

## MARIA KOULOGIANIS

The Voice from the Pavement - Peter Adamis 11 May 2014



Who was Maria Koulogiannis is a question that many may ask. I for one cannot remember her as a youngster as I was far too young. But Maria knew of me as she was a few years older and we were both born in the same village called Pellana. In fact were related in some obscure way and it would not be for some forty years later that we came into contact with each other again.

Maria would often write to me in Australia during the time I was a single father of four sons and only through my parents did I in fact become acquainted with Maria. Her communication with me was in regards to our village and her letters to me were all about her passion for the village.

In her letters she would write about people that she knew in Australia and of her relatives who had decided to live in Australia rather than America (USA). Maria had left Pellana and went to live in the USA while others of her kin travelled to Australia. Only through the occasional visit to Pellana would she meet up with her relatives and friends of her youth.



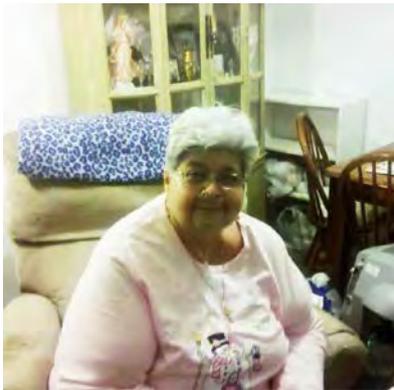
**Maria's family in the USA.** As time wore on and her letters became few I thought that Maria had moved on with her life and had relocated to another part of the USA. I got remarried to my lovely wife Yovanna and we made our home in the leafy suburb of Watsonia. Although our home was open to the four boys, they had all grown into young men and one by one left the nest so to speak. Terrible

time for me as I was and still close to my boys.

Having digressed I must add that out of the blue I received an email from Maria stating that she had moved and that she happened to visit the website that I had created on Pellana. Maria was overcome with emotion that someone from her own village had created a site specific for the village and would send me emails advising of any changes to her life and of the people that she had met.

One such person was Great Uncle Chris (Margarites) Thodoropoulos who lived and is still living at the time of writing in Chicago USA at the age of 103. In fact years later the son of Chris, George Thodoropoulos advised me that he had also met Maria and that he had helped her relocate to Florida. It was becoming a small world indeed. George and I keep in regular contact along with many others whose origins are from Pellana. Below is an extract of George Thodoropoulos message to me on his interaction with Maria.

*I tried calling Maria this past week while on the road...I had not heard from her in a while, so your news about her saddened me. Although I never met her until last October, I had talked to her periodically on the phone about my dad for about 10 years. I helped her find the apartment she was living in via a few referrals I gave her when she was looking for a place to live in Florida...She was very grateful for the help. I made a point of visiting with her when I passed through on business. We spent the entire day visiting, eating and driving....a very nice lady to say the least and she will be missed. George Todd Thodoropoulos 12:21pm Jul 21 Face book.*



During this time I also ventured onto Face book and to a new world of social media. I soon found that Maria had also mastered Face book and we would often converse with each other using this new social media.

I would often visit her online page and view all of her photographs and keep up to date with her family get together and other information related to the village and Pellana website.

I am sad to say that I never got to meet Maria as she lived in the USA and despite a few visits back to the old village and place of our birth, our paths never crossed. Her passing came as a complete shock to me even though I was made aware that she was having treatment for health related reasons and it was thought judging by her positive comments that she was doing well and keep on top of things. At no stage did she make us feel that she was losing the battle and at no time did she seek sympathy but had a positive word for all and asunder.



Her passing was a tragic loss to the many that knew her and I for one knew that I would miss her positive and likely comments. As such I promised myself that when the time came, I would sit down and write a small article to Maria Koulogiannis, a woman who I never met but nevertheless felt some bond with as a result of our place of birth, Pellana. As a tribute to Maria I copied all of her Face book messages and photographs and created an article specially dedicated to her. The 'Condolence's Section' alone tell a story and of the people she touched. The photographs also communicate to all a mother who brought up her children in a world far from her birthplace and the selected comments are also a tribute to Maria.

I am a great believer in recording the lives of those people who make a difference to the lives others. Maria Koulogiannis during her life touched many people and such deserves to be remembered not only as a Pellaniote but someone who kept alive her heritage and love of life by passing it onto her children and encouraging others to do the same.



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## PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUM









## FACEBOOK COMMENTS

MESSAGE TO (GEORGIA SAVVIDIS) FRIEND OF MARIA KOULOGIANIS Dear Georgia, As we are not connected via Facebook I am writing to you via Maria Koulogianis facebook connection. My name is Peter Adamis. I live in Melbourne Australia. My father this evening advised me that Maria Koulogianis had passed away. Please tell me that its not true. My father was advised by his sisterwho lives in Pellana Greece. My email address for contact is abalinx@netspace.net.au or pellana@netspace.net.au Can you please advise me urgently. Regards Peter

[Georgia Savvidis](#)

Peter. I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news but yes. Maria has passed and gone with God.

