



## Mary Cataland

March 19, 1925 - June 21, 2022

Mary Cataland (a.k.a yiayia), 97, of Columbus, OH passed in the comfort of her home during sunrise on the summer solstice. Tuesday, June 21st. Born in Youngstown, Ohio on March 19, 1925 to parents Elias and Eleftheria Mavrogeorgis. Mary was a proud first generation Greek American very involved in her community and the Greek Orthodox Church throughout her life. She was married to Max Cataland for over forty-five years, and cared for him until his passing in 1993. Mary was a strong Ikarian woman of faith who always lived life on her terms, and turned to God for everything. A true believer and steward of the Lord who in later years became known to many as Yiayia. Yiayia was also a bookworm, to say the least. She attended Ohio University, University of Michigan, and Ohio State. She received her Master's degree in education. She spent many years as a teacher and a librarian. She advocated on behalf of animals, children, and anyone in need. Mary was preceded by her two brothers Christos "Christ" George and Costas "Gus" George. She is survived by her beloved sons: Stelios "Stan" Cataland (Sunny), Elias "Louie" Cataland, and Eleftherios "Teri" Cataland. As well as her dear granddaughters Maria Cataland and Eleni Cataland (the lights of her life) who continue to shine her light into the world. She is also survived by brother-in-law Dr. Samuel Cataland, Dorothy Talaganis, and many nieces and nephews. She now lives in heaven with her husband, parents, brothers, and countless rescue animals. Calling hours are at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington on Monday, June 27th from

6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church on Tuesday, June 28th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a burial at Union Cemetery. There will be a final gathering at the Greek Orthodox Church following the service for refreshments and food. In honor of Yiayia we offer the suggestion of donating to an animal rescue as another option to sending flowers. Linked below is Yiayia's niece Mary George's cat rescue, [www.angelsassistingfelines.com](http://www.angelsassistingfelines.com). Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Cataland*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - June 27, 2022 at 02:35 PM

ED

*Terry..... this Eddie Gamboa from Texas. Your mom was so special to me !! I was thinking of you and your family. I started to look you and your family up on the internet. I am experiencing a sudden death in our family as of yesterday. In my sadness, I remembered those folks that shared their lives with my children and me. Your mother was the epitome of love and what our Lord entrusted in women at sacrifice that women are to be mothers to those in need. And we as men are to adopt widowed mothers as their responsible  
Regardless, Terry please call me because you are my family . 210 910 7601 ...please call me*

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**Eddie** - June 22, 2025 at 02:33 AM



“ *Mary Cataland*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Cataland.* ”



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June 27, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Cataland.* ”



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June 27, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Cataland.* ”



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June 27, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Cataland.* ”



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June 26, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mary Cataland.*



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June 26, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ *I snuck and tried my first cigarette at yia yia’s house. I was 10 or 11 at the time. They looked appealing to me. Her raspy voice wafting one around, inhaling and exhaling sensual smoke as she drew me in for a retelling of history, or a synopsis of a book she had recently read. She was a collector of great stories and she told them well. So on that day I decided to sneak a cigarette from her pack - I was shaky, so nervous and afraid of getting caught. I took it in the bathroom and at first inhale, was gagging desperately for a breath. So much so, I was sure someone was definitely going to hear, then smell the smoke coming from the bathroom. I immediately flushed the rest down the toilet, tried to break up the smell, and that was that! I didn’t touch another cigarette for many years thereafter. Yia- yia taught me so much. Most importantly, to be a strong and well educated woman, and to not take rubbish from anyone. I was not her biological granddaughter but I always felt as though I was. Her heart was so big and warm towards me always. We will miss you Mary. Thank you for loving me the way a Greek grandma ought to!*

*- Raquel*

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**Raquel Berkett** - June 25, 2022 at 02:42 PM

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“ I met Mary at our annual Christmas lunch and Cookie exchange with the George girls(Tria, Tina,Leah, Missy and of course Sunny)! Mary was always friendly and lively with conversation! She will be missed! God Bless and comfort the entire Cataland Family. Much Love, Joyce Pinson

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**Joyce Pinson** - June 24, 2022 at 01:33 PM



I worked with Mary in the Ohio Youth Commission, during the 1970s and 80s. At Scioto Village, Mary set the example for how all of us institutional librarians should act, combining knowledge of her subject with care and kindness of the youths in her care. Most of the girls thought of her as their mom. As Christ George would say, she was "a gem."

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**John Haueisen** - June 24, 2022 at 04:47 PM