



Despina "Nina" Kyres

December 17, 1932 - January 26, 2016

Despina "Nina" Kyres, age 83 of Crown Point, IN (formerly of Merrillville), passed away on January 26, 2016. Despina was born in Johnstown, PA. Despina moved to Northwest Indiana in 1953 where she met her husband Sotiris (Sam). They owned and operated The Village Snack Shop, in Gary, IN and the Odyssey Restaurant in Merrillville, IN. Nina was affectionately known as "Mrs. Odyssey."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eleni and Spiros Amorgianos. She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Sam Kyres; son Andrew S. Kyres of Crown Point, IN, daughter Maria (Larry) Pavlou of Wheaton, IL; grandchildren Melanie and Spiro Pavlou; sisters Bessie (late Elias) Gazis of Des Plaines, IL and Joan Irene Kolozenski (late Edmund) of Merrillville, IN; brothers-in-law Gust (Vassilike) Kyres of Rutherfordton, NC, Tom (Pamy) Kyres of Crown Point, IN, sisters-in-law Betty (Gus) Romas of Orland Park, IL, Maria (Kosta) Karonis and Petroula (Kosta) Galani of Greece; Godson George Christ, caregiver Michelle (John) Kelly, as well as many nieces and nephews, and numerous dear friends.

Nina was a life-long member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral and the Ladies Philoptochos Society. In addition, Nina was a life-long member of the Daughters of Penelope and the BPW of Merrillville where she was named Woman of the Year.

The joys in her life were entertaining, being with friends and family, and her church. Nina had a remarkable way of making any person she met feel

welcome, included, and loved with her warmth and generous heart. She will be remembered most for always going out of her way and caring for others before herself. Nina's approach to life was always with prayer and a positive attitude.

Friends may visit with Nina's family on Friday, January 29, 2016, from 1 - 8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, with a Trisagion Service at 5:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison St., Merrillville, IN, with Reverend Fathers Theodore Poteres, George Pappas, and William Conjelko officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. Memorial donations may be submitted to the SS Constantine and Helen Ross Township Food Pantry or a charity of choice. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Trisagion Service

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funeral

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Uncle Sam, Uncle Andrew, Aunt Maria and the rest of my family,*

I am so sorry about the loss of Thea Nina. I will keep you all in my prayers and I love you all. Thea was so kind and I really loved her Although in the recent years I didn't see her much. Please take care Uncle Sam!!

Lauren Cooper (Caulder)

lauren caulder - February 13, 2016 at 12:11 AM

MM

“ *Andrew and family, I am very sorry for your loss. I pray for loving memories for you.*

Marti Masterson

Marti Masterson - February 03, 2016 at 11:56 AM

CS

“ *Sam, Maria, and Andrew, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many memories of the Odyssey and Nina. It seems just like yesterday I was bussing tables, hostessing, or waiting tables. Nina was always cleaning up after everyone with a smile. You were all a part of my family for so many years and have a special place in my heart. I wish all of you the fondest memories and peace and this time.*

Cheri "Vermillion" Schumacher

cheri schumacher - February 02, 2016 at 06:54 PM

EC

“ Sam, Maria and Andrew, We were so very sorry to hear of Nina's passing. We were also sorry that we were out of town and unable to be there for you. Nina always shared her wonderful smile and kind words. We have so many wonderful memories of our families being together as we were growing up!

We pray that God gives you peace that surpasses human understanding and that your memories will sustain you until you meet again in Paradise!!

God bless all of you, Steve and Estelle Chaddock

Estelle Chaddock - February 01, 2016 at 12:33 PM

RM

“ Andrew . . .

May you and your family have peace and comfort during this time of reflection on the life and influence of your mother.

I wish you time for recalling a lifetime of memories. May they be precious and healing for you during this time of personal loss.

Blessings to you and yours.

Randy R. Maxson

Randy R Maxson - February 01, 2016 at 09:21 AM

MA

“ Nina will be remember as a beautiful and kind lady. Love Maggie Newman Gajewski



maggie - January 29, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



January 29, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ *Jeff and Toulia Berti and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



Jeff and Toulia Berti and Family - January 29, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *Michael Ashcraft lit a candle in memory of Despina "Nina" Kyres*



Michael Ashcraft - January 29, 2016 at 09:22 AM



“ *Jim And Joanna Drackert lit a candle in memory of Despina "Nina" Kyres*



Jim and Joanna Drackert - January 29, 2016 at 05:55 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



January 28, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ *To The Kyres Family,
We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Kyres Family.
Sincerely, The Anast Family*

Dean Anast - January 28, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ *Bill and Laura Wolf purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



Bill and Laura Wolf - January 28, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Kyres family on the loss your mother, and especially to Andrew, whom we respect and admire.*

Tim & Peggy Sendak

Timothy Sendak - January 28, 2016 at 10:29 AM

RF

“ *Richard, Leslie, Hunter and Haley Fink purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



Richard, Leslie, Hunter and Haley Fink - January 28, 2016 at 08:12 AM

RC

“ *Rey & Tess Caluag and children purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



Rey & Tess Caluag and children - January 27, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



January 27, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Despina "Nina" Kyres.*



January 27, 2016 at 04:49 PM

GG

“ To the entire Kyres family,
We are so sorry to hear of Nina's passing. What a lovely, dedicated, thoughtful, hardworking, sincere, smart, and beautiful lady to say the least. From the Village Shopping Center days and beyond....She will be missed by all. Godspeed Nina, until we meet again.
George and Christine Georgion

George and Chrissy Georgion - January 27, 2016 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ Dear Sam & Family:
We were very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Nina. She was a kind and gracious lady. May your faith, family, friends & memories give you comfort and peace.
We are In California & are sorry we are unable to attend the wake/funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dean & Vel Sangalis

Dean Sangalis - January 27, 2016 at 10:03 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Nina's passing. She was a truly beautiful woman, always so warm and kind to us. We were honored to consider her a member of our extended family. Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
The Harvoth Family

Susan Harvoth - January 27, 2016 at 09:10 AM

CD

“ Dear Kyres family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Nina was an absolute delight and will be missed. She was always so kind and welcoming. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.
carol

carol drasga - January 27, 2016 at 08:10 AM

PT

“ Nina was a great friend and mentor. Her smile was contagious and she always was hospitable and gracious. You were loved and will be greatly missed.

Patti Tubbs - January 27, 2016 at 08:07 AM



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January 26, 2016 at 10:29 PM