



Helen Giannakopoulos

September 9, 1954 - September 1, 2020

Helen Giannakopoulos, age 65, of Bourbonnais, passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at her home.

She was born September 9, 1954 in Louká, Greece, the daughter of Nick & Stamatina Gellis Bratsos.

Helen married Ted Giannakopoulos on July 18, 1971 in Chicago. He preceded her in death on May 25, 2020.

Helen was a restaurant owner including: Eppel's in Chicago, River Oaks in Kankakee, River Oaks Banquets, and Greenbriar that later became Brickstone in Bourbonnais.

She enjoyed traveling, spending summers in Greece and spending Fall & Spring in Arizona. She enjoyed interacting with her customers and the community, and spending time with family, friends, and her grandchildren.

She was a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Dino & Jodette

Giannakopoulos of Bourbonnais, Nick Giannakopoulos of Bourbonnais, and

George Giannakopoulos of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Teddy, Alex,

Drew and Andrew Giannakopoulos; one sister, Betty Vasilakis of Bourbonnais,

and her children, Tommy and Tina; and three sisters-in-law, Toula

Giannakopoulos of Orland Park, Doris & John Siakotos of Orland Park, and

Penny & Steve Gardiakos of Park Ridge; nephews, Dino Gardiakos, George

Gardiakos, Dino Giannakopoulos, Nick Giannakopoulos, Pete Siakotos, and

Anthoula Lenze.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; and one brother-in-law, John Giannakopoulos.

Visitation will be held 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Services will follow at 12:00 Noon on Friday, September 4, 2020 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee. Fr. Nick Greanias will officiate. Please wear a facemask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Interment will be held at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

GT

“ *May Helen's memory be eternal. God bless...*



Gary Thiakos - September 05, 2020 at 11:36 AM

DD

“ *Dennis Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos*



Dennis Dunlavey - September 04, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JR

“ *My sympathies to the entire Giannakopoulos Family, she was always a kind and gracious Host, she will be missed. "Death brings a Heartache no one can heal but love leaves a memory no one can steal"*

Jerry Robbins - September 04, 2020 at 03:44 PM

JC

“ *JERRY E CURWICK lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos*



JERRY E CURWICK - September 04, 2020 at 02:05 AM

MB

“ *Mary Pat Barney lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos*



Mary Pat Barney - September 03, 2020 at 07:31 PM

MB

“ *My mom LOVED Greenbrier.....Helen was ALWAYS glad to see her, esp. with Fr. John Peeters from Bourbonnais! I'm SO SORRY.....thanks for her kindness to my mom! Mary Pat Barney*

Mary Pat Barney - September 03, 2020 at 07:30 PM

JB

“ *Jessica Bacskai lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos*



Jessica Bacskai - September 03, 2020 at 03:33 PM

SH

“ *Sr. Martha sscm, lite a candle in memory for Helen Giannakopoulos. She always had a smile.God bless her. My prayers and sympathy to her family.*



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - September 03, 2020 at 09:57 AM

PS

“ Oh how we will miss her generosity, her fierce heart, her beautiful soul! Αιώνια αυτού ή μνήμη. May her memory be eternal.

Priscilla Skalac - September 03, 2020 at 08:22 AM

EH

“ My sympathies to the family. She was truly a beautiful lady. May her soul Rest In Peace. She's now back with Ted.

Ellie Harshbarger - September 02, 2020 at 11:03 AM

RM

“ I remember well working with Helen to organise chamber events at their restaurants Fred she was always gracious, generous, and fun. My deepest sympathy to her family for this loss. May your memories keep her Close to your heart and the laughter overtake the tears as the years pass. Rest in peace Helen. Rocketry was actually

Rose Devine Mitchell - September 02, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MT

“ Prayers are with you at this sad time. She was a lovely, gracious lady and always very welcoming at the restaurants. John n Mary Thomson



Mary Thomson - September 01, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ To Helen's family with my deepest sympathies.. I am so sorry and sad to hear of her passing.Im sorry for your loss. I know she has fought a long hard battle and I know it was not only hard on her but hard on the rest of you. In this time of sadness lean on each other for comfort and strength and no that Helen is in a better place and find some comfort in the fact that she doesn't have to suffer anymore. She was always so kind and friendly to me and always worked so hard . May God bless and be with you all.
. With sincere condolences. Todd Geeding

Todd Geeding - September 01, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Joanne Warren lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos



Joanne Warren - September 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Helen Giannakopoulos.



September 01, 2020 at 05:49 PM

TE

“ *Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos*



Tim and Connie Eaker - September 01, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CR

“ *Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Helen Giannakopoulos*



Candy ray - September 01, 2020 at 02:05 PM