



Obituary

Died: Monday, December 7, 2015

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sun Dec 13, 2015

Celentano Funeral Home

424 Elm Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

9:30 AM Mon Dec 14, 2015

St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

480 Racebrook Rd.
Orange, CT 06477

Helen Basel Faraclas, 89, of Branford, passed away

peacefully at Yale-New Haven Hospital on December 7,

surrounded by her family. She was born in New Haven on

June 10, 1926, to the late William and Antiope Basel. She

married her one and only sweetheart, George Nicholas

Faraclas, with whom she spent 65 loving years of marriage,

characterized by faith, family, charity, and laughter. She will

be remembered for energy and kindness that were boundless

and for her warm, perpetual smile. A devoted mother,

grandmother and great grandmother, Helen's greatest joy

was spending time with family. A proud communicant of,

and tirelessly active volunteer at, Saint Barbara's Greek

Orthodox Church in Orange, she spent over 50 years as a

dedicated member of the church choir and Philoptochos

Society. For 35 years she played a prominent role in the

church's annual Odyssey Festival as chairperson of

“Treasures ‘n Junque,” a labor of love, collecting and selling

tens of thousands of items to benefit the church. For 30 years,

Helen loved working alongside her siblings and their spouses

at Basel's Restaurant in New Haven where she served the

area's best Greek food and taught Greek dancing. When not

working, she enjoyed playing cards and was a diehard Red

Sox fan.

Helen leaves her daughter, Anne, of Branford, son William

(Kara), of Southbury, and son Paul (Jacqueline), of North

Branford; six grandchildren, Elias (Erin), Christian

(Christine), Farah, Azer, Allison and Kristen; great-

grandsons, Tristan and Devin; siblings Louis Basel of Derby,

Florence Barakis of Branford and Edward (Lillian) Basel of

East Haven; and in-laws Helen and John Karanzias, Marion

and Fred Scimone and Pearl Faraclas. She was predeceased

by husband George, in-laws Marie Basel and Stanley

Barakis. Friends may call at **The Celentano Funeral Home,**

424 Elm St. (cor. Dwight) New Haven Sunday from 4 to 8

PM, and are invited to attend funeral services at Saint

Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Road,

Orange, Monday, December 14, at 9:30 AM, with interment

in Beavertdale Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Saint Barbara Building Fund in Orange, CT.