



Maria Pantelatos

December 29, 1963 - November 7, 2022

Maria Agatha Pantelatos, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend fell asleep in the Lord on November 7, 2022. She was lovingly cared for by her family through her courageous 10-month battle with glioblastoma.

Maria is survived by Constantine Pantelatos, her soul mate and husband of 35 years, children George (Ranine) Pantelatos of Hilliard and Erika Pantelatos of Dayton, her parents John and Athena Dracopoulos, brother Dimitrios Dracopoulos, sister Effie (Peter) Patitsas, brother-in-law Haralambos Pantelatos, aunt Flora Alexander, cousins Dan (JoAnn) Alexander, Spiro (Carla) Alexander, Effie (Paul) LaQuatra, Jim (Mary) Drakopoulos, and John (Sheila) Drakopoulos, nieces Elaina (Zach) Zinser, Athena (Sean) Duann, Mauretta and Georgia Patitsas, and nephews Yanni Patitsas, Giorgos (Alexia) Pantelatos and Christos Pantelatos.

She is preceded in death by her infant sister Agatha, uncle George Alexander, uncle Marino Drakopoulos, mother and father-in-law, Erikaiti and Georgios Pantelatos, and sister-in-law Anna Pantelatos.

Maria was born on a snowy 29th of December 1963 in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Because of the delay in arriving at the hospital because of the storm, she was injured at birth and her parents were told she would not walk. Miraculously,

she not only walked, but danced through life spreading joy to all who knew her.

Maria grew up in Steubenville, Ohio, where she was nurtured by her family, her maternal grandparents, as well as the Alexander family, and community of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

She graduated from Steubenville High School in 1982 and received her BS in Computer Science from Bethany College in 1986. She had a successful career as a computer engineer, most recently at Cengage Learning.

In 1984, while visiting her parents' homeland, she met and fell in love with Constantine and subsequently settled in Dayton, Ohio. Together they forged life-long friendships through the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, soccer leagues, their neighborhoods, their annual trips to Ithaki, Greece, their jobs, and any other realm they touched. They welcomed many into their homes in Dayton and Exogi, Ithaki with true warmth and hospitality.

Maria was dedicated to her husband, parents, and family. She had a knack for showing affection and care. She lovingly gave nick names to those closest to her. Her children, George (Tweety) and Erika (Sister), continue to be her greatest accomplishment and gift to the world.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 5 to 8 pm with Trisagion service at 7 pm and again from 10 am to 11 am on Thursday, November 10 with

funeral service beginning at 11 am. All events are at Annunciation Cathedral, 555 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the community of

Exogi, Ithaki for the upkeep and improvement of the church of the Virgin Mary (Panagia sta Pernarakia) for which she is named. Donations may be made at this link: <https://gofund.me/c9d706bb>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
555 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
555 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I am so sorry, I only just learned of Maria's passing. Maria was always such a kind person, open and sunny! From our days at McKinley Elementary through high school, I did appreciate her bright smile and cheerful greetings. You have my sincerest sympathies. Truly, "Of Blessed Memory."

Ron Slivka - June 09, 2025 at 02:45 PM

SG

“ Maria was a dear friend. We were coworkers at CSC and shared the same birthday. I always loved the family updates she shared in her Christmas cards and her wonderful Greek cooking. I am so sorry that I have just found out about her death because I would have liked to pay my respects.

Sharon Gates

Sharon Gates - January 30, 2025 at 07:30 PM

Jl

“ I am very sorry for your loss. If you don't know who I am I was Maria's ex-girlfriend. We dated for 16 years.

Janice Ian - October 31, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Maria Pantelatos*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 09, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Panagis Family: Cincinnati, OH purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



Panagis Family: Cincinnati, OH - November 09, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Carmella & Don McFadyen purchased the A Full Life for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



Carmella & Don McFadyen - November 09, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 09, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of *Maria Pantelatos*.



November 09, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Maria Pantelatos*.



November 08, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of *Maria Pantelatos*.



November 08, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of *Maria Pantelatos*.



November 08, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Maria sowed graciously into my life and played a big role in my apprenticeship training at Cengage. She was always so vibrant and upbeat with a laugh in her voice and a smile you can envision even remotely. An incredible life that I was blessed to know even for a little while.*

Larvel - November 08, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *George, Joanne, Elea, Tia, & Taki Karras purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



George, Joanne, Elea, Tia, & Taki Karras - November 08, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *From Ramnatha Alluri, Craig Team Cengage purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



From Ramnatha Alluri, Craig Team Cengage - November 08, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Maria worked for me at Cengage. Many of her co-workers all share in being honored to know Maria, who exemplifies "The Good, the True, and the Beautiful". Always has a smile to share, exudes positivity and joy. Her demeanor was infectious and one always walked away knowing that there is hope for humanity by her charity towards others. Pax Christi.*

Craig Haberthy - November 08, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Pantelatos.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:25 PM