



Mrs. Helen Dennis Xenakis (nee Karavedas)

September 4, 1926 - January 17, 2021

On January 17, 2021, Helen Dennis Xenakis (nee Karavedas) beloved wife of the late George A. Xenakis; dear mother of Thomas G. Xenakis (Deborah) and Dennis S. Xenakis (Claire); loving grandmother of Pamela E. Xenakis, Aileen X. Kozlowski (Chris), and Caitlin C. Xenakis; dear sister of the late Constantine, George, John, Anna, Andrew, Peter and Nicholas Karavedas. She is survived by many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Service and interment private. Please omit flowers.

Memorials in her name may be made to the Upper School Library of the Boys' Latin School, 822 W. Lake Ave. Baltimore, MD 21210.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *She was such a wonderful woman. Such a joy to be around. Deepest condolences. We love you guys so much.*

The Berens

The Berens Family - January 25, 2021 at 06:43 PM

JH

“ *I have a little memory that I'd like to share...
YiaYia was such a welcoming, amazing woman. I slept over her a house a chunk of times with Caitlin when we were young, but one time in particular has always stuck with me to this day. I couldn't sleep one night. I was tossing and turning and eventually went down to the kitchen, so I wouldn't keep Caitlin up. I was just hanging out, doodling on a piece of paper, when YiaYia came in. It's like she had a sixth sense that I was up. I told her I couldn't sleep and she made me some warm milk. This was new to me. It was instantly relaxing/comforting. We chatted until my eyes got heavy and I went off to bed. I still have warm milk at night if I can't sleep and I always think back to this moment.
She was so wonderful. She will be greatly missed.*

❤️ *Jess*

Jess Hall - January 25, 2021 at 06:41 PM

SS

“ *Deny, Please my and Tim's deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and know our hearts are with you during this difficult time. Much love to you and Claire. Susan and Tim (NCC)*

susan schmidt - January 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM

HM

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you.*

*With love and hugs,
Holly and David Millman*

Holly Millman - January 25, 2021 at 09:30 AM

CW

“ Dear Denny, Tommy and Family,
I always looked forward to you Mom's visit to Parkersburg, WV. She was a steady influence to me and always very supportive with my struggles in life. She helped me keep things in perspective. Mr. X. introduced me to Ouzo. I have not touched it since a wedding long ago .LOL I still have an unopened bottle sent to me for my wedding. I will miss her visits which stopped a few years ago. A wonderful person inside and out. Hope all is well with your families.

Sincerely,
Cathy Albright Whitlatch

Cathy Albright Whitlatch - January 23, 2021 at 08:13 PM

PM

“ So sorry to hear.of the.loss of your mother. She was always a genuine lady.
We offer our condolences to you and your family

Phyllis, George and Christina Mosmiller

Phyllis Mosmiller - January 23, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JR

“ I will never forget Helen's generosity, kindness, infectious laugh and amazing cookies. Yiayia was amazing to say the least. May she rejoin her George in eternal peace, baking her magic and inspiring the rest of us.

John G. Reitz - January 22, 2021 at 06:41 PM

CP

“ Dear Denny, Tommy, and Family
Your Mom was one special lady. She made the room light up with her smile and energy. My fond memories were during the Goya years at church. What dedication she had in all that she did. She will certainly be missed by so many and will always hold a special place in my heart.
My love to all, Cindy Parrish

Cindy Parrish - January 22, 2021 at 07:48 AM

CX

Cindy,
Thank you for sharing your fond memories and kind words about our special Helen!❤️
Claire

Claire Xenakis - January 24, 2021 at 03:27 PM

KE

“ To the Family,

I remember the first time I met Helen when Deny and I were in Mortuary School together, and from that point on, she was another mother to me. Oh, the fun times we had. Words cannot express my feelings for this wonderful woman, and a spitfire to boot. You will be missed, dear lady. But, the world the way it is, you are whole again and in a much better place. You will be missed, but please keep us in your prayers up there, as we an use as many as we can get. This is Kevin, Deny's friend. (LOL)

Love, Kevin E. Ecker

Kevin E. Ecker - January 21, 2021 at 07:59 PM

CX

*Dear Kevin,
Thank you for sharing your memories and love for our "dear lady", Helen. We will indeed cherish her ever present spirt everyday of our lives!*

Claire Xenakis - January 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM

ZK

“ Dear Tommy and Denny,I

My deepest sympathy to you and your families. A beautiful soul had fallen asleep to the Lord and although very sad, I have no doubt that she has been reunited with Mr. X and both are smiling down on all of us. I was very blessed to have been in Jr. GOYA during the Mr and Mrs X era. I have so many wonderful memories of that time. I will always be grateful to them for graciously taking on the responsibilities of being our advisors.

May their memory be eternal!

