



Joanne Panas

April 21, 1925 - April 4, 2019

Joanne Panas of Allentown, PA, and Athens, Greece, died on April 4, 2019, at Whispering Pines Assisted Living in Rock Hall, MD. She was 93.

Born on April 21, 1925, in Athens, Greece, she was the daughter of the late Kyriakos and Anastassia Mavridis. She attended the University of Athens Dental School in Athens, Greece, and then moved to the United States temporarily with her husband Paul Panas MD, where they both finished their medical training in Chicago, New York, and Philadelphia.

Returning to Greece she practiced dentistry until 1963 when Joanne and Paul, along with their young children, immigrated permanently to the United States. The family settled in Allentown, PA, in 1966, where she stopped practicing to raise her children. Joanne was an active member of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, PA, including President of the Local Chapter of the National Greek women's organization, Daughters of Penelope, an officer in the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, both philanthropical organizations, and the annual Greek Festival. Her husband predeceased her in 1995. Joanne divided her time between Greece and the United States for the majority of her life. A great energy, passion in life, contagious laugh, and love of travel, are a small part of the long legacy she leaves behind.

Joanne is survived by her children, Lydia Panas and her husband Edwin R. Baldrige, III, of Kutztown, PA, Cynthia Panas and her husband Renzo Avesani of Bologna, Italy, and George Panas, MD, and his wife Rachel Perry, MD, of Worton, MD; along with her grandchildren, Lukas, Anastassia, and William Baldrige, Tatiana and Marcello Avesani, and Zoe and Paulina Panas.

A funeral service will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1607 West Union Blvd, Bethlehem, PA, 18018, on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 11 a.m. where relatives and friends may gather one hour prior (10 -11 a.m.). Interment will be held in Cedar Hill Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Memorial Park

1700 Airport Rd
Allentown, PA 18109

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
1607 W union Bld
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Panas*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joanne Panas*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joanne Panas*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *‘ Please accept our deepest condolences for your family’s loss ’*

*from Sophia Kurukoglu, her children
Aki, Nina & Apa and their families*

Sofiya Kurukoglu - May 02, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Joanne Panas.*



April 30, 2019 at 03:44 PM

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“ George’s little Turkish friend bids you peace.
Sympathy and love to your family.



Diane Smith - April 16, 2019 at 10:02 AM

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“ Mary Ellen Unruh lit a candle in memory of
Joanne Panas



Mary Ellen Unruh - April 12, 2019 at 09:53 AM