Evanthea N. Condakes, of Swampscott, Massachusetts, passed away Friday afternoon, September 12, to join her late beloved husband, Leo P. Condakes. She was surrounded by her beloved family at her home.

Born and bred in Boston Massachusetts, Eve, as she is known, loved her church and her family above all else. The daughter of an old Boston Greek-American family, Eve was a trailblazer in all her endeavors, both in the business world and in within the embracing family of her Greek Orthodox Church, while all the time being the matriarch of her large family of sons and daughters-in-law, step-children and grandchildren, and her recently born pride and joy, her great granddaughter.
Eve also took great pride in her involvement with Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts, where she and her late husband Leo were benefactors who funded the establishment of its Gallery of East Greek Art, which bears their names.

Eve was educated in the Boston public school system, and later took classes at Boston University, before completing her education at Marion Court College, where she later became a trustee and the recipient of the school’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Eve was among the first wave of American women entering the executive ranks of the business world. In the mid-1950s, eager to help support her young family, Eve drove through a hurricane from Keene, NH, where she was then living, to Boston for an interview in Boston that led to her appointment as regional sales manager in the then-fledgling company called Avon Products, whose business model was to hire housewives to shop cosmetics door-to-door. For the next several decades, Eve hired and deployed a sales forces throughout New England whose success contributed to making Avon Products a household word.

Behind her business successes loomed the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral at the corner of Parker and uggles Street in Boston, where her mother and father were church members and within whose walls Eve’s character was forged. Holly committed to her church and faith, Eve rose to become the president of the National Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos society, a philanthropic organization headquartered in New York, where she served two terms. Eve was also the first woman appointed to the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100, a group of the church’s most powerful benefactors. It was a position that allowed her to marry her business experience with her faith. She and her late husband Leo also visited the Patriarchate, in Istanbul, the center of Greek Orthodoxy, on numerous occasions, where they were also major benefactors.

Among the other recognitions, Eve served as a former member of the Massachusetts Governor’s Commission on the Status of women, was a board member of the visiting nurses association and she was awarded several honors, including for her singular support of the creation of a museum last year at the Boston Cathedral, and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, among other numerous awards. The Ellis Island awards are presented annually in the island’s Great Hall, in tribute to the ancestry groups that comprise America’s unique and dynamic cultural mix, to American citizens of diverse origins for their outstanding contributions to their communities, their nation and the world.

A proud and strong matriarch, Eve is survived by her two sons and their wives and children her four step children and their families her first great grandchild her nieces and nephews and their families and her beloved brother Peter Collatos.

Her children are: Nicholas P. Koskores and his wife Mary. Theodore Koskores and his wife Karen Stephanie Torski, and her husband Gregory Elizabeth Condakes Peter Condakes and acuceline Condakes and her husband Christopher Hubbard.

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