



Janet Michael Tsacrios Gavalas

November 5, 1926 - May 12, 2021

JANET MICHAEL TSACRIOS GAVALAS, age 94, peacefully died on May 12, 2021 in Tallahassee. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Nic Gavalas, and her parents, Mike and Coula Tsacrios of Live Oak, Florida, who immigrated from Greece in the early 1900s.

The family will receive friends at Bevis Funeral Home (200 John Knox Road), Sunday, May 16th from 4:00 until 6:00 PM. The Trisagion Service will follow the visitation at 6:00 PM. The funeral service will be held on Monday, May 17th at 11:00 AM at Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church (1645 Phillips Road, Tallahassee 32308). Interment will follow at Oakland Cemetery, 838 N Bronough St, Tallahassee.

Janet was born on November 5, 1926, in Live Oak, Florida. She enjoyed a wonderful childhood with sisters Phyllis and Kathleen and brother Nicky. She worked as a teenager in the family's restaurant business, The Seminole Café. She graduated in 1943 from Bay County High School. She married her husband Nic in 1947. They moved to Tallahassee in 1950 where she and Nic opened "Nic's Toggery", a men's clothing store. Initially, she was "called in to help out for a couple of days" but stayed for 35 years. She was cashier, bookkeeper, gift wrapper, and general "Girl Friday", doing whatever was needed and had fun working. People were not just customers; they became good friends. Together, they worked and developed the family business into one of Esquire Magazine's "Top 100 Men's Stores" in the United States and recipient of the "Business Ambassador Award" by the State of Florida.

Janet was a founding member of the Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church in Tallahassee. She served as a member of the Parish Council and as past President of the Philoptochos (Friends of the Poor) Ladies Auxiliary. She coordinated the church's Sunday School program, taught catechism to the high school students, served as a choir member and actively participated in church sponsored events. Her strong Christian faith guided her life.

Along with her faith, her family was her priority. Janet is survived by her 4 sons, Victor (Mary), Mike (Vicky), George (Mary Gordon) of Tallahassee, and Steve of Tampa. Her family grew to include 10 grandchildren, Nicholas V, Janet, Nicholas M, Elleni (Demetrios), Stacey (Matt), Nicholas J (Kendall), John, Alexander, Augustus, and Zachary; and 3 great-granddaughters, Camden and Paige (Nic) and Olivia (Stacey). She is also survived by her sister Kathleen Tsacrios Talantis of Altamonte Springs; many nieces, nephews and godchildren that she all loved so dearly.

In memory of Janet, the family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to the Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church (1645 Phillips Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32308); or to your favorite charity.

The family would like to acknowledge the professional and attentive personal care given to Janet by Dr Matthew Standridge and his team at TMH Physician Partners Southwood and exceptional homecare by Visiting Angels of Tallahassee (Chrissy and Deshonda) and Interim Health Care (Malissa).

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Gavalas family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

838 N Bronough St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Trisagion

MAY 16. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church
1645 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Cousins, of which I haven't seen in many years. I cannot tell you how sad I am hearing that your Mom had passed away. My Daddy loved your Mom and Dad so much. And so did I. One of the memories I have cherished for so many years is when I was complaining that my three boys were driving me crazy and they were going to kill me. Janet immediately took my hand and said "What are you complaining about, you got 3 boys, I got 4 and there is no way I'm going to let them kill me." I remember her and your Dad's wedding so vividly. I was a toddler, but I remember it just like it was yesterday. She was always so beautiful and so very, very kind and always one of the sweetest and nicest people I have ever known. My love to everyone in the family. May her memory be everlasting. I love you all. Jeanette Lazaros Savage

Jeanette Lazaros Savage - May 16, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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“ Dear Cousins, John, Frank and I are so sorry for this loss. We all have special memories of Janet and the whole family. Uncle Mike and Aunt Koula as we called them were always part of our lives as were the whole family. I will never forget the kindness that Janet and Nic and the boys gave me when I attended FSU. They made a home for me and I am forever grateful. I remember the wonderful stories my dad, John Tsacrios told of how he and his cousin Mike came from Greece as young men and both built successful business. They loved to tell the story of Janet's and Nic's wedding and how my dad brought Greek musicians to Live Oak for the reception. Such a close and loving family that has been the basis of all of our lives. May her memory be eternal. Love, Maria John Tsacrios Molett; John Michael Tsacrios, Jr. and Frank John Tsacrios (children of John and Xanthippi Tsacrios of Clearwater Beach).

Maria Molett - May 16, 2021 at 04:26 PM

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“ Mrs. Janet will truly be missed. She was a Great Person with a Heart of Gold 🕊️🕊️🕊️

Kahlil Spradley - May 14, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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“ Mrs. Janet was a wonderful & very sweet lady. Down to earth & welcomed me with open arms when my husband worked for her family. She will be greatly missed. I never found fault with her. She was true Christian in every since of the word. My prayers are with the family. She will leave a great hole in everyone's heart!

Lisa Hair - May 14, 2021 at 03:32 PM