



## Vasiliki Papatolis

August 6, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Vasiliki Papatolis on August 6th, 2025. She succumbed after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Vasiliki was born in Demati, Greece on April 25th, 1944 to parents Demetrios and Anastasia Pappas. Vasiliki arrived in the United States from Greece in 1966 with her late husband Demetrios Papatolis and young son, Constantinos. They welcomed their second son, Christos, soon after. They settled among the Greek community in the Fairmount area of Philadelphia. They eventually bought a house there and together they began their journey for the "American Dream" and started a business. Vasiliki (or Bessie as she came to be known) was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She enjoyed needlework, crocheting, and knitting. She loved cooking for and spending time with her family and friends and also loved music and dancing. Bessie and her husband Jimmy were active in the Greek community.

She is predeceased by her siblings Nikos and Efthimios and her parents. She is survived by her siblings Christos (Maria)Pappas, Ioannoula Stathis, and Nicholaos (Georgia)Pappas; her children Constantinos (Maria)Papatolis and Christos (Amy)Papatolis; and her grandchildren Dimitri, Anastasia, Alexander, Arianna and Chrisovalandou; and her nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, located at 256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia. A viewing will be held from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, with the Funeral beginning at

11:00AM. Interment will be at Fernwood Cemetery, Lansdowne, PA.

May her memory be eternal.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation ([give.michaeljfox.org](http://give.michaeljfox.org)) or to St George Cathedral.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Ms. Bessie from when I lived on 27th street. My condolences to Chris and the rest of her family - may your memories of her bring more smiles than tears  
*Gina Formicola Bass*



**Gina Formicola Bass** - August 13, 2025 at 02:20 PM

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“ *Kim Cornish lit a candle in memory of Vasiliki Papatolis*



**Kim Cornish** - August 08, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Maria Papatolis** - August 08, 2025 at 09:28 AM