*Sincerely,
Jackie Kokinos*

Z. Kokinos - January 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

EP

“ Denny, Tommy and Family,

Your mom was a very special lady. I also worked at Hutzler's Ladies Hosiery Department part-time with your mom and got to spend time with her there and I adored her and she was my mentor and knew her stock. I was always so happy to see her at church or wherever we would meet.

May her memory be eternal!

Elizabeth Ricas Petrides

Elizabeth Petrides - January 21, 2021 at 02:41 PM

MB

“ Mrs. X...so small in stature but what a large influence she was to us all. She will always be fondly remembered by many for her dedication during our GOYA years, a wonderful advisor and possibly our loudest cheerleader, during basketball tournaments, for the infamous "Big Orange Machine"! Denny, Tommy and families, I am so sorry for your loss. May her memory be eternal.

Mary (Kokinos) Bledsoe - January 21, 2021 at 01:08 PM

TB

“ Mrs. X was an incredible influence on my life. She and Mr. X were so involved with the youth at the Annunciation Cathedral, giving their time, their attention and their love to all of us. She is the Mighty Short One! I will always carry her in my heart with much gratitude for all that she did for me and the love she always showed to me. My life was enhanced by her soul.

Tee Bond - January 21, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Denny and family, There are no words. I loved her so as I know you did. She will be missed as one of the best people I had the pleasure to know. Love and hugs to all, Angel

Angel Wilhelmi - January 21, 2021 at 10:51 AM

SH

“ May her memory be eternal. A gracious lady.
Sandra Hondroulis

Sandra Hondroulis - January 21, 2021 at 10:39 AM

SW

“ Tommy, Denny and Family: What a blessing Helen was to every heart she touched! She will long be remembered for her delicious pound cakes and of course, her pumpkin bread. She was the joy and heart of Yorktowne Drive, not to mention, the Matriarch. She has been missed dearly by us since she left Yorktowne. Block parties, Halloween, Christmas and so many other memories - Helen was there for all and enjoyed each and every one. She even broke her Greek traditions and heritage to be "Irish" each year for our annual St. Patrick's Party. She was Yia Yia to our grandchildren and every child on the circle. Always had cookies or candy treats and that beautiful smile. She loved her home and she was blessed to be able to stay there for as long as she did.

Tom and Denny - you two were such devoted sons, each using your strengths and talents to make sure she was well taken care of. She is now with your Dad, sharing a cocktail and smiling down on you and your families. What a great job we did. She will continue her love for you from her eternal home. She will always be in our hearts. We loved her dearly.

Love,
Sharon and Rob

Sharon Welling - January 21, 2021 at 09:25 AM

 Helen
McShane

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Miss Helen's passing. I remember her as a lovely lady who was also my Sunday school teacher. Just a couple of years ago, she told me that she still had a necklace and I gave her as a gift when I was a little girl. It made me so happy that she had kept it for more than 80 years. My deep sympathy goes out to you Dennis, Tommy, Claire and your families. May her memory be eternal. Sending lots of prayers and hugs.
Helen Coutros McShane

Helen McShane - January 21, 2021 at 07:59 AM

 Helen
McShane

I need to amend this... She kept it from more than 55 years, not 80.

Helen McShane - January 21, 2021 at 11:20 AM

LB

Dear Deny and family, so very sorry for your loss. Helen was beautiful inside and out. She was always smiling and had such beautiful eyes. My all time favorite Pendleton customer, such a joy. May your dear mother RIP!
love, Lisa and Chuck Banknell

Lisa Banknell - January 22, 2021 at 02:59 PM

ES

*Denny, To my and family
Sending our thoughts and prayers from the McLernon family. We all loved your Mom.
She was always like seeing a ray of sunshine. May she Rest In Peace.
Tini, Erin and Kelli*

Erin Shucosky - January 23, 2021 at 05:23 PM

CB

*Deny and Tommy, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a neat lady.
Corinne Bell*

Corinne Bell - January 24, 2021 at 08:10 AM

GM

*Dear Tommy and Denny, Lamone Glyptis told me about your mother's passing. I was
very sorry to hear the news. May her memory be eternal.
Your cousin,
Georgia Xenakis McNulty*

Georgia X. McNulty - January 25, 2021 at 02:05 PM

TR

*Dear Deny & Claire, Pam and Caitlin,
We send thoughts and prayers to you all. Never easy.
Deny,
I very much enjoyed hearing about your Mom from you.
A life well lived, You and your family are a wonderful legacy to honor her.
Love,
John & Tara Runge*

Tara Runge - January 28, 2021 at 03:48 PM

VS

*Tommy, Denny and Family,
We were saddened to hear about Miss Helen. She was a fixture in the neighborhood
and have missed her since she left. I still "see" her walking around the circle- always
ready with a smile and a friendly chat. Glad she is at peace and with Mr. George.
John and Ginny Simms (Yorktowne Drive)*

Virginia Simms - January 28, 2021 at 03:54 PM