



Voula (Kaloskambis) Plavoukos

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Voula Plavoukos, 86, of Liverpool, went home on All Saints Day, which is fitting as she could have told you about the passion and sacrifices made by each one of them. She reflected upon and lived her last days without fear or complaint and with a cheerful heart instead and that is because she had always equated death with “changing our clothes”. Born in Piraeus, Greece, Voula came to the United States to visit her sister Antonia. When she stepped off the ship in Manhattan where she would meet a charismatic quintessential New Yorker, her future husband John. She mentioned that her favorite singer was Nat King Cole for “if the human heart had a voice it would be his”. So, John and Voula took their seats at the best table in the house at Gatsby’s to see and hear all Voula’s favorite songs. After they were married, Voula and John moved their young family to Syracuse where John’s brothers, Phil and George, had already made a name for themselves in the restaurant business. In 1974, Voula and John introduced fine Greek cuisine to Syracuse when they opened the Poseidon Restaurant in the Regency Tower on James Street and for the next 17 years they entertained thousands of guests including opera star, Luciano Pavarotti, All in the Family actress, Jean Stapleton, Batman movie producer, Peter Gruber, US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, NYS Governor Mario Cuomo, NYC Mayor John Lindsay and of course, their beloved friend, Syracuse Mayor Lee Alexander. After her husband’s death, Voula divided her remaining happy years between Athens, Syracuse and Los Angeles.

She is predeceased by her beloved sister, Antonia Gutow and survived by her sons, Lee and James of Liverpool and Spero (Cassandra) of Los Angeles; grandchildren, John of Liverpool, Nikolas and Zoi of Los Angeles; her niece, Nassia (Lorenzo) Gabrielle of Geneva, Switzerland; two nephews, Yiannis Gutow of Ft. Lauderdale and Spencer (Marie) Plavoukos of North Syracuse, along with many other beloved nieces and nephews throughout the world.



Obituary

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A funeral service in celebration of Voula's life will take place on Friday, November 9, 2018 at 12:00 pm (noon) in St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 325 Waring Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224. Entombment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum. Funeral arrangements entrusted to THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME.





Events


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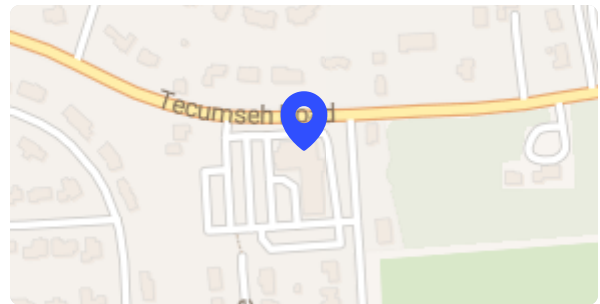
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Funeral Service


 **Friday**, November 9, 2018


 12:00 PM ET

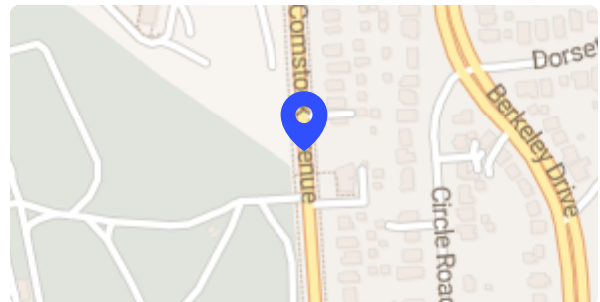
 **St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church**
325 Waring Road, Syracuse NY 13224



Cemetery Details

 **Oakwood Cemetery - Syracuse**
940 COMSTOCK AVENUE, SYRACUSE NY 13210

 **475-2194**





Tribute Wall

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BW

Bill Winnewisser posted:

To Spencer & Family, My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of Mrs. Plavoukos. I have many happy memories of her husband John relating to the founding and operation of the Poseidon Restaurant. I and my company, clients and prospects spent many happy occasions there sharing friendly times with John and his staff which I miss to this day. May she rest in peace and enjoy being in a better place up there. Bill Winnewisser Liverpool, Ny

November 9 at 5:38 AM

AB

Andy Baker posted:

Lee James and Spero, So sorry for the loss of your mom. Your parents were like parents to me! And you guys were like my brothers! I want you to know that you are in my prayers, and I Loved your Mom and your Dad as well! I Love You Guys! Sincerely Andy Baker. Memohis, Ny.

November 8 at 4:24 PM

RB

Robert Baker posted:

Lee, James, Spero and family, sincerely saddened to hear of Voula's passing. I started working for the family in the early 70s at the Draft & Sirloin, then for many many years at Poseidon. Your parents always treated me like family. Those were good years and I thought they would never end. Voula was a unique and wonderful woman: beautiful, brilliant, absolutely regal... a font of knowledge of the Greek culture, personable, loving and caring, intensely family oriented, and she attracted friends like bees to flowers... everyone loved Voula. It was an honor and privilege to work for your parents, and I loved your mother so much. (Not to mention that I watched you boys grow up before my eyes!) So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers at this difficult time.

November 8 at 1:27 PM

GV

Gerry Vanderwater posted:

Leeman, James and the Plavoukos extended family. Your mom was one of the most charming people I had the pleasure of meeting so many years ago (before you Leeman). Please accept my condolences. My fond thoughts of Voula are with all of you.

November 8 at 12:43 PM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Plavoukos family.



November 8 at 6:25 AM



Michael Mattiaccio lit a candle in honor of Voula.



November 8 at 6:16 AM



Dave (Woody) Salisbury November 9 at 8:35 PM

ALOHA I WORKED FOR PHIL,JOHN AND GEORGE FIRST COOKING AT THE" DRAUGHT AND SIRLOIN" THEN AT THE DINNER , THEN AT THE POSEIDON ON JAMES STREET ACROSS FROM JULIE NESTECO'S RESTERUANT.... BEFORE THIS I WAS A WEEKEND DISC-JOCKEY AT W.N.D.R WITH YOUNG GEORGE PLAVOUKOS WHO HIRED ME TO DO MY OLDIES SHOWS WITH JIM O'BRIAN, DANDY "DAN LEONARD". VOULA WAS ALWAYS SO KIND AND HELPFUL SHOWING ME HOW TO MAKE UP THE WONDERFUL GREEK DISHES TO SERVE.AT 75 YEARS OLD I CAN STILL MAKE A PRETY GOOD "SPANAKOPITA "THANK YOU VOULA, GOD'S LOVE TO YOU DAVE (WOODY) SALISBURY HONOLULU,HAWAII CONTACT 1 808 778 6969.....



David Ruston November 8 at 1:20 PM

F.Lee and James , So sorry to here about your loss of your Mom ,my heart felt condolences.
David Ruston



Michael Mattiaccio November 8 at 6:19 AM

Lee and Family, We are all sorry for the loss of your mom, our deep condolences.



Toni Dalakos posted:

Ted and I were so happy to have had your mother and father from the very beginning of our marriage. Voula was a true Christian. May her memory be eternal!Love, Toni and Ted Dalakos

November 6 at 5:05 PM



The Opolickys posted:

many memories of the Pavloukos family, yes, Lee and spero and jim, our thoughts are with you expressing our condolences , The Opolickys

November 6 at 4:36 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Voula by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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