



Juana "Joanna" Maria Olivencia (Martinez)

December 4, 1951 - April 18, 2022

JOANNA (MARTINEZ) OLIVENCIA

Joanna M. (Martinez) Olivencia 70, of North Tonawanda passed away peacefully at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Monday, April 18, 2022, surrounded by her family. Born in Coamo, Puerto Rico, Joanