

# THEODORA "DORA" STUPAKIS



Theodora "Dora" Stupakis, a beacon of love and courage, passed away on May 29, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering dedication to her faith community and family.

Dora was the beloved wife of Emmanuel Stupakis for 50 years. She was the loving and proud mother of Katherine Armstrong of Herminie and Nicholas (Angela) Stupakis of Pleasant Hills. Dora referred to them as her pride and joy.

Dora was the cherished Yia Yia of Lia, Jack and Gabriel Armstrong and Isabela Stupakis. She was the sister of Stacy (Steve) Komitopoulos of North Huntingdon, Michael (Maria) Felouzis of OH, the late Lucy (late Tom) Abayes and the late Nitsa (late Alex) Hages.

Born on the island of Leros, Greece, Dora immigrated to America at the age of 12. She settled in Aliquippa and graduated from Aliquippa High School.

Dora's journey led her to serve as a secretary with the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Pittsburgh, where she supported Bishop Gerasimos with grace and efficiency. Her commitment to her faith and community shone brightly as she retired after over 30 years of service as the Church Secretary for the Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church "Ypapanti" in East Pittsburgh.

Simultaneously, for 13 of those years, Dora managed Ypapanti's Olympia Hall. Embracing the role, she found great joy in being part of the celebrations that marked the milestones of many lives, especially working with brides to ensure a flawless occasion.

Beyond her professional life, Dora's heart was truly at home whenever she was with her grandchildren. As Yia Yia, she imparted wisdom, love, and laughter. Her presence was a gift, and the memories are treasures for her family.

Dora's involvement with the Ladies Philoptochos Society highlighted her compassionate spirit. She also dedicated time to volunteer and help organize the Ypapanti Greek Food Festival, which brought a taste of Greece to the local community. Dora's voice was also a harmonious part of the Church Choir.

Those who knew Dora will remember her as a loving and thoughtful individual, whose courage was quietly displayed through her many years battling cancer.

All are welcome to visit on Sunday from 1-6pm at the Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church "Ypapanti", 1672 Electric Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112.

A Funeral Service will be prayed in Ypapanti on Monday at 11 a.m. with additional viewing in Church 1 hour prior to the Funeral Service.

Dora will then be laid to rest in Monongahela Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church.

Arrangements with **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME**, East Pittsburgh 412-824-8800.

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