

Paschalina (Lina) Vassiliadis

Sept 20th, 2023, we said goodbye to Paschalina (Lina) Vassiliadis – wife, mother, sister, grandma (YiaYia) and really the formidable force behind everything the Vassiliadis family did.

She touched everyone with her kindness, generosity and of course her wonderful Greek cooking. YiaYia lived life fully for her family. She always put her family first and even right up until her last days her most pressing concern was her family's happiness. She was born in a small Greek village on the border of Greece and Bulgaria where she grew up working the family farm. It was here where she met Evgeni (Eugene), who had been stationed at the nearby military base.

She and Eugene were married in 1964 and they moved to Piraeus (the Port of Athens) to live with Eugene's family. In 1974 she and Eugene packed up their two boys and they moved to Victoria, BC. With Lina's constant encouragement and her incredible tireless work ethic, her and Eugene opened Victoria's first souvlaki snack bar and the rest is history. Lina spent most of her working life in the kitchen of Eugene's Greek Restaurant, feeding the people of Victoria the best Greek food they have ever tasted.

Lina is survived by her husband Eugene, their two sons Terry (Lisa) and Lee (Kelly) and three grandsons Evan, Alex and Evgeni. Those three grandsons were truly her pride and joy and she talked daily about how honored she was to have had the opportunity to be so close to them. Also survived by her brothers Angelos, Ilias and sister Nikki as well as many extended family back in Greece.

In lieu of flowers please take this opportunity to donate to the Palliative Care Unit at Saanich Peninsula Hospital. The family would like to thank Dr. Gallagher, the nurses and home

support workers from Island Health and Sidney Senior Care who cared for Lina over the past year.

We love you YiaYia♥☐

No service by request.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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