



## Stella Tsiringas

February 12, 1939 - August 8, 2011

Stella Tsiringas (nee Plerhoples) was born Feb. 12, 1938, in Penns Grove, N.J., one of four children born to Mary and Thomas Plerhoples. Mary had immigrated to the United States as an infant, and Thomas was born in the U.S. to parents also from Mytilene, Greece. Stella and her brothers, George, Bill, and Jim, grew up in Penns Grove with their parents and grandmother on a small farm. Stella graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1956. After high school, she began a 36-year career with the DuPont Co., starting out in the Chambers Works, and later she was promoted to Benefits Specialist at the Wilmington, Del., headquarters office. In her role in the Benefits Unit, she was a tireless advocate for the rights of DuPont employees. Stella married Zinon Tsiringas in November 1972. Together they enjoyed travel, family gatherings, and good food. They were avid baseball and soccer fans, and Stella remained a loyal Phillies fan to the end. Many of us enjoyed Stella's loyal devotion to the Phillies; we will always think of Stella when we see any Phillies game and we will remember her joyous reaction to great games and her despair during not so great games.

After Zinon and Stella's retirement, the couple moved to Spring Hill, Fla., in 1994 where they enjoyed the warm weather and a lovely home. Zinon died in 1997, and Stella deeply missed his loving companionship. She carried on and found support in the many friends she made in Florida, both in her neighborhood and her church.

During her early years and when she lived in Delaware, Stella was a devoted

and active member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, and an officer in the Greek Orthodox Youth Association, an officer in Philoptohos, and on the board at the church. In Florida Stella worshiped at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Port Richey, and she held several parish council offices including president, treasurer, and recording secretary. She was also treasurer of Philoptohos and president of the Young at Heart of St. George. In Florida, she also gave countless hours of volunteer service in the church office and enjoyed a wide circle of support and friendship from parishioners. Even though Stella's health declined, she did not let up on her church volunteer activities. She was honored by being given the St. Michael's Award and honored by the St. George Philoptohos Society as Woman of the Year. Her work with the Greek Church has been as ceaseless and enduring as her legacy at DuPont.

Since 2002, Stella successfully battled cancer first with radiation and then with monthly chemotherapy. Her family is grateful for the help of the care team at the Moffitt Cancer Center. We are also thankful to friends who accompanied her to therapy, visited her, and took food to her.

Stella loved her family. She delighted in keeping up with her brothers, nieces, nephews and was enthralled by her grand-nieces. She loved her sister-in-law's family and stayed in close contact with the Tsurtsuris family. In keeping with the Greek tradition, she felt deep love and responsibility for her godson Peter Kamenakis and his children, and she enjoyed a close relationship with his family. Despite her illness, she was able to travel north for important family events this past year.

Stella died on August 8, 2011; she will be remembered for her generosity of spirit, her work ethic, and, most importantly, for the love and support she gave to her family and to her many friends.

A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated 11 AM Friday in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 808 N. Broom St., Wilmington, DE. There will be no visitation.

At Stella's request, contributions in Stella's name may be made to St. George

Greek Orthodox Church Newport Richey, Florida Or Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Wilmington, DE.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ashcraft Funeral Homes, Penns Grove and Pennsville, NJ. [www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com)

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“ I am so sorry to learn about your loss. Please know that you are not alone. God will be with you to comfort and strengthen you. Keep his promises close to your heart. His Word assures us that our loved ones will truly be remembered and soon they will be brought back to life here, on earth, in an earthly paradise. (John 5:28,29) Please accept my deepest sympathies and my prayer for peace for you and your entire family.

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