



Maria Klimantis

August 4, 1945 - February 20, 2026

Maria Klimantis Karageorgiou, Affectionately known as Tsingra. Maria Klimantis Karageorgiou, lovingly known as Tsingra, was a radiant presence whose energy, beauty, and spirit touched every life she encountered. She was a devoted and loving YiaYia and Granny to Maria (Phil) Conil, Sava Berger, Sophia Berger, and Alayanna Klimantis. Nothing brought her more pride than her grandchildren, who carry forward her beauty, strength, style, and spark. She was a wonderful and dedicated mother to Zenovia (Peter) Klimantis, Emmanuel Klimantis, Elleni (Randy) Berger, Vasilias (Chris) Berger, and the late son-in-law, Jay Berger. Her love for her children was fierce, unwavering, and lifelong. Maria was a cherished sister to Stella Hrisafinas and Marietta Papastergou, sharing with them a lifetime of memories, laughter, and resilience. She was the energetic, honest, caring, and delightfully sarcastic Thea to Karen, Elleni, George, Gus, Bill, Steve, John, and Peter. Her presence filled every room, and her voice, humor, and wisdom will echo in their hearts forever. An amazing and committed cousin to all the Pethakas and Karageorgiou cousins - especially Elpida and Mike.

Maria valued family deeply and nurtured those bonds with pride and devotion. She was a teacher in her own extraordinary way, teaching daily lessons through her dazzling performances of dressing, beauty, confidence, and self-respect. She showed everyone that presentation was an art form and that life was meant to be lived boldly and beautifully. A special dedication is made for Europola, who showed her how to love fully and find happiness through

sewing, cooking, and embracing the community around her. Through those lessons, Maria became the poised and regal woman so many admired - sophisticated, timeless, and unforgettable. A true trendsetter. The beautiful village girl from Asklipio who traveled across the seas - from Rhodes, Greece, to Brisbane, Australia, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In every country and every home, she became a positive force, a burst of sunshine adorned with natural beauty, dazzling earrings, clothing, and beautiful lipstick. She made every place she lived brighter simply by being there.

Maria was married to the late George Klimantis, with whom she shared nearly 40 years of her earlier life with.

May the Village of Asklipio remember her for generations. May her memory be eternal.

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“ *My Nouna (Godmother) was the most loving giving person I've ever known. May her memory be eternal . I have so many happy memories of My Nouna Maria . She lived to chat in her kitchen on Wooden Street in the Mexican War Streets of the Northside of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. I'd listen as she cut cabbage for meals as shecd combine it with her wisdom mabd smart advice to me. She lived to sew too including for herself and her 4 kids. Zena Manuel Elleni (Hel) and Lea(Vasilea) . We went to the St Patrick's Day parade in downtown Pittsburgh she lived it sooo much you would have thought she was Irish herself . That was an example of how Maria embraced different cultures. Her eyes would sparkle when speaking if her 4 kids as kids and as adults . She would always be enthusiastic about them yit showed in her voice also . She lived Rhodes Island Greece so much and it was evident in her conversations . She valiantly fought cancer at one point . I will miss her terribly and how I wish I'd got to tell her S'Agapo(I love you.) just one more time .Farewell Nouna;rest in peace.*

Margaret K.Maria Slater - April 11 at 04:18 PM

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“ *Beloved Yia-Yia Maria
You will always be remembered, always be cherished, and forever live in our hearts.*

In Memory of a Beautiful Soul, Maria

*With all my love,
Oditza*

Oditza Carrasco - February 28 at 06:27 AM