[Peter Adamis](#)

Thank you Georgia, It is very much appreciated. Maria was a beautiful human being Thank you again Peter  
[Peter Adamis](#)

Dear Kathy, My name is Peter Adamis from Melbourne Australia. Can you please advise me on the health status of Maria Koulogianis. My father gave me some bad news tonight. News he received from Pellana Greece. I hope that Maria is fine. You may contact me also via email at abalinx@netspace.net.au Regards  
Peter Adamis

[Kathy Plouffe Koulogianis](#)

Dear Peter, I am sorry to tell you that Maria passed peacefully on the 18th surrounded by her family. If you'd like to contact one of her children this is her daughter <https://www.facebook.com/auntietulla>

[Peter Adamis](#)

Dear Kathy, Thank you ever so much. I have sent Tulla message of condolence. Maria was a beautiful human being. Thank you again. Peter Adamis

[Kathy Plouffe Koulogianis](#)

You are welcome. Yes she was a beautiful person and was blessed that she had all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with her.

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#### **TO TULLA CONWAY (MARIAS DAUGHTER)**

My dearest Tulla, On behalf of my mother and father (Vasilios and Calliopi Adamis, Myself and family and all of our relatives whose origins are from Pellana, we send you our sincere condolences to you and your siblings and family. My father was advised of your dear mother Maria. Your mother and I corresponded with each other over the years as we both had a love of our village Pellana. Your mother was a fighter and never gave up from what I could gather from her correspondence. May she rest in peace in the bosom of our creator. She was a great and beautiful human being. Condolences to all. We shall remember her in our prayers. Peter Adamis Melbourne Australia.

[Tulla Conway](#)

July 11 via iLoader for iOS

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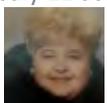
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"Go..." on [Tulla Conway's](#) photo.

"Χρόνια πολα να τα εκατοστισις ..." on [Pitsa Rassia's](#) status.

".'" on [Theo Smirnios's](#) photo.

". Τι πολα νανα πουμέ ε τυ ταξικά..." on [Foto](#) [omorfies's](#) photo.

[Georgia Savvidis](#)

Maria. Thank you. I promise to call you. I can't get my mom on the phone with too many people but I will try my best to get her to talk to you. Its still new to her. She is still shocked. Thank you. Talk to you soon. :-)

"Happy anniversary Garrett's manny..." on [Freda Katsetos-Stanton's](#) status.

"My beautiful wildflower I love..." on [Michelle McKean's](#) photo.

Maria likes [Bobbi Brown Cosmetics](#).

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Maria started using Facebook for iPhone.

[Marcus A King](#)

[Kathy Plouffe Koulogianis](#)

Miss you Thea! ♥

[Maria Koulogianis](#) Miss.you.to.I.love.you.to.allways.Thea.Maria.

June 23 at 5:02am

#### CONDOLENCES - IN MEMORY OF MARIA KOULOGIANIS

Maryline

Tulla and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tuesday July 24, 2012

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Tulla and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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Laura

In looking at your mom's pictures, she looks great! I am sure she had a wonderful life and was blessed by her family. She is in God's hands now, and has a new journey to fulfill. Bless you and your family during this time.

Tuesday July 24, 2012

Marti

Tulla, I am so sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, Marti

Monday July 23, 2012

Tatiana Harden

Dear Tulla, I am very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family!

Monday July 23, 2012

Latorra Randle

Tulla and Family, I want to extend my prayers to you and your family doing this time. Let us know if you need anything.

We are all here for you. Our s to you. Love you Tulla!!!

Monday July 23, 2012

Dwaine Angus

Tulla like God's prayers be with your family and you.

Monday July 23, 2012

Stefanie Cataldo

Tulla and family- Your in my thoughts and prayers!

Monday July 23, 2012

Georgia Houndris Savvidis

Dearest Tulla and family. My most sincere s for your mom. She was an amazing and strong woman. May God rest her soul and may she always be with you in spirit. Love Georgia & Stathi

Saturday July 21, 2012

Scott & Debbie Palucci

Dear Peter, Cheryl, Heather, Peter and family, We are so sorry to hear about Maria. Sending our love and prayers. Scott, Debbie, Amanda, and Sean

Saturday July 21, 2012

The Sigalos family

dear tulla and family we just herd about your mom today. we are so sorry for you loss. she was a wonderful person and she will be missed by all that knew her. may her memory be eternal.

Friday July 20, 2012

Peter Adamis

s to Maria Koulogianis children family and relatives. A dear friend Maria Koulogianis whose origins are from Pellana Lakonia Greece. Correspondence over the years on her love for place of birth and the people she met made her a special person. Maria was a wonderful human being and will be sadly missed. s and may she rest in peace. Our prayers are with her family. Peter Adamis, Vasilios and Calliope Adamis families - Melbourne Australia,

Friday July 20, 2012

Melissa (1st grandchild)

Gramma I miss u so much already!!!! I love u so much!!!! I can't wait for Nate and Isabelle to get older so I can share all the stories and good memories of u with them. God couldn't have blessed me with a better gramma or Yia Yia for me and my children! Thank u so much for everything u have done for me, all the advice and guidance u have given me on how to be a good mom, and all of the joy and laughter u brought into me and my kids life. U will always be in my heart and I look forward to being with u again some day!!!!!! Xoxoxoxo from me, Marcus, Nate, and Isabelle!!!!!!

Friday July 20, 2012

Brittany Gibson

I would like to extend my most heart felt s to the family and friends during this time of greif. I had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful woman and know her to be a very loving Grandmother and now Great Grandmother to Missy and ger children. Eventhough your heart is breaking find comfort in the open arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Brittany

Friday July 20, 2012

<http://www.curlewhills.com/book-of-memories/1279661/Koulogianis-Maria/view-s.php?Printable=true>