



## Cynthia Kaldis

August 26, 1933 - July 2, 2020

Cynthia Anne Kaldis peacefully passed on July 2nd in Columbus, Ohio. She and her husband, Bill (William Peter Kaldis) were longtime residents of Athens, Ohio. Cynthia Anne Ousley was born on August 26, 1933 in Freeport, Illinois, to Harold Paul and Mary Katherine O'Haver Ousley. She was preceded in death by her five siblings: Katherine (Dave Dupee), Paul Ousley (Mary Ann and Fran), Joe Ousley (Mary Dupee), Louise (Mann, Jenkins, Constant), and Steve Ousley. She leaves behind children Peter (Julie) of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Nicholas (Shu-Min) of Vestal, New York, and Maria Arend (Todd) of Upper Arlington, Ohio. Six grandchildren: Nicholas, Kristina (Adam), Alexander, Katherine, Alexandra, and Arden.

After graduating from Freeport High School, Cynthia attended Oberlin College, University of Wisconsin, and Ohio University, where she earned a Master's of Education. She married Bill in Athens, Greece, where he was studying on a Fulbright Grant as he completed his PhD from the University of Wisconsin. Cynthia and Bill later moved to Athens where they lived for 44 years before moving to Columbus. Cynthia and Bill were both devoted lifelong teachers. Cynthia began her teaching career at Brookfield High School (Wisconsin) where she was the first to teach Latin and French. After marriage she taught at the Anglo-American Academy of Athens, Greece. She taught Latin and Reading at Alexander High School in Albany, Ohio for 25 years. As a Latin teacher, Cynthia was passionate not only about the language but also took great care that her students understood Roman culture as well. To that

end, she wrote the book *Latin Music through the Ages* (Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, 1999), and produced an accompanying recording by the Lafayette Chamber Singers (led by Professor Clayton Lein). Many of her students won high honors in the annual national Latin Exams. For many years, Cynthia coached the Alexander Spartan's award-winning Quiz Bowl Team. She also established the school's first chapter of the National Honor Society. Cynthia was a member of Eta Sigma Phi National Classics Honors Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, The Tuesday Club, Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. She was an inductee of the South East Ohio Talented & Gifted Hall of Fame, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, as well as a recipient of the Alexander High School Outstanding Teacher Award and a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant.

Cynthia donated her body to the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. The family is planning a memorial service.

Memorials:

Alexander Futures Foundation

% Alexander School District

6091 Ayers Road

Albany, Ohio 45701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cynthia Kaldis*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *How out of touch I have been this year--just now learning of Cynthia's passing. While saddened, I was heartened to again see her face, with a playful twinkling in her expression, and to recall good memories. I helped the Kaldises with gardening at their Shannon home and had many good visits with them. They were always welcoming. I also visited them in Columbus a few times.*

*When I got to know Cynthia, she already had issues with her spine, which limited her mobility. But I never heard her complain (I can't say I'm the same). She was always concerned about my own health, kind, and generous. Cynthia was a patient listener, but also sharply analytical, making for a great conversationalist. And if you wanted to know anything about classical mythology, she could recount all the details.*

*Sweet sorrow. Good to realize what wonderful people we have had in our lives even while mourning a loss.*

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**Lowell Verheul** - November 09, 2020 at 01:48 PM

CT

“ Some of my greatest memories are centered around Dr and Mrs Kaldis. Being invited in to their home, seeing Dr Kaldis jogging on the highway, and being mentored by Mrs Kaldis my first years of teaching at Alexander High School. Just great people who left have left a lasting impression on me forever.

Craig "Bear" Taylor  
Twinsburg, Ohio

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Craig "Bear" Taylor - July 20, 2020 at 09:51 AM

PG

“ As a student with Dr. Bill and Cynthia studying in Greece during the summer of 1971, I remember her kindness and welcoming manner to the students, all the while juggling three children-know you're all grown now!

She was a remarkable, intelligent person that demonstrated clearly what a good marriage and teamwork in a relationship meant. She handled the chaos of kids, students and Dr. Kaldis traveling in buses, hotels, at beaches, classrooms and partying with reserve, class and aplomb.

