



Gloria Athans Moulopoulos

October 27, 1930 - August 10, 2023

Gloria Athans Moulopoulos, 92, passed away peacefully, in her sleep, in Toledo on Thursday, August 10, 2023. She was born in Toledo on October 27, 1930, and was the last surviving daughter of four daughters born to Harry and Efthalia Athans. She married her childhood sweetheart Dr. Charles Moulopoulos and together they had three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with another on the way.

Gloria was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and the University of Toledo where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as of San Francisco State, where she earned a Master of Arts degree. She was privileged to participate in theatre and acting workshops with Royal Shakespeare Co. and one of her heroes, Uta Hagen.

Aside from her family, the theatre was her passion in life, whether acting, teaching, or directing. Gloria cherished her role as the Artistic Director at the Toledo Repertoire Theater. She was equally enthusiastic about her role as director of dozens of high school musicals over 20 years at St. Francis de Sales, Notre Dame Academy and Central Catholic. She also was a regular instructor of theater at The Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo Repertoire, Lourdes College, Perrysburg High School, and in Dallas, Texas at Studio A. She learned from and valued her theatre colleagues, as well as her students, all of whom deeply enriched her life.

In 2008, at the Masonic Temple in Toledo, she was proud to star as Maria Callas, in a production of Terrance McNally's Master Class. Shortly thereafter, she fulfilled a lifelong dream by both directing and performing in an original production of Corrie Ten Boom's life story: "The Weaving" at Alice Tully Hall, part of Lincoln Center in New York City.

She truly treasured her role as Docent at the Toledo Museum of Art, as well as the many dear friends she made there. Her memberships at various periods of her life, included: Bay Players San Francisco, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Club, Sylvania Country Club, Toledo Tennis Club and Shadow Valley. She remained throughout her life an active member of Pi Epsilon Delta, the National Honorary Drama Fraternity.

As she often said, Gloria's most wonderful gifts in life were her family, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, as well as her nieces, nephews; & their dear children, all were the center of her world.

She is survived by her sons, Nicholas (Mary) and Harry (Kathaleen); daughter, Rena (Henry) Neville; grandchildren, Helene, Athena, Hailey, Samara (Kyle) Sullivan, Harry (Rachel) Mouloupoulos, Jr., Alexa, Aristotle, Christopher; and great-grandchildren, Leonardo and Sage, and one more due to arrive in September. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Charles and her three sisters.

The family is eternally grateful for the love and care provided by Mom's second Family from Traditions at West Park Place, Platinum Services and Elara Care Hospice.

We invite family and friends to visit Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania, on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10:00am – 1:00pm, where a

Memorial Service will begin at 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, the Toledo Museum of Art, or the Toledo Repertoire Theater.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MP

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Nick- I was going to try to make it into Toledo today. I have a gig out
in Metamora this afternoon. Logistics & time frames are not
cooperating. 😞
Sending heartfelt hugs. My love to you & your family.
Keep the ghost light shinin' (theater lore).
Luv, Missy



M'Lissa P - August 19, 2023 at 10:58 AM

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Sending love and light to you and your family and many many hugs.
“Keep the ghost light shinin’ “ (theatrical lore!)

M'Lissa P - August 19, 2023 at 11:02 AM

JG

“ I first met Gloria when my daughter was auditioning for studio A’s production of *The Weaving*, written by Anita Conley of Studio A Dance in Southlake, Texas. *The Weaving* was a dance interpretive play about Corrie ten Boom’s life as a young girl prior to her saving so many Jewish lives during the Holocaust. Gloria was both directing and starring in the production as the narrator who was the older Corrie ten Boom years after the Holocaust was over. Gloria was auditioning actors to play other roles in *The Weaving* and Jayden was auditioning for the role of Betsy, Corrie’s older sister when Corrie was a young girl. Gloria was an amazing director from whom my daughter learned so much. My daughter not only played the role of younger Betsy, but she also sang Ave Maria a cappella as an angel during the show just after Betsy died in the concentration camp. Jayden and Gloria became great friends and Gloria graciously helped coach Jayden with her acting for many years afterwards. Gloria and Anita were the best of friends and were always together supporting and encouraging both Jayden and myself, so I too became good friends with both of them and grew to love them dearly. Gloria and Anita attended many of Jayden’s singing and acting performances over the years and their encouragement and support of my daughter and myself was such a blessing in our lives. I thank God for the beautiful example of a strong, talented, loving and giving woman that Gloria provided for Jayden and me. Gloria was truly an Angel to us and she will be dearly missed. Her spirit lives on in all the many lives she touched. Rest in Peace dear Gloria. We love you!



