



Virginia Fanos

January 9, 1926 - October 6, 2013

Virginia Fanos

Beloved daughter, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, passed away on October 6, 2013. She was 87. Born Virginia Angelos to Kaliope Moschos and Adam Angelos on January 9, 1926 in Martins Ferry, Ohio, she moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where she married in 1950 and later had four children. Virginia moved with her family to New Brunswick, N.J., in 1958 and worked at Douglass College, a division of Rutgers University, for several years. In 1972, Virginia moved to Santa Barbara with her parents, siblings and children. She worked for Santa Barbara County Auditor Comptroller, and later became a member and officer of the Santa Barbara County Retirees. Throughout her life she had a keen interest in government and civic affairs. She was also heavily involved with the St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, where she was one of the founding members of the church's Senior Group. Virginia was very proud of her children and is survived by three children: Kaliope Calagias of Los Angeles, Dr. Irene Fanos Barth of New York City, and Peter Adam Fanos of Santa Barbara. In addition, Virginia is survived by her sister Mariann Zacharellis a long-time Santa Barbara resident now of Sun City, Arizona, son-in-laws Stratis Calagias and Richard Barth, and daughter-in-law Renee Fanos, granddaughter Alethia Calagias, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son George Fanos, her brother Peter A. Angeles who taught at Santa Barbara City College and authored many books, and sister Tina Dietche, who also was a long-time Santa Barbara resident. In

lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church and the Alzheimer's Association Santa Barbara Chapter. The viewing will be held at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Home in Goleta at 450 Ward Drive, on October 10, 2013 at 6:00pm. Funeral services will be held at Santa Barbara Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, October 11, 2013 at 10:00am, followed by burial 12:00 noon at the Santa Barbara Cemetery. A Memorial service to honor the life of Virginia Fanos will be hosted on January 11th, 2014 at the Santa Barbara Greek Orthodox Church.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
(805) 969-3231

Previous Events

Trisagion

OCT 10 (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Goleta
450 Ward Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 11 (PT)

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church
1205 San Antonio Creek Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
<http://saintbarbara.net>

Memorial Service

JAN 11 (PT)

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church
1205 San Antonio Creek Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
<http://saintbarbara.net>

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Virginia through Mariann (her sister) and felt her beautiful spirit. She was a beautiful person. She always wanted people who visited to "eat" "eat". I Loved that about her. She's not gone, she's just not in the physical world. She will always be in my heart and those of all who knew her. Rest with God. Virginia.

Love,

Thomasine Drayton-Damm

Thomasine Drayton-Damm - October 15, 2013 at 12:10 PM

EM

“ I first met Mrs. Fanos in 2005. I fondly remember her preoccupation with word puzzles and her pleasure and pride in completing them. Despite the challenges of aging, she always expressed appreciation for what she could still do. My thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with her family.

Warm regards from Jennifer Oetken, ElderCare Massage

ElderCare Massage - October 13, 2013 at 11:12 AM



“ I was welcomed into this unbelievable family 38 years ago when Peter and I were in High School and never did I get out of Virginia's home without her asking, in her unique and greatly to be missed way, about me and every member of my family. Usually that loving gesture was accompanied by her somehow taking hold of me, hand or arm, and gazing directly and unflinchingly into my eyes until I shared some details of my world; and if there was room for words of praise, comfort or encouragement, she found them.

She was there watching when I first sampled Greek food. Celebrated with me when I finally tried the squid, and liked it! When I married and brought my wife Maureen to her first Fanos Christmas gathering, Virginia and all the family welcomed my wife as family too, and this seasonal gathering became our annual ritual and a time to catch up with this special family.

The uniqueness of Virginia will be missed, but still seen in her family.

Tom Ray - October 11, 2013 at 09:32 PM

AR

“ Our sympathies to you Peter and your family during this time. Our prayers are with you.

The Reynolds (Travis, Adriana, Mayla, Daven, Torin and Dane)

Adriana Reynolds - October 10, 2013 at 10:21 PM

AF

“ Heartfelt condolences to Cathy, Rini, Peter, and the rest of her family, on the passing of Virginia. Our memories of her are loving ones. From E. 4th St. to Handy St., to Santa Barbara, Virginia will always be a part of our family. Zoe se sas.

Steve (Athens) Athanasopoulos, Chris, Kathy & girls

Athanasopoulos family - October 09, 2013 at 12:59 PM

SL

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family. May she rest in peace. Love Koula Laspitis and Stella Laspitis-Balboa.

Stella Laspitis-Balboa - October 08, 2013 at 08:22 PM

WS

“ My prayers are with the family at this time. May God give you his comfort and peace.

Winsome Samuels
NYC

Winsome Samuels - October 08, 2013 at 03:21 PM