



## Mary Peterson

May 16, 1936 - September 9, 2021

Mary Peterson, 85, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, fell asleep in the Lord Thursday, September 9, 2021, after a short illness. She was born to the late Efthimios and Angeliki Papageorgiou in Piraeus, Greece.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 56 years, Peter Peterson and is survived by their three children: two daughters, Stavroula Psaraki Conrad (Christopher) and Angela Peterson Livanos, and son Steve Stavros Psarakis (Stefanie), all living in Virginia; six grandchildren, Andreas and Nikitas Conrad, Caroline and Maria Psarakis, living in Virginia, Kalli and Evangelos Livanos living in Athens, Greece; her nephew Efthimios (Calliope) Papageorgiou; niece Katerina Papageorgiou; and grandnephew Panayiotis (Elizabeth), all living in Athens, Greece. She is predeceased by her brother, Panayiotis (Maria) of Athens, Greece.

As a child surviving both World War II and the Greek Civil War, Mary graduated high school at the top of her class, and then went on to graduate at the top of her class at the University of Athens at age 19, studying to be an elementary school teacher. She taught at the top private school in Athens and was selected to continue her studies in early childhood education in Paris. She was a published children's author, writing a series of stories for children, and was fluent in Greek, French and German.

Mary emigrated to Detroit, Michigan in March 1968 with her three children to join her husband in their new homeland. She taught herself English and was one of the foremost Greek language teachers in the Detroit area. She then went on to work in the family's restaurants, baking the fresh homemade desserts for which she was well known, especially for her cheesecake at Peter's Family Restaurant. She went on to establish the Sew Biz Tailor Shop in Southfield.

She was a dedicated and active parishioner at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, having served as the President of the Philoptochos Society there, supporting those in need.

She retired in 1999 and relocated with her husband to Virginia, to be close to their children and grandchildren. While in Virginia, she was active and much beloved within the local Orthodox Church communities, having helped establish several Mission Parishes in the Northern Virginia area and having sponsored many godchildren.

The funeral and burial will take place on Saturday, September 11, 1:00 pm at The Sacred Monastery of Saint Nina, 9002 Clemsonville Road, Union Bridge, Maryland, 21791 with the traditional Makaria meal following.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to The Sacred Monastery of Saint Nina, 9002 Clemsonville Road, Union Bridge, Maryland 21791 or online at

<https://www.saintnina-monastery.org/donate.html>

May her memory be eternal!

# Cemetery Details

## THE SACRED MONASTERY OF SAINT NINA CEMETERY

9002 Clemsonville Rd.  
Union Bridge, MD 21791

# Previous Events

## Burial

SEP 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Union Bridge, MD 21791

# Tribute Wall



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



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November 02, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Dear Stavroula, Chris and entire extended family I am so sorry about the loss of your beloved mom, Mrs. Peterson. May God continue to bring you and family the Peace only He can give -- the kind that brings healing to the soul.*

*What a beautiful life story in the obituary. I knew your mother was special with the love she radiated to other human beings, including me! :> As I read the obituary, I understand more: I sense the beauty and power of an amazingly strong woman. --Brilliant in her own right. I feel blessed and encouraged to have known her and to see some of her gifts in you and family.*

*God bless you all!*

*Love in Christ,  
Lydia Rogers  
Fredericksburg VA  
(FACSAP friend)*

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Lydia - October 12, 2021 at 12:59 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary’s passing, whom we knew and loved for many years. Sending my sincere condolences to her family.

Love,  
Maria Winslow

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**Maria Winslow** - September 13, 2021 at 06:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Peterson.



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September 11, 2021 at 09:49 AM

PC

“ We knew Mary as our neighbor from the time she came to live with Stavroula, Chris and boys. She was always so kind, loving, and a joy to be around. Our prayers are with you.

Pam Chandler

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**Pamela Chandler** - September 11, 2021 at 07:13 AM

WC

“ Pam and I have been in the Conrad home many times. Mary was always a pleasant, happy, cordial, presence. Her hospitable spirit was always on display personally but through her daughter Stravolla as well. Mary we will miss you and think of you often. Say high to Pete for us as you are now reunited in glory.

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**Wendell Chandler** - September 11, 2021 at 07:11 AM

MW

*I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing, whom we knew and loved for many years. Sending my sincere condolences to her family.*

*Love,  
Maria Winslow*

**Maria Winslow** - September 13, 2021 at 06:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Peterson.*



September 10, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MM

“ *Being friends with Stavros allowed me to spend a lot of time in the Peterson's home, and Mrs. Peterson made me feel like family. She was such a kind and loving person and provide me with very special memories. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as you remember such a wonderful woman.*

**Mark Murphy** - September 10, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Peterson.*



September 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Peterson.* ”



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September 10, 2021 at 07:35 PM