



Helen Carahalis

April 23, 2020

On April 23rd, 2020, Helen (Keramidas) Carahalis passed away. She was 92 years old. Helen was born and raised in Moudros, Lemnos Greece to George and Pipina Keramidas. After finishing grade school, she attended the Gymnasium of Lemnos. In 1960, she married George Carahalis, and emigrated to the United States, settling in New York City. She and George had a son, Rudy Carahalis. Helen and George were active in the Lemnian Organizations Hephaestus and Maroula, and served on their Boards for many terms. Helen enjoyed singing in the Greek Orthodox Church choirs when they lived in Manhattan, Astoria, and, later in Tenafly NJ, after she moved to New Jersey upon the passing of George in 1986. Helen was primarily a homemaker, but during her living in New York, she was also a competent professional seamstress, utilizing what she had learned in her youth. In Fort Lee, NJ, where she lived, she enjoyed visiting with her many Greek friends and going to the senior center to play Bingo with her many American friends. Helen is survived by her son, Rudy Carahalis, a radio personality in Massachusetts, her sister Elisabeth Venetis, her brother Vassilis Keramidas and their families.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barrett Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Helen Carahalis*



Barrett Funeral Home - April 30, 2020 at 08:07 AM

JK

Thank you for doing this!

Jason Keramidas - April 30, 2020 at 11:02 AM

JK

We miss you Thea...may your memory be eternal

Jason Keramidas - April 30, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LZ

God Bless you Helen rest in peace

Lisa Zarcone - April 30, 2020 at 11:06 AM

AL

*Αξέχαστη Ελενίτσα,
Δάκρυα βαθιάς λείπεις πλημμύρισαν την ψυχή μου που έφυγες.
Καλό ταξίδι, πάντα θα είσαι στην καρδιά μου καθώς και σε όλοι της
οικογενειάς μου.
Αιωνία η μνήμη σου θα είναι.
Δεν το πιστεύω... Ντόρα Σπύρου.*

alexandra - April 30, 2020 at 11:11 AM

TD

I remember the good times we spent in Lemnos with Eleni and the family. May Eleni rest in peace. Eternal be her memory.

Tom Douris

thomas douris - April 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

AH

Ελένη, σε γνωρισα στην εκκλησία μας εδώ και 22χρονια όπου ψάλλαμε τον Κύριο. Εισουν δυναμική και ευγενική ψυχη με Αγγελική φωνή ! Προσευχομαι και σε παρακαλω τωρα που βρίσκεσαι ανάμεσα στους αγγέλους να κανεις και για μας μια προσευχουλα! Σε αγαπώ πολυ, δεν θα σε ξεχάσω ποτε, γιατί σε εχω παντα στην καρδιά μου!

Thanks so much for making this possible, so we could all pray together for Eleni. May her memory be eternal.

Anna Hatzikyriakou and family

anna Hatzikyriakou - April 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

ED

Beloved Thea Eleni, I will miss our chats that I so looked forward to. Rest in peace and know Rudy will always be part of my family. Your loving niece, Angie Douris

Evangeline Douris - April 30, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LD

She was a beautiful woman, we had a lot of wonderful memories with her in Lemnos. May you Rest In Peace thia Eleni, we love you and may her memory always be eternal 🙏❤️

Litsa Douris - April 30, 2020 at 11:43 AM

RC

My mother lived life to it's fullest....92 years to be exact....Let's take time to remember all the finest moments we experienced with her through the years. I was SO proud to be her son and as when we all look back at all the finest moments we spent with her, it tempers the pain. We spoke in Greek at least 95% of the time as she was so comfortable in having a conversation in her native language and we were blessed to take 9 trips together to our native land which I will keep forever in my heart. Mom was always in my corner from the start and she was one of my primary supporters when I fulfilled my dream of being a radio personality as both of my parents had an instinct that was my calling in life when they presented me with my first transistor radio during my youth, a journey that continues to this day. I know she will ALWAYS be with me while forging ahead on my own. For those who knew her, continue to look back at all the happy times we spent together as our dear relatives and friends past and present were blessed by her ever loving presence. A big thank you to ALL who showed me support and expressed their thoughts and prayers towards the end. Let us continue honoring her memory each and every day....I LOVE YOU, MOM! I'll ALWAYS be your son with a badge of honor and pride. RC

Rudy Carahalis - April 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM

CJ

MAY YOU REST IN ETERNAL PEACE~

Carol Johnson - April 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

MK

Theia mou we will miss you so much. May your memory be eternal. We love you and will miss you

maria konstantellis - April 30, 2020 at 12:48 PM

RL

Rudy I'm very sorry for your loss, Your mom will always be with you.

Richard LaSaracina - April 30, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SM

Ron, This is such a beautiful tribute to your lovely mother. I'm so glad that you shared this with all of us on FB. Although, I didn't know your mother, I know what it is to lose one, and so my heartfelt condolences once again. May your mother rest in eternal peace with the Lord.

Sandra Mazza - April 30, 2020 at 06:02 PM

RO

Ron, What a beautiful tribute to your MOM! I'm touched that you expressed all of your lifelong trips, experiences, & precious memories that made your life so rich!! I know she is very proud of you! Hang on to those memories because they will always keep her close to you forever!1 Much love & prayers!! Renee o. xoxoxo...

