



Dena Anest

April 17, 1925 - January 15, 2020

Dena Anest, 94, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully January 15, 2020 at Riverside Senior Life Community, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

She was born in Meligala, Greece, to Petros and Despina (Filiou) Antonopolous on April 17, 1925. Dena emigrated to the United States in 1947 and was married to Gust in November of that year. Together they raised four children and farmed in the Bayard, Nebraska area for 68 years. Dena was a meticulous homemaker and loved to garden. Her real love, however, were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and preparing her home for their visits in the summer.

Dena was a lady of great faith and a devout Orthodox Christian and faithfully gave her time and talent to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Bayard for many years. She is survived by her husband Gust of 72 years, children Stella (Jim) Chingas, Jim (Dina) Anest, Paula (Eric) Wolfe, and Tula (Jim) McDougal,

Grandchildren; Kosta (Trish) Chingas, Constantine (Constance) Anest, Nicholas Anest, Alexios Anest, AJ (Natalie) Wolfe, Jonathan (Mary) Wolfe, Christiana (Jim) Barabe and Evan McDougal ;

Great grandchildren; Alexander and Ella Chingas, Demitra and Nikolas Anest,

Levi, Theo, and Bailey Wolfe;

One sister Popi (Gus) Theoharis; three brothers Gus (Joni) Anton, Tom (Ilsa) Anton and Steve Anton.

Dena is preceded in death by her parents, grandson Vasilaki Chingas and sister Demitra Liakos.

Dena was loved by all including her most recent extended family at Riverside Senior Life.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 pm on Sunday, January 19th with Trisagion service at 3 pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, IL. Her funeral service will be held at 11am Monday, January 20th at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee, IL.

Graveside service will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery.

May her memory be eternal.

Memorials can be made to the Greek Orthodox Assumption Church in Bayard, NE or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Trisagion Prayer Service

JAN 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
296 N. Washington
Kankakee, IL 60901
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Chur

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Dena. I have many fond memories of her and the entire family growing up. She was always so sweet and visited with me whenever I saw her at the church in Bayard. Such a lovely woman. May her memory be eternal.

Daniel Chikos

Daniel Chikos - October 17, 2020 at 10:39 PM

CE

“ Dear Gus and family,
Our love and prayers to you as we just learned of Dena's passing. We have such precious memories of you coming to get sweetcorn. I remember the last time and I was honored to give her roses out of my garden. May God sustain you in your loss.

Steve and Cathy Erdman

Cathy Erdman - January 24, 2020 at 01:15 PM



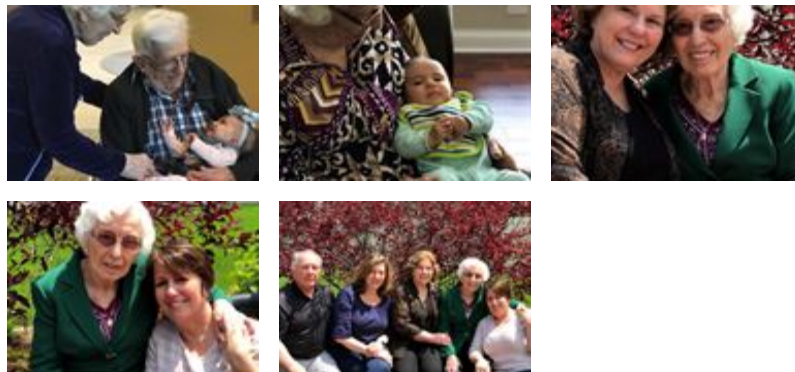
“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Dena Anest.



January 18, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ 72 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - January 17, 2020 at 10:53 AM

LS

I am so blessed to have known this beautiful lady. Her smile and her light will always be etched in my heart.

Linda Shepard - January 18, 2020 at 12:26 AM

LM

I was so honored to of taken care of Dena she was a special blessing for me and so thankful for her family they always treated me with kindness I havent met that many children who love their parents so much their mother was everything to them she was their rock well now she can watch over them from heaven tear of joy she passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord God bless you Dena

Lynn Marek - January 18, 2020 at 01:03 AM

BA

I first met Dena in Feb 2018 when I became one of her caregivers instantly I fell in love with her spunk she may of looked like a frail woman in her 90's but believe me she was tough and she had a big heart she loved her family with all her heart and her family loved her with all of theirs I am so blessed to have known Dena and I will never forget her or forget the time I shared with her and I am so blessed to have gotten to know all her kids and her beloved husband Gust she will be greatly missed I was truly honored being one of her caregivers

Bree Anderson - January 18, 2020 at 09:48 PM

DK

“ I am honored to have met the Anest family! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to take care of your parents! I will always remember walking into their room and seeing Stella's Jim sitting in a chair and telling him that I needed to check his blood sugar. I thought he was Gus and he let me think he was Gus for a few more minutes. Dena, Jim and myself laughed and believe me Gus and Jim never let me forget this! After this I talk with Dena, I introduced myself as Deena with 2 e's , so every time I walked into her room she said hi Deena with 2 e's! I love the Anest family from the beginning! I am praying that I get to come and share with you on Sunday! Love you all and you will always be in my heart ❤️

Deena Kisse - January 17, 2020 at 10:50 AM