



Lila Bardaville Govatos

January 29, 1915 - August 17, 2011

Lila Bardaville Govatos, 96, of St. Joseph died Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Willows in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating her life will be held a Noon on Saturday, August 20, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Burial will be in Crystal Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 11 AM until service time. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer Association or Hospice at Home in St. Joseph. Memories may be shared at www.florin.net.

Lila was born on January 29, 1915 in Athens, Greece to Nick and Mary Bardaville. She married her husband, John Govatos, in 1938 and he preceded her in death in 1975. She assisted her husband with their family owned businesses such as the Candyland in Benton Harbor and the Oasis Party Store in Hagar Shores. She resided in Tarpon Springs, FL from 1977 to 1996 when she moved back to St. Joseph. She was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church where she was a member of the Daughters of Penelope and the Women's Auxiliary. Lila loved cooking, entertaining and dancing. She was devoted to her husband, her daughters and their families. Lila loved being surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Virginia Jean Wittmann of Stevensville, Marianne (Rick) Nichols of Grapevine, TX, and Niki (Gordon) Schreiber of St. Joseph; her sister, Sophie (Phil) Sanders of Port Charlotte, FL; her 6 grandchildren, Todd Wittmann, Carla Wittmann, Blake Froehlich, Renae Jablonowski, Kurt Schreiber, and Brent Schreiber; her 12 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her brother, John Bardaville.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Service

AUG 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Niki and family,*

I had the pleasure of meeting Lila many years ago and she was the sweetest person! She invited us to her house for a spaghetti dinner...unfortunately we never made it but I am sure it would have been delicious! I know she will gratefully missed and we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Barb Cheek and family.

Barb Cheek - August 19, 2011 at 08:27 AM

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I'm so sorry to hear of Lila's passing. I remember working with John and Lila at the Oasis Party Store and had many good times. My prayers are with you all during this time of loss....but remember that she is now in a much better place.
Greg Weir

Gregory Weir - August 19, 2011 at 11:47 PM