



Alexandra Chryssikos

January 22, 1924 - October 9, 2010

Bluefield, WV- Alexandra G. Chryssikos, 86, of 1236 College Avenue, Bluefield, fell asleep in the Lord, Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. Born January 22, 1924 in Welch, WV, she was the daughter of the late Demetrios (James) and Virginia (Farasly) Ganelos. She was a graduate of Welch High School, Concord College, and completed a Masters of Arts in Education at WVU in 1962. She taught 4th and 6th grades in the Mercer County Schools for 30 years until her retirement in 1983. She also taught at the Windy Mountain Learning Center preparing students for G.E.D. She loved teaching and loved her students. The encouragement and faith she demonstrated in her students and their abilities, opened doors of self-esteem and confidence for them. And through the years many former students kept in contact with her expressing their ongoing gratitude and affection for her. She was named to Who's Who of American Women early on in her career. Active in civic organizations, Alexandra was a past president of the Bluefield Junior Women's Club and named Jr. Woman of the Year. As member of the National Educational Association, WV Education Association, and Classroom Teacher's Association, she contributed numerous professional articles to their publications. She was a past president of AAUW and of the Association of Teacher Education; she was a charter member of Alpha Delta Kappa (teaching sorority) and was quite active as its program chair. She enjoyed the fellowship with other teachers and was always a source of encouragement to them as well. She never refrained from being a beacon of

positive influence and motivation to all those she came in contact with. She was a former member and past president of the Daughters of Penelope, a satellite of the Greek American organization A.H.E.P.A. Alexandra was an active member of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Bluefield and enjoyed attending the Services up until the time of her repose. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Professor Paul N. Chryssikos. Left to cherish her memory and her love of life are her two devoted children and daughter-in-law: Virginia "Ginny" Chryssikos of the home, Telemac "Mac" Chryssikos and spouse, Maureen Chryssikos of Ellicott City, Md., three beloved grandchildren: Paul T. Chryssikos, Mary Beth Crawford and husband, Jamie of Philadelphia, Pa., and Timothy J. Chryssikos of Houston, Tx.; two great grandsons: Mac Crawford and Benjamin Crawford; one brother, Arthur J. Gianelos and sister-in-law, Helen Gianelos, and three nephews: James, Tom, and Paul Gianelos; godchildren Tim Smith, Polly Kelting and Sophia Rantis; numerous relatives in Greece who enjoyed her visits to see them in years past; special friends, Kathy Jones and Mary Rucker of Roanoke, Va. and devoted caregivers Ann Bradberry, Mary Malone and Susan Fain. Funeral Services will be conducted at 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 14, from St. Mary's Orthodox Church with Father Mark Tyson officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Bluewell. Friends may call from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Wednesday, at Mercer Funeral Home, with a short service of Trisaghio for the departed at 7:00 PM followed by testimonials. Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Rt. 2, Box 677, Bluefield, WV 24701; Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield; and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church 30 Huntington Blvd., P.O. Box 5055, Roanoke, Va. 24012. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Alexandra G. Chryssikos.

Tribute Wall



“ Alexandra Chryssikos

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ May her memory be eternal! She was a wonderful lady and we will miss her.

Voula Dallas - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ Mrs. Chryssikos was the one teacher that influenced me to choose teaching as a profession. She made learning fun! I taught 32 years in Randolph County and I hope I was able to encourage others to become teachers, just as she encouraged me. I had Mrs. Chryssikos in 4th grade at Cumberland Heights on Cumberland Road. It was the best year I ever had in school. She was such a good role model for all her students. I was truly saddened to learn she had passed away. I know she made the world a better place to live in!

Patty Hayes Plauger - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ Dear Ginny and Telemac Please accept our condolences for the loss of your mother. We love you all Dinos - Angie Alestas and Aliki Chrissikou Sokratis - Vassiliki Alestas

DINOS ALESTAS - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ Dear Jenny , sorry about Sacha I loved her it is very very sad

Lora - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CJ

“ Ginny, I was so sorry to hear about your mom passing. You have been a good daughter to her and I know that she will be missed.
Cathy Jarrett

Cathy Jarrett - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MA

“ Dear Ginny, Telemac, Maureen and family: We were saddened to hear of your dear mother's and grandmother's passing. She was a member of the "Greatest Generation" along with her husband Paul. At last, they will be together once again. May Alex's memory be eternal. God be with all of you in your time of grief.

Maria and Manuel Antonakas - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RF

“ Dear Ginny, I was so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was such a wonderful lady and inspiration to alot of people. Our parents were so lucky to be such good friends. If you need anything, please let me know. Love you Ginny....Ruthie

Ruthie Caldwell Foster - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ZT

“ Ginny, We are dumstruck by this, your grievous loss! May Mom rest in peace in the Highest Heaven, and may God grant you and the family the strength and patience to accept her departure, for He does answer the prayer of His obedient servants.

Zainab & Nour in Nashville, TN - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ *Memory Eternal! May our Lord grant your dear mother a place of rest where the righteous repose. The photo posted of her on this site is beautiful--what an apt reflection of a loving heart. God's peace and comfort be with your family, now and always. +Fr. Leo, Pres. Candace & Nina Anchorage, Alaska*

The Schefe Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

OK

“ *May her memory be eternal! Our condolences to the family of Alexandra. Love, the Karcher and Hardenbrook Families*

Olga Karcher - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ *Dear Ginny, My brother, Ed and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and Mac.*

Jane Thacker Costa - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ *Ginny and Telemac, Please accept our condolences for the passing of your Mother. She and your Father were very special to my family. My mother cherished her friendship so very much. May Her Memory Eternal.*

John and Cindy Balasis - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SH

“ Ginny, please know that we in South Asia are praying for you and your family! I am sorry we cannot be with you during this sad time. Your mother was a wonderful neighbor and friend. I have such fond memories of our times together! Rejoice in the promise of Heaven where we will be free of sickness, death, and separation – thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ! With love and prayers, Suzanna and Richard Proverbs 3:5-6

Suzanna (Brooks) Hanham - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RR

“ Ginny I'm so sorry for your loss. You provided excellent care for your mother. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

ROBIN RUMBURG - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM