



Tina J. Caras

May 1, 2021

Tina J. Caras (nee Lamprinakos) of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey passed away on April 30, 2021 at the age of 90. Born in Asheville, North Carolina in 1931 to James Lamprinakos and Virginia Coniditsiotis Lamprinakos she attended the Asheville public schools and was valedictorian of her high school class. She was a graduate of Mary Washington College, the women's college of the University of Virginia, and upon graduation returned to Asheville to teach in the Asheville City School System. She was the organist at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Asheville.

Following her marriage to her husband, William, she settled in Englewood Cliffs where she lived for 57 years. She was a substitute teacher for years in the Englewood Cliffs school system and worked as a bookkeeper and payroll analyst at William Caras, CPA in Hoboken, New Jersey.

She was a member of St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tenafly where she taught religious music to the Sunday School students. For many years she was an active member and served as an officer of the Mother's Club, a member of St. Philothea Philoptochos Society and the Kali Parea, the church's seniors' club. She was fiercely independent, a true "spartan fighter" until the end, taking care of herself, her home and all of her family until her last several months when she was well cared for by her devoted caregiver, Lia Galdavadze, whom she admired greatly.

She was the beloved wife of the late William, to whom she was married for 52 years, a loving mother to sons Nicholas Peter and his wife Carolyn of Glen Rock, and James William of New York City, devoted Yiayia to her cherished grandson William Christopher and loving sister to her dear big brother George James. She leaves behind her cousin, Maria and many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. She was predeceased by her sister Maria and her brother Paul.

Visitation at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr. Tenafly, NJ, Monday May 3, 2021 from 4-8PM. Funeral Service Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Tenafly, NJ. Interment to follow at East Ridgelawn Cemetery, 255 Main Ave, Clifton, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral, (www.stjohntenafly.org) or Weill Cornell Medicine Hematology and Oncology, (www.weillcornell.org).

Cemetery Details

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John The Theologian Greek Orthodox Church
353 E Clinton Ave
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Tribute Wall

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“ Firstly, no one in these wedding pics had a mullet — they just didn’t have the brightest photographer, (From L-R) Groomsman and cousin of the bridegroom, George J. Castanas; bridesmaid and first cousin of the bride, Tina James Lamprinakos; Tina’s first cousin and brother of the bride, George Polivios (Pete) Lamprinakos; Tina’s first cousin and bride of the day, Maria Polivios Lamprinakos Collias; bridegroom Nick John Leventis Collias; best man and uncle of the groom, Angelo Nick Pappas; groomsman and brother of the groom, George Leventis Collias; bridesmaid and god sister of the bride, Sophie Leventis.

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John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 11:45 PM

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“ Tina’s 90 Years Young Zoom Birthday Party, 2021! (Covid-19 pandemic era)



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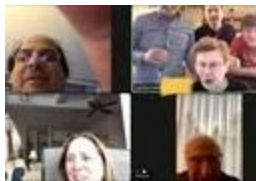
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“ (From L-R) Tina James Lamprinakos; Tina’s father, Jimmy (James George) Lamprinakos; Tina’s first cousin, George Polivios (Pete) Lamprinakos; Tina’s aunt & mother of the bride, Sofia Boukidis Lamprinakos (Tina’s late, uncle Pete’s widow); bride of the day, Maria Polivios Lamprinakos Collias; best man and maternal uncle of the groom, Angelo Nick Pappas; bridegroom Nick John Leventis Collias, best man’s wife and aunt to groom, Cora Pappas; father of the groom, Gus Theodoro Collias; brother of the groom, George Leventis Collias; mother of the groom, Antigone Pappas Leventis Collias.

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John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 06:03 PM

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John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 06:01 PM

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“ Tina, on the evening Bill proposed to her at Maria L & Nick’s wedding reception at The Manor Inn in Asheville, Thursday, 18 Aug 1961. With love from cousin Maria.



John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 05:59 PM

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“ Tina on the evening Bill proposed to her at Maria L & Nick’s wedding, 18 Aug 1961. From cousin Maria.



John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ I would so like to be with James, Nicholas, Carolyn, and William these next few days to celebrate Tina.
My Tina...She was the only one who had the courage to ride the Ferris Wheel with me at Recreation Park. When the ride stopped, and we were at the top, we could see the spectacular view of the Swannanoah River. There were many summer afternoons swimming at Beaver Lake. And almost every Sunday, we visited Uncle Jimmy and Θεία Ευγενία and family at their home on Montford Avenue. Tina was my singular bridesmaid at my wedding. She was my sister and my role model. She left everyone and everything better by her presence.
We shall miss you, and we shall never forget you, and we shall carry on — as you would want.
We ended every telephone visit with, “I love you.”

Maria Collias - May 02, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 12:40 AM

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“ What a beautiful tribute! May we forever feel her love and presence surrounding us.



John L. Collias, Chapel Hill, NC - May 02, 2021 at 12:22 AM

PA

“ *Tina Caras was my Godmother and for that I consider myself extremely fortunate. She was one the sweetest people I ever met. She will be greatly missed.*

Paul Arianas - May 01, 2021 at 09:04 PM