Renee Ondrasek - April 30, 2020 at 07:32 PM

CB

This was an absolutely beautiful service. My thoughts and prayers to you Ron, and your family. 🙏

Carole Bodnar - May 01, 2020 at 10:12 PM

CD

Ron, what a beautiful tribute to you Mother. My heartfelt condolences to you. May your Mother R.I.P.

Carole Ann Davis - May 03, 2020 at 03:27 AM

DS

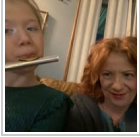
I am truly heart broken for you Ron. May your Mom RIP, and Fly High With Angels.. 💕💕

Debra Strazzulla - May 04, 2020 at 01:49 PM

TC

What I know of your mom, I know through our conversations, Ron. And one thing I know is true, and that is just how much she meant (and still means) to you. I have no doubt that she is smiling down on you every day as you continue to make her proud with your professionalism and dedication at your chosen profession. This was lovely. May she rest peacefully and live forever in your heart.

Tom Conklin - May 05, 2020 at 12:45 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Helen's loss. She treated me like her own daughter and I always held great affection for this wonderful woman. Paula (DeNicola) Chapman

Paula Chapman - July 20, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ May her memory be eternal! Our deepest condolences to the family. Kyriakos & Anna Hatzikyriakou family

anna Hatzikyriakou - April 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ You had a beautiful mother, inside and out ❤️

Nicole Rousseau - April 30, 2020 at 12:30 PM



My deepest condolences Ron. May her new journey be peaceful and blessed 🙏🕊️

Carole Bodnar - May 01, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ My Aunt, Elenitsa Carahalís, was a beautiful woman in every sense of the word. In addition to having movie star looks, she was incredibly kind and generous. I will forever remember her infectious laugh-delivered with her head slightly cocked back and her mouth smiling. I will also remember her love of singing and dancing and celebrating. She truly came alive on the dance floor. She made delicious pastries, which she loved to share, both at holidays, and every day, during afternoon tea. She was like a second Mother to me. I miss her dearly and will always remember her.
Penny

Penny Venetis - April 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

EC

“ *From Elisabeth to Elenitsa*

It is all like a dream. The four of us siblings were born in Lemnos Greece. Destiny decided for the three of us to come far away and leave there for the rest of our lives. We stayed together through the years. Together we celebrated the birth of our children and all their accomplishments. We were different personalities and characters, but with love and understanding, we overcame any obstacles and we lived in harmony for almost a century. Eleni was all love. She loved us dearly and she appreciated our affection. She especially loved her husband George and her son Rudy who she was very close to and very proud of. She was beautiful as a young girl and had many admirers. She loved social life and she was fortunate to live this way with her husband George and after his passing, on her trips back and forth to Greece. To the country she loved and kept close to her heart. Through the years she created memories which gave her great pleasure. Our heart is bleeding because we were not there when death got her last breath, or to tell her we love her and say our final good byes. Wherever you are my beloved sister “Hora sou kali”. Love Elisabeth

Ellen Catanzaro - April 30, 2020 at 11:00 AM

PS

“ *Rudy & I attended Hunter College together in the early 1980's. We both had a love for radio, & we met at the college radio station, WRFH. Rudy & I became best friends, & I got to know his mom Helen. She was a remarkable woman who was very loving to me. I had long hair & looked like a crazy musician at the time (hey, it was the early 80's) but she saw me for who I was & as Rudy's close friend. Her kindness & love made a difference in my life & I always appreciated her for that. God bless her beautiful soul.*

Peter Starr

Peter Starr - April 30, 2020 at 10:54 AM

CV

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this trying time ,Ron 🙏🙏🙏
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carla vecchio - April 30, 2020 at 12:01 PM

RM

God bless!

Ric Mitchell - April 30, 2020 at 12:37 PM

AT

My dearest Ron, losing a Mother is never easy but having a Mom that lived a full life of 92 years is something to be celebrated. Happy memories of your Mother will remain in your heart always and those same memories will help you through difficult times. My thoughts are with you today and always. Much love, Andrea

Andrea Tutrani - May 04, 2020 at 11:40 PM

EC

“ Words can not describe the sadness we are feeling for the loss of our beloved Thea Elenitsa. She has loved us all as if we were her own, and has shared in all our joys and accomplishments. She lived her life to the fullest, with friends, family and most of all “Glendi”. A role model for all.

We love you Thea. May you Rest In Peace.

Love, Michael, Ellen, Maggie, Claire

Ellen Catanzaro - April 30, 2020 at 10:49 AM

DW

“ I am an old friend of Rudy’s, we worked together at a radio station. May Helen’s memory be a blessing to you all. Deb Weber

debra weber - April 30, 2020 at 09:19 AM

HI

“ I'll miss you Theia Elenitsa! You have been a constant and loving presence throughout my life and I have many fond memories through which I can remember you and honor your memory. Athena and I are grateful to have shared several Holidays with you in the past few years!

Hercules and Athena

Hercules Invictus - April 29, 2020 at 08:06 PM

SC

“ Rudy.....I wished that I had met your Mom...an amazing lady that did an awesome job raising you. She will be missed by so many, but her love will always be with family and friends and especially in your HEART....she will never be far away from you Rudy

Steve Caporizzo - April 29, 2020 at 05:05 PM