Regret not keeping in touch over the years, but don't think Dr. Bill and Cynthia's influence by example did not impact many lives. They did for us.

As an aside, Suzanne and I have the Byzantine cross they gave us for our wedding(48 years ago) in our bedroom still.

Patrick & Suzanne Grabill

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Patrick Grabill - July 13, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Kaldis.



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July 08, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



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Rutherford Funeral Homes - July 07, 2020 at 09:32 PM

AL

“ Her Latin Club Toga parties were 'epic', even before epic was a thing! She was always ahead of her time even though her focus was on the past. She and her Latin classes are always a discussion at every class reunion I attend. Her students remember her classiness with a side of sass! She always let us be us, but never let us step over the line. We loved everything she brought to the table and we loved being invited to her table. A part of her is with all her students...aeternum.

bene,

Anne L'Heureux



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Anne L'Heureux - July 07, 2020 at 06:33 PM

TH

“ I still talk about her teaching Latin to me and all I learned to the kids I sub.

Root words, word endings and mythology.

She touched many young hearts over the years and always was smiling even when we were in a bad mood.

Sorry for your loss.

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Terri Hixson - July 07, 2020 at 04:59 PM

ER

We had so much fun in her class.

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Ed Rice - July 07, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JE

“ Though I have not seen Mrs Kaldis in many years, I find myself very sad at the news of her passing. When I was a senior in highschool (1994) I decided to switch from Spanish to Latin, with the idea it would somehow be helpful with the SATs or something like that. I was instantly enamored with Mrs Kaldis and regretted that I had not started with Latin earlier. She was so passionate about the subject and made you feel, even as a high school student in a small town, connected to a larger world and history. I still have a copy of Edith Hamilton's "Mythology" somewhere around the house that Mrs Kaldis gave me when I graduated. I will remember her as a kind, gentle, and thoroughly decent person (and a first rate teacher and intellect). I imagine she had a grand life, and I will miss her,.

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**Jesse** - July 07, 2020 at 01:17 PM

SA

“ Maria and family, I am saddened to hear of your mother's passing. She was a caring and gracious woman who always held the best interests of her children in her heart. My condolences on your loss.

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**Suette Adams** - July 07, 2020 at 11:59 AM

LB

“ Nick, Maria, Pete and Families

We would like to send our thoughts and prayers for you during this time. Your mom truly was a wonderful person and neighbor. Please know that we are thinking of you and let your memories give you strength.

Lynda and Gary Bentley  
Laura and Randy Lively  
John and Mary Lou Lavelle

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**Lynda Bentley** - July 07, 2020 at 11:37 AM

BS

“ Cynthia and Bill were always a delight to worship with on those Sundays when they were with us at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church here in Athens. Their ready smiles and always encouraging words meant a lot to my late husband, Arthur (Dutch), and to me. They will always be missed but I believe our connection is an eternal one and hope the family does also as I send this word of love and sympathy. Bonnie Savage

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**bonnie savage** - July 07, 2020 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ Phyllis and I remember fondly our colleague Bill and Cynthia. Cynthia was always so cheerful and kind. She was a wonderful person. Our deepest condolences to the Kaldis family. Cynthia will be missed by all of us. —Doug and Phyllis Baxter

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**Douglas Baxter** - July 07, 2020 at 10:08 AM

TW

“ Cynthia was a great person, she taught with my mom at Alexander High School and was the kindest person you could ask for. She was always willing to help anyone in need but placed value on education and made sure that her goal in teaching was for it to be fun yet educational for every student. One of the biggest regrets was not taking Latin in HS, it would have come in handy for my science degrees! Know that she impacted thousands of students during her tenure at Alexander. Keeping you in my prayers in the coming days.

*Travis West*

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**Travis West** - July 06, 2020 at 11:25 PM

DM

“ Cynthia was my school teacher at alexander high. Got to know then better later in life. Worked for them in there home. She will missed. My name is Deborah Mace and my sister name is Bonnie Riley. God bless and keep.

Deborah mace - July 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cynthia Kaldis.



July 03, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Cynthia Kaldis.



July 02, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cynthia Kaldis.



July 02, 2020 at 09:15 PM