



# Penelope "Penny" Karakosta Grabova

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**M**rs. Penelope "Penny" Karakosta Grabova. Born August 21, 1935 died April 5, 2023. She was a First generation Albanian-American born to Gus and Roksani Karakosta in Illinois but called Florida home. She married Zoi Grabova in June of 1958 and together raised four daughters, Karen, Sharen, Dorene and Eileen. Penny and Zoi were very dedicated to the Greek Orthodox faith. They were one of the founding couples of the St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church of Miami, Florida. Penny was an active member of the Philoptohos and Daughters of Penelope for many years. Penny had the gift of hospitality and loved to entertain friends and family. She enriched the lives of all she touched; whether it be with her fine cooking, beautiful sewing or hilarious game playing and practical jokes. Penny was fun loving, generous and kind to all who knew her. She will be forever missed. She leaves behind her four daughters: Karen (Mark) Cable, Sharen (Ben)Fowler, Dorene (Craig) Grabova, and Eileen (Harry II) Demiris. Ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



## Events


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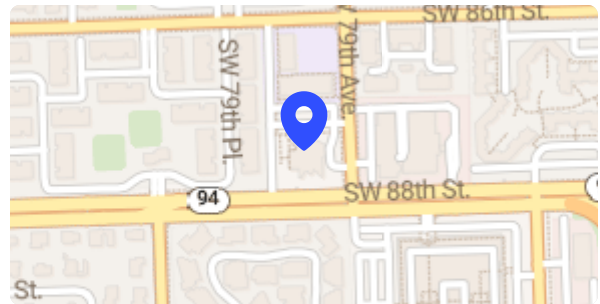
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### Mass of Christian Burial


 **Saturday**, April 22, 2023

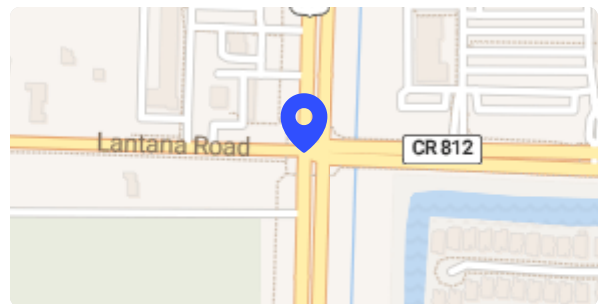
 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church**  
7901 N Kendall Dr, Miami FL 33156



### Cemetery Details

 **South FL VA National Cemetery**  
6501 S. State Rd 7, Lake Worth FL





## Tribute Wall

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ED

**Eileen Demiris** posted:

If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile. Because remembering her is easy, do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away. Mom love you a bushel and a Peck

April 21 at 9:09 PM

TR

**Tera Rockett** posted:

Sharen, my heart goes out to you at the loss of your mother. I had the pleasure to meet her a couple times over the years, and she was such a sweetheart and always had a smile on her face. Sending prayers to you and Ben and your family. Much love, Tera Rockett Carolina Style Chorus

April 21 at 1:40 PM

SF

**Sharen Grabova Fowler** April 25 at 8:20 AM

Thank you Tera. Mom always loved being around everyone at chorus and she was always so proud of all our accomplishments. She knew I was in good hands with all my chorus buddies. Love you girl.

CC

**Cathy C Chauncy** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. While I never had the honor of meeting Ms Penny, I know she was a wonderful person because I know she raised a wonderful daughter. Love you Sharen...and family. Cathy Chauncy Carolina Style Chorus

April 21 at 5:57 AM

SF

**Sharen Grabova Fowler** April 25 at 8:22 AM

Thank you Cathy, you would have loved her. She was such a party animal.



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**Belinda Jaco** posted:

Miss Penny was so much fun to be around She roomed with our quartet a couple of years at competition, that's when I really grew to love her. She did not mince words about our rooms, our food and she lived pur singing abd was a Fantastic fan. We love you Miss Penny and know for certain Heaven is a richer place as now you are living with Our Lord.Love you,Belinda JacoLead in "Freestyle Quartet"

April 21 at 1:34 AM



**Sharen Grabova Fowler** April 25 at 8:27 AM

Aww, Belinda. She sure was a big fan of ours, especially the quartet. She was so proud of the fact that we sang at the White House and told everyone she knew. Thank you for being there with me through these difficult times. You all have been my rock. Love you friend.



**Cyndy Bailey** posted:

Two years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Penny when she was staying with her daughter Karen, in Arizona.Penny came to my tea party.I was so taken with how Penny chatted with all the ladies. Her huge, genuine smile will always be remembered.

April 20 at 8:44 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Karakosta Grabova. family.



April 20 at 8:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Karakosta Grabova. family.



April 20 at 3:03 PM



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**Dorene Grabova** posted:

You were one of a kind and will be missed by all of the lives you touched. Until we are all together again in God's Garden.

April 20 at 6:43 AM



**Dorene Grabova** April 25 at 5:03 AM

Amen



**Marian Nickel** April 21 at 5:16 AM

A wonderful lady who loved life, family and friends. Always ready for an adventure or a prank on some unsuspecting family or friend. On cruises, always the organizer who put together the most fantastic and pleasurable experiences of the entire cruise! God has just received a social planner to outdo the rest. Rest in Peace Penny, You have earned every little star in your enormous crown!!!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Penelope "Penny" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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