





**Full Military Honors Funeral Service for  
Van Angello Keriakos,  
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (Ret.)  
Arlington National Cemetery  
1100 Hours May 21, 2003**

Transfer Point

Procession to Grave Site

Ceremonial Brass, USAF Band  
Color Team, USAF Honor Guard  
Honor Guard, USAF Honor Guard  
Caisson Platoon, Old Guard, USA

Call to Worship

Dr. Harry G. Winsheimer  
Associate Pastor, The National Presbyterian Church

Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Old Testament Readings

Isaiah 40:28-31; 41:9-10

New Testament Readings

I Peter 1:3-5

Revelation 21 & 22, *excerpts*

Prayer of Committal

Military Honors

Chaplain Captain Mark Thomas  
3 Rifle Volleys, USAF Honor Guard  
Playing of Taps, USAF Band  
Ceremonial Folding of Flag, USAF Honor Guard

Flag Presentation

Arlington Lady



Van Angello Keriakos, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (Ret.)  
July 19, 1929 – April 24, 2003

Van A. Keriakos was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on July 19, 1929. He was the son of Van Angello and Irene Keriakos. He often recalled his parents' deep faith, love of family, commitment to community, and dedication to country as a map for his own faith journey. He remembered their courage and sacrifice. His parents immigrated to the United States when they were forced from their homes in Focce, near Smyrna, along with other members of the Greek community in Turkey. Van often recalled his father's confectionary shop and the vegetable garden; his mother's service in the community, church, and home; their care for children, relatives, others here and in Greece.

Van's family moved to Washington, DC, in 1942 shortly before his father's death. They made the area their life-long home. The family was active in St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church. Van graduated from Central High School in 1947 and from George Washington University in 1956.

In 1948 Van entered the Air Force. He served as a Greek interpreter at Randolph Field, TX, before commencing navigator training at Ellington AFB in class 50-F. Upon graduation he was assigned to MATS and performed duties at Westover AFB, MA, McChord AFB, WA, and Tachikawa, Japan.

Van left active duty in 1953 and completed 20 years in the Air Force Reserves, primarily as a CRAF navigator. His Reserve duty stations included Andrews AFB, MD, Dover AFB, DE and the Washington, DC area. He was rated as a navigator for C-54, C-97, C-124, C-130, and C-141 aircraft. He flew in Greenland, Europe, North Africa, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, Vietnam, and Central America. As a Lieutenant Colonel, Van commanded the USAF detachment of a tri-service wartime information security unit. Van retired from the Air Force in 1989 with master navigator rating.

As a civilian, Van was program manager with F/A-18, B-52, F-101B, RF-101B Flight Simulator programs. He also held positions as financial analyst and budget manager. He worked for E-Systems (Melpar Division), Sperry Corp., Westinghouse, and Page Communications.

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Van was committed to encouraging people, nurturing relationships, and supporting community. He loved the Lord and was grateful for the gifts of each day. He served as Deacon, Elder, Stephen Minister, and Sunday school teacher at The National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. He served on the Board of Directors and, in 2001-2003, as President of the Air Force Navigators Observers Association. He was a precinct Election Chief of the Loudoun County, VA, Electoral Board.

With a legacy of love, service, and righteousness, Van leaves his wife, Kim Waters Keriakos; three daughters, Susan Lewis, Paula Veevers, and Vanessa Reyda; son-in-laws Jon Lewis, Graham Veevers and Vince Reyda; seven grandchildren: Sarah, Angela and Stephen Lewis; Michelle and Caroline Veevers; Victoria and Madelyn Reyda; his sister, Mary K. Cheakalos, and brother, Gus V. Keriakos; and his nieces, nephews, and many other beloved family and friends.

*Faith, Hope, and Love abide, these three;  
but the greatest of these is Love.*

I Cor. 13:13

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection  
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.