

Lou "Lula" Demetri



NORTH EASTHAM — Lou "Lula" Louvitakis Demetri, on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, reached out to her loving son Michael and peacefully went on to join him surrounded by her family reluctantly letting her go, knowing how much she will be missed and with the fear of losing their families' most loving and powerful member leaving them all with an aching heart, but with the comfort of knowing that Michael's arms embraced her in a reunion that she has dreamt about since he left.

Lula was born in Springfield on Sept. 19, 1923, to John and Arcudula Louvitakis. Born into a strong Greek Orthodox family, she quickly learned to value the gift of family, which led the way to her becoming the most devoted, loving mother and grandmother ever.

Lou had a passion for cooking, especially Greek pastries, and was always proud and willing to share everything she baked with everyone she knew. Cookbooks always surrounded her and the background noise in her home consisted of mixers and cooking shows.

She married her one true love, John Demetri, in October 1946 and, through endless love, hard work, respect and commitment for each other, their 63-year journey unfolded into a lifetime of accomplishments.

From 1949 to 1967, they owned and operated the Lenox Spa in Marlboro. With their love of Cape Cod, they moved in 1969 to North Eastham, where they began the Sandpiper Restaurant. Lou and John truly knew the meaning of hard work and soon became well known in Eastham for the delicious food they prepared for all their wonderful customers. Soon after expanding, they created Demetris Sandpiper, where many can recall the famous monthly Greek Nights with full-course Greek dinners prepared by Lou and John, ending with Lou's famous baklava. Nights filled with plenty of food, dancing, Greek music, belly dancing and many smiles soon became something that many people spoke of for a very long time.

Though her life was filled with much success, her greatest accomplishment was her family. She shined when they surrounded her. Every one of them was just as important as the other, and she filled with pride just mentioning one of their names. She was a positive influence in every one of their lives and taught them all values they would never find in all the books in every library in the world. They are all better people because she loved them. She will be missed but always in their hearts.

Besides her loving husband of 63 years, John Demetri, she is survived by her children, James Demetri and his wife Donna of North Eastham, Lillian Arsenault and her husband Tim of Saint Albans, Maine, twins the late Michael Demetri and his wife Janet of North Eastham, and Elaine Gremila and her husband Barry of North Eastham; 12 grandchildren, Kerry Arsenault Veara and her husband Manny, Michael Arsenault, Paul Arsenault, Jamie Demetri Rivers and her husband Matt, Tiffany Gremila Krum and her husband Brad, Jonathan Gremila, Tiana Gremila, Alana Demetri, Jessica Gremila, Timmy

Arsenault, Ben Arsenault and Karina Arsenault; and four great-grandsons, Manny Veara, Dylan O'Keefe, Michael Arsenault Jr. and Griffin Krum. She was predeceased by several siblings, brothers George Louvitakis, Socrates Louvitakis and Anthony Martinmianakis, and sisters Mary Danalis, Cathrine Geronimos and Helen Psilos.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Nickerson Funeral Home, 77 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, Route 28, Centerville. Burial service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lou's favorite charity: Pan Mass Challenge, c/o Elaine Gremila, P.O. Box 1025, North Eastham, MA 02651; or to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Centerville, MA.

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