

DESPINA (LOULA) MANIAS



Age 92, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Dessie was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, George Manias; her parents, Michael and Mary Zafiris; and godparents Christos and Anna Moshidis. She is survived by her children Emmanuel Manias of Clearwater, FL, Mary Ellen (Ted) Stewart of Glenshaw,

PA, Cynthia Manias of Largo, FL; and grandchildren Anthony Jones, Alexis (Nate) Hanson, Alex Manias, Eric Manias; and goddaughter Diane (Bart) Karnavas Bodkin.

Born in New York City, she was raised in Greece from age 2-16, moved to Pittsburgh, PA where she married and raised her family, taught continuing education classes at CCAC for many years, and retired with her husband in Clearwater, FL. Dessie was devoted to her family, friends, and church. She was known for her engaging personality, sense of humor, elegant style, and deep faith. She was a wonderful cook, baker, and gracious host, and loved to share stories of her childhood in Greece and Greek heritage. She loved life and touched so many with her kindness and generosity. She always had a prayer, kind word, cup of Greek coffee and koulourakia to share. Her Greek pastries were legendary. She will be greatly missed. Special thanks to the compassionate care of Anthology of McCandless and Bridges Hospice.

Interment will take place in Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, <https://onrealm.org/HolyTrinityPgh/-/form/give/now>

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