



Mary Pyrros Karay

May 31, 1926 - April 10, 2012

Mary Pyrros Karay of Temperance, MI, and formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. She was born in Detroit, MI on May 31, 1926, to George and Helen Pyrros. She married her loving and devoted husband, Nicholas X. Karay on June 22, 1947. Mary attended Wayne State University and taught elementary school at St. Barbara's Parish in Dearborn, MI. She was later employed by AT&T in Redford, MI. Mary was the editor of the Greek cookbook, "Helenic Cuisine". She served as president of the PTA of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church of Detroit and was an officer of many civic organizations, earning her the prestigious "Greek Woman of the Year" award. She was a member of the D.I.A., AT & T Pioneers, and Philoptochos of Holy Trinity in Toledo and Sts. Constantine and Helen of Westland, MI. Mary loved to entertain and an invitation to her home was an adventure in Greek and American cuisine. She was proud of her heritage and spoke fluent Greek. She is survived by her husband of almost 65 years, Nicholas Karay; her son, Nicholas X. (Michaleen) Karay Jr. of Lambertville, MI; daughter, Helen (Sam) Cracchiolo of Boca Raton, FL; brother, James G. (Betty) Pyrros of Bloomfield Hills, MI and sister, Angeline (Keke) Pyrros of Redford, MI. She was a loving and proud "Yiaya" of Jennifer (Thomas) Margherita of Petosky, MI, Allison (Matthew) Baron of Cary, IL, Christopher (Susana) Cracchiolo of Tampa, FL and Maria (Dr. Stephen) Patten of Columbus, GA. In addition she was the "great Yiaya" of Evan Margherita, Avery Baron, Nicholas and Isabella, Cracchiolo and Natalie, Stevie, John, and

Valerie Patten. The family would like to thank her dedicated doctors as well as the nurses and medical staff of The Toledo Hospital (6th Floor NW) and the Ebeid Hospice Center for their compassionate care. Friends are invited to visit from 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 16th, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where Trisagion Services will be held at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 17th, at Holy Trinity Greek orthodox Cathedral. Graveside services will be conducted on Wednesday April 18th, at 11:30 a.m., in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Toledo or Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Westland, MI.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Dear Nick: We are saddened to learn of Mary's passing. Many memories of the good old days at St. Con.s' in Detroit and Westland. Mary and Alex Andrews (Andrianopoulos)

Mary and Alex Andrews - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are very sorry at Mary's passing. Zoi sin imas.

The Anagnos Family - hambou@hotmail.com hambou@hotmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to the Karay family. We share the grief in the loss of your loved one. May her memory console and sustain you. In deep sympathy, Ed and Astrig Tutelian

Ed and Astrig Tutelian - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Nick and Michaleen, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You both, and especially Nick's father, are all in our thoughts and prayers. It sounds like she was an amazing woman, filling her life with varied experiences and much love. She will be missed by many. Love, Mike and Betsy

Betsy and Mike Doyle - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Nick and family: May you find comfort in the promise of The Easter Resurrection that you will again be reunited with Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time. With our love, Tillie Surdu, Jude and Cristian Balas.

Jude & Cristian Balas - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Michaleen and Nick - we were so sorry to hear about the passing of Mary. We always enjoyed her. She was always so full of life. Love, Tom and Diane, Georgetown, TX

Tom and Diane Crawford - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ To the Karay Family, Niko, we knew and Loved Mary and will miss her very much. She was always that smiling face at the end of our pews at St. Cons. Please accept Ann and my condolences, zoi se sas, and may her Memory always be in your hearts.

George and Ann Karpathios - gkarpathios9253@yahoo.com
gkarpathios9253@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM