



## Dorothy Marie Kehayias

November 29, 1933 - October 15, 2025

Dorothy Marie (Willis) Kehayias fell asleep peacefully on, Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at the age of 91; she was surrounded by her family, showering her with love, comfort, and stories of heartfelt memories. Dorothy was born on November 29, 1933, in the township of Kaw, in Kansas City, Missouri, to her parents Elizabeth (Carson) and Edward Willis; she was raised by her stepdad "Daddy", Pete Salidas, after Edward passed away when Dorothy was young.

Dorothy lived a long life, focused on motherhood, family, faith, and friends. She met the love of her life, Chris Kehayias, at a young age, wed on January 14, 1951, and they celebrated 49 years of marriage. They shared their faith and beliefs with the Eastern Orthodox Greek Church.

Dorothy cherished her life as a housewife, being able to stay home for her 4 children was important to her husband and herself. She loved to cook amazing feasts and host beautiful dinner parties for family and friends to gather and create amazing memories that would last a lifetime. She had a creative mind that showed beautifully through her love of needlepoint and crafting. She spent many of her later years living at their lake house in Mound City, KS. She found joy in fishing, going out on the pontoon, swimming with her grandkids, cooking out for the entire family to enjoy, and found serenity in watching the sun rise and set over the water every day.

Dorothy was preceded in death by Elizabeth Carson (mother), Edward Willis (father), "Daddy" Pete Salidas (stepdad), Raymond Willis (brother), Chris Kehayias (husband), Steve Kehayias (son), Carl Woods (son-in-law), Christopher Woods (grandson), George Carson (uncle), and many other loved ones.

Dorothy is survived by 3 of her kids, William Kehayias, James Kehayias, and Mary Woods, her 4 grandsons, Chris Heller, Patrick Woods, Edward Woods, and Steve Kehayias; her 4 granddaughters, Angela Heller, Stephanie Horsley (Kehayias), Stacie Ambrose (Kehayias), and Carly Woods; her 15 Great Grandkids, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and many other loved ones.

Dorothy's family has planned a private graveside service at Maple Hill, Kansas City, KS.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

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# Events

**Details are pending.**