



Doukeni Baroutsis Vassil

April 11, 2024

Doukeni Baroutsis Vassil of Lancaster, PA, peacefully passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the age of 85. She will be fondly remembered for her genuinely kind and gentle soul, as well as being a dedicated mother and Yiayia (grandmother) to her beloved family.

Doukeni was born on January 31, 1939 to Polydoros Baroutsis and Antigoni Panagiotopoulos Baroutsis in Bellefonte, PA and grew up in the college town of State College, PA. She went on to study English with a concentration in English Secondary Education at Penn State University and notably graduated on her 21st birthday in 1960. Doukeni greatly enjoyed her time at Penn State, being a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and remained a lifelong PSU football fan. The summer after graduation, she met her husband, Peter L Vassil of Lancaster, PA, and married him on November 13, 1960. The two went on to share 41 years of marriage, raising four children together, until his passing in August 2002.

She started her career teaching in the Elizabethtown School District prior to having her first child. After taking time to raise her children, Doukeni re-entered the world of education once her youngest child began full day school. She worked as a teacher of English as a Second Language through IU 13, primarily to Vietnamese immigrants, before taking a position in the library at Franklin and Marshall College, where she worked many years. In her later

years, Doukeni worked at the Visitors Bureau of Lancaster until her retirement in 2007.

Doukeni's interests included reading, going on daily walks, and being involved in the Greek Church. Her most precious pastime was spending time with her family. She enjoyed hosting holiday get-togethers, going on family beach trips to Wildwood and Cape May, NJ, and having reunions with her siblings at Penn State. After his retirement, she and Peter also enjoyed several vacations to Europe, including their parents' homeland, Greece. Those that knew her would say she was the kindest, sweetest person who treated others with compassion and respect.

Doukeni is survived by her four devoted children – sons Louis P Vassil (Lori McDevitt), of West Chester, PA, Dr. Paul E Vassil (Maria) of Lancaster, PA, George P Vassil (Lori), of West Chester, PA, and daughter Anthi L Glass (Jeff), of Lititz, PA. She is also survived by her nine cherished grandchildren – Erika Glass, Taylor (Michael) Lux, Kyriaki (Dr. James) Schooley, Austin Glass, Katerina Vassil, Shaun Vassil, Peter L Vassil, Markella Vassil, and Peter P Vassil. In addition, she is survived by her sister Irene Highland of Grove City, PA. She was predeceased by her husband Peter and her brother, Paul Baroutsis. Doukeni will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by all who survive her.

The family would like to thank Dr. William Loretan of WellSpan Health and particularly the dedicated staff of Ephrata Manor who provided so much care, affection, and comfort to “Dee” and our family.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024 at 10:30am at The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 64 Hershey Ave. Lancaster, PA 17603 with The Rev. Hector Firoglanis officiating. Viewings will be held on Thursday evening from 6-8pm with a Trisagion Service at 7pm and again Friday from

9:30am-10:30am prior to the service, all at the Greek Church. Interment will be in Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Annunciation Church as above or to the Alzheimer's Association, 255 North Michigan Avenue Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, <http://www.alz.org>, or to any charity of your choosing.

Cemetery Details

Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Annunciation Orthodox Church
64 Hershey Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Visitation

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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64 Hershey Avenue
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Funeral Service

APR 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Doukeni Baroutsis Vassil*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 17, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ *259 files added to the album LifeTributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 17, 2024 at 05:33 PM

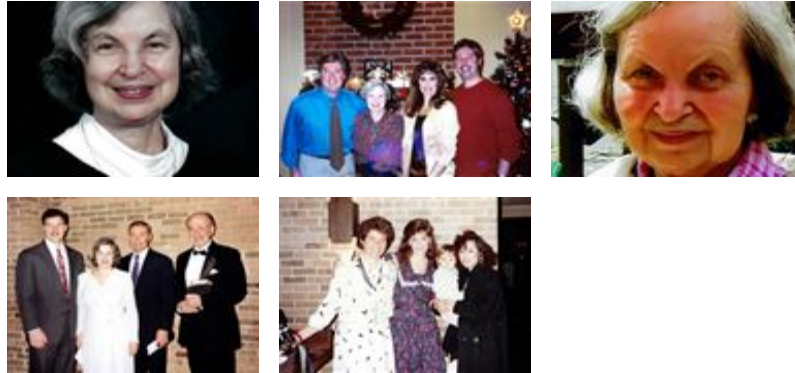
MS

“ *Dee and I worked together for a number of years. Indeed, she was a kind, funny and dedicated woman. She inspired some of my menus! I offer my condolences to all her wonderful family!*

Mary Shelly - April 17, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - April 16, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Doukeni Baroutsis Vassil*.



April 16, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ *Mark, Jane & Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Doukeni Baroutsis Vassil*.

Mark, Jane & Family - April 15, 2024 at 07:47 PM

MF

“ *Mark, Jane & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Doukeni Baroutsis Vassil.*



Mark, Jane & Family - April 15, 2024 at 07:47 PM

SH

“ *Dear Cousins! I have such fond memories of our early childhood times at the family gatherings in State College. The news of Aunt Doukeni's passing has brought those memories to mind. Playing tag, swinging on the front porch, playing with the army men stored in the repurposed Kentucky Fried Chicken tub, swimming at the State College pool, and going to downtown and the Baroutsis building. Aunt Doukeni was always patient and had kind words even if we got a bit out of hand. I remember how proud she was of all of you. She is a sweet spirit and her passing leaves a void. My deepest sympathy and condolences.*

Shauna - April 14, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JH

“ *Doukeni was my 7th grade English teacher at Elizabethtown high school in 1960-61 She was such a kind lady. May God be with your family.*

Jerry Heisey - April 14, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to your family. Randy & Gloria Dauberman*

Randy Dauberman - April 14, 2024 at 07:02 AM

DW

“ My dear Aunt Doukeni- you are so loved and will be missed! I remember you signing my new autograph book I bought with my babysitting money back in 1985 when I was in the 6th grade and you signed it- Love Aunt Dee ❤️ We have so many lovely memories from our family visits to State College all those years and I still hear lots of stories that my mom, your baby sister, still enjoys sharing with me. May you be at peace and know how much you are loved
❤️

DH Williams - April 13, 2024 at 04:08 PM