



Aristea Pettis

February 23, 1926 - January 20, 2024

From a child of war in her beloved Crete, Greece, to a war bride in America, to homesteading in Alaska, Aristeia Vasiloyannakis-Pettis lived a remarkable life-- a life sustained by her deep and abiding faith. Aristeia was a mother of four, grandmother of six, and great-grandmother of twelve. She lived in San Jose, California from 1962 and much of her life centered around the social and philanthropic activities of the churches she attended: St. Nicholas, and then St Basil Greek Orthodox Church. She was a founding member of the Golden Year Seniors at St. Nicholas. Her many interests included gardening, charitable works, local politics, and cooking. In 2003 she published her first book, "Yiayia's Kouzina" (Grandmother's Kitchen). This was followed by an autobiography "Courage for Survival" in 2013 highlighting the first twenty years of her life in Crete.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Memorial Park

300 Curtner Ave
San Jose, CA 95125

Previous Events

Trisagion Service

JAN 26. 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (PT)

St Basil Greek Orthodox Church
6430 Bose Lane
San Jose, CA 95120

Funeral

JAN 27. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (PT)

St Basil Greek Orthodox Church
6430 Bose Lane
San Jose, CA 95120

Graveside Service

JAN 27. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Ave
San Jose, CA 95125

Reception

JAN 27. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Ave
San Jose, CA 95125

Tribute Wall

HM

“ I was not aware that Aristeia had passed and am just now mourning her. Our families met when I was a little girl in Anchorage AK. She and my mother became forever friends, and we visited each other many times. I loved her so much...she was truly a woman that represented her faith, love and selfless caring. I know she and my mother are in the arms of our Lord reminiscing and watching over us. Thank you Aristeia for tge Blessing of knowing you and your family.

Helen McNemar - December 30, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MD

“ Rest in Peace aunt Aristeia. We will miss you.
Love you.
Joe & Mary Ellen Dion



Mary Dion - February 15, 2024 at 03:55 PM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



Sarah Griffith - January 26, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aristeia Pettis.*



January 23, 2024 at 08:44 PM