

MARY KLEISSAS



Mary Kleissas, a formidable 97-year-old, died peacefully on Monday, September 18th. She was preceded in death by her parents, Angelo and Artemis Aspromigos; husband, Gus; brother, Nick; and sister, Johanna Spanos. A beloved mother, she was survived by her children, Harriet (Vic) Bertolina, Nick (Amy) Kleissas, and Vangie (Arthur) Anastopoulo. The grandchildren who lit up her life were Katie (Matt) Haynes,

Dean (Lauren) Kleissas, and AJ and Gus Anastopoulo, in addition to her great-grandchildren, Joshua, Tyler, Stella, and Oscar. She loved to cook and bake for her family and friends, always cooking after-church Sunday lunch for everyone. As a longtime parishioner of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, she was active in the church's food festival. For the last 27 years, she lived with Harriet and Vic but always had her own space for her sewing machine. Mary was an exceptionally skilled seamstress during her long life. Starting out working in various tailor shops, she eventually opened her own business in downtown Pittsburgh at the age of 70. Taking the bus and working six days a week, she had a loyal client base who stayed with her until she retired at age 88. She was a force of nature and will truly be missed by her family and friends. We will continue to celebrate her life as we share our loving memories of "Little Yiayia". Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.** (freyvogelfuneralhome.com), 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with the Trisagion Service time to be announced. Additional visitation will be on Saturday at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

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