Jennifer Goldberg - August 17, 2023 at 11:32 PM

GR

“ *My heartfelt and sincere condolences on the passing of a truly special and wonderful woman. From the moment I met Gloria I was captivated by her beautiful and creative spirit. What a truly, timeless woman she was! My admiration for Gloria is great and I will not soon forget her visit to my father’s home along with my aunt Vera, Anita Conley, and neighbor Joan. We cajoled Gloria to act for us at the kitchen table and reluctantly she accepted. Gloria immediately captivated us by her seamless recreation and dramatic dialogue between Maria Callas and Aristotle Onassis by changing her accent, tone of voice and body language. We were mesmerized by her awe-inspiring performance, and we knew we were in the presence of greatness. Rest in peace dear Gloria.*

Gayla Russell - August 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM

MA

“ *Gloria was, indeed, a very great lady in every sense of the word. I first met her when we worked together as docents at the Toledo Museum of Art. She was responsible for suggesting to Fr. Marty Lucas that he should contact me when a Spanish teacher was needed at St. Francis de Sales High School in 1991. She directed my son, Matthew, in four musicals during his years at SFS. Watching her direct those students during rehearsals was a sight to behold. She was amazing! When I think of Gloria, I shall remember her warmth, her energy, her love and passion for the theater, her laughter and her beautiful smile. I have never met anyone quite like her. She was inspiring, unique and I adored her.*

MICHELE ALEXANDER - August 16, 2023 at 12:26 PM

RO

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and prayer on Gloria's recent death. What a grand LADY she was! She served the St. Francis musical so generously and so well for many years. Most precious to me, though, was the personal friendship I shared with Gloria and her husband, Charles. Some of the most kind and gentle people I have ever known; it was always a pleasure to be in their company. Regrettably I am out of town on Saturday morning and do not think I will return in time for the service. I have, however, remembered Gloria and all the Mouloupoulos Family in my prayer. Beginning this year we shall also remember Gloria in our annual Mass for Deceased Alumni, Faculty, and Staff held in our school chapel. We shall send a letter of invitation to family to join with us.

Rev. Ronald Olszewski - August 16, 2023 at 10:11 AM

AJ

“ My condolences to the Mouloupoulos Family. Gloria was a person in my life who always made me feel so special and loved. She was the type of person I aspire to be one day. Her talent and her kindness will inspire me always. She will always be a true star and will be deeply missed.

Alexandra Johnson - August 15, 2023 at 02:25 PM

TV

“ My dearest sympathies to the Mouloupoulos family, so many wonderful memories !
Her memory eternal, αιώνια η μνήμη της

Ted Voudouris - August 14, 2023 at 09:33 AM

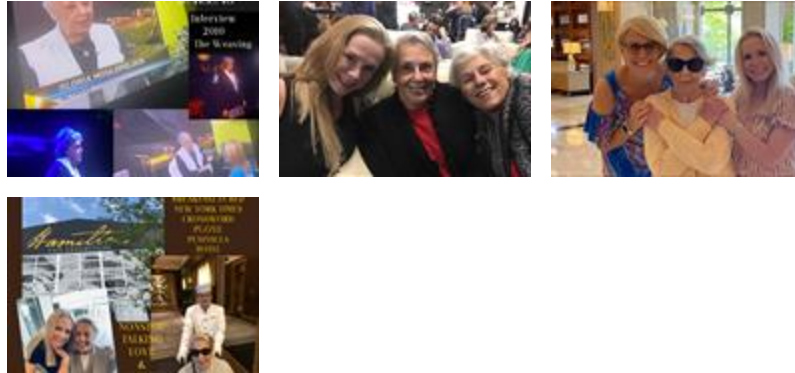
RN

Thank you Ted, very kind of you. Yes, many happy memories to keep us going. Rena

Rena Neville - August 15, 2023 at 03:20 AM

AC

“ 4 files added to the album Gloria Athans Mouloupoulos



Anita Conley - August 13, 2023 at 10:57 PM

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Anita Conley - August 13, 2023 at 10:54 PM

RN

Anita, these are so wonderful. Thank you for sharing. Her Chicago weekend with you was a true highlight. We really can't thank you enough for all the warmth, richness and love you brought to her life.

Rena Neville - August 15, 2023 at 07:22 AM

RB

“ When I was first asked to be a dialect coach on "A Christmas Carol" no-one told Gloria! She was the person who usually did it. I was standing in a room, teaching someone a phrasing and Gloria introduced herself. It was the beginning of a lovely friendship. Gloria was a champion, and she championed others. Her notes written to casts I directed were always so thoughtful and kind. I have vivid memories from different interactions: giggling Richard Gee, working with her on so many shows. Having her stand in for Jonnie Myers in "A Flea in Her Ear" and agreeing that maybe I shouldn't do the fireman's lift with her.

She was a gem and I will miss her greatly

Rosie B - August 12, 2023 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ It takes a very special person to take on the CCHS Glee Club and mold us into “reactors”. Mrs Mouloupoulos did it with a perfect combination of style, wit, and grace. I will always be grateful for her excellent teachings and support throughout my time in high school. I was honored to know her!

Lex (Dumas) Hudson - August 11, 2023 at 02:05 PM