you-wendy*

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**wendy tasios** - August 13, 2011 at 02:59 PM

RS

“ to wendy and gus,  
we are so sorry to hear about mary  
we loved her so much she was such a dear and loving person.  
and will be so very missed;our thoughts and prayers are with you  
and all  
your family at this time,we can only rely on god now,mary truly was  
an angel  
and very special to us ; wendy stubblefield tasios parents ;  
rosemary , richard  
and taylor stubblefield

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**rosemary stubblefield** - August 07, 2011 at 02:01 PM

WT

thank you MOM thank you for understanding how difficult this has been  
for me.love you-wendy

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**wendy tasios** - August 13, 2011 at 02:50 PM

PL

“ My Dearest Friend Gus,  
I read with great sadness this morning about the passing of your  
Mother. Although I never had the privilege of meeting her, I did  
know her through the love of her son. You shared with me your  
family memories, heritage, and of course, her "yummy food" and I  
thank you for that. My sincere thoughts of love and sympathy go  
with you and your family.  
With Love & Friendship,  
Pat

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**Pat Lowe** - August 07, 2011 at 11:20 AM

DS

“ Dear Family,

*I wanted to express my sympathy. Your wife and mother was an amazing woman. I will always remember she always had a hug and very sweet and kind words for me when we came in the restaurant. She will be dearly missed and will never be forgotten. I remember her telling me that she loved me and would be there for me when I lost my mother and father. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers in your time of grief and sorrow.*

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**Diane Stevens** - August 06, 2011 at 09:10 PM