



Evangelia (Evelyn) Barikos

September 11, 1942 - December 8, 2022

Mrs. Evangelia (Evelyn) Barikos, 80, of Tucker, GA, our beloved mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 8, 2022. She was born on September 11, 1942 in Athens Greece.

Mrs. Barikos and her beloved husband of 60 years immigrated to America in 1972 with their two children, four suitcases and \$2000.00, and a dream to make a better life for their children and grandchildren. They were the proud owners of Carnegie Restaurant, European Alterations, Acropolis Greek Cuisine, and Evelyn Cafe. One thing that YiaYia instilled in all of us was that whatever you do in life make sure you do your best, and her best she did. Every business that she opened was always voted the best in Atlanta by several national publications.

YiaYia's passion was cooking, it was her way of showing her love to others. She spent most of her life cooking for the ones she loved. Her famous saying was "Don't say I Can't, Just say I don't want to", she always believed you can do whatever you put your mind too. Her favorite hobbies were fishing, dancing and cooking (her true passion).

Mrs. Barikos is survived by her daughter Vicki, her sons Bill and John, and eight of the most wonderful grandchildren a woman could ever have; Krista, Alan, Nikki, Evelyn, Alex, Preston, Cadence and Everett.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 16, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., followed by a Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, 4400 South Lee St., Buford. Interment follows at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens, Buford.

To make a donation to the family: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/evelyns-last-wishes>
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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 3:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment

DEC 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens
5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall

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“ 2/1/26-Sitting here with my sister copying Evelyn’s cabbage roll recipe for her- dated 3/20/92. How I loved Ms. Evelyn and her gracious, generous way! She invited me to make cabbage rolls with her one afternoon after the lunch rush was over; what an honor and delight! I loved Ms. Evelyn & was blessed knowing her at Evelyn’s Restaurant in Tucker, GA. Helen Trammell, Fairhope, AL

Helen Trammell - February 01 at 06:21 PM

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“ Thank you for allowing us to help you celebrate your Mother’s life. Although we did not know her, we know the pain you feel. Take comfort in knowing she is no longer in pain and happy in Heaven now with your Dad. Paul, Nellie and Steven.



Nellie Alber - December 16, 2022 at 01:50 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Alan - December 14, 2022 at 10:48 PM

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Loved Ms. Evelyn dearly. Helen

Helen Trammell - February 01 at 08:03 PM

“ Mrs. Evelyn (Yia Yia) was a kind and beautiful person with the most generous and caring spirit. We will always cherish the memories of the time that we were able to spend with her, as she had a very unique way of making everyone feel special and welcome in her presence.

In 2017, we visited Greece for our 25th wedding anniversary. I remember my wife, Andra, and I trying to find a hotel, after being disappointed with our first night stay in downtown Athens. Mrs. Evelyn called a nice beach front hotel, negotiated a good rate and we were off to the beach! It was a very nice upgrade and we were super happy. While we were there, Mrs. Evelyn really made us feel special, as she arranged for a special dinner for us at one of the neighborhood restaurants to celebrate our anniversary. We ate, laughed and talked all night, then went back to she and Mr. Barikos' home where we talked more, as they showed us many of the treasures that they had collected while traveling abroad.

I also remember how fond Mrs. Evelyn was of our daughter, and how she always seemed to light up when Keilah came around. We last saw Mrs. Evelyn on Mother's day earlier this year, when John and I surprised our mothers and wives with a home cooked brunch and spa day. I remember Mrs Evelyn seemed so happy being pampered and holding Everett, her youngest grandchild. Mrs. Evelyn will always be remembered for her love family and for being a caring, kind and loving person. We will miss her dearly.

Sincerely,

Alan & Andra Everett

Alan & Andra Everett - December 14, 2022 at 10:45 PM



“ Today is one of those days when I wish I was a little girl and could climb into your lap and cry until the pain goes away. But I keep remembering what you said that those we love don't go away, they walk beside us each and every day. Friday when I place the flowers on your grave, I will think of all the lessons you taught me along the way. You made me the woman and mother I am today.

You were my mother, my best friend, there wasn't a secret that we did not share. From a young child you taught me strength, I wasn't allowed to cry or feel any pain. When I had doubts you would always say “Don't say I Can't, Just say I don't want to”. You taught me life lessons along the way (raising a child, running a business, cooking, cleaning, managing money, sewing, love, respect and compassion).

The most important lesson of all was love, respect and compassion for others. There wasn't a person that you didn't treat with love, respect and compassion. There wasn't a person that you did not help, even if you did not have the means. When we would go grocery shopping you would first buy groceries for the ones in need then for yourself.

If it wasn't for those life lessons I would not be here today. I remember in high school I had to write a paper titled “Three influential people at the dinner table”. My three people were Martin Luther King, Elvis Pressley and my Mom. When I presented my paper, my teacher asked me what those three people had in common. My response was “All Three have changed the world and the life of others”. So mom your job on earth was done, now you can rest in heaven with dad, your mom and Tasoula. Until we meet again.



Vicki Robertson - December 13, 2022 at 11:19 PM

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Very blessed daughter ❤️

Helen Trammell - February 01 at 08:05 PM

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Vicki Robertson - December 13, 2022 at 11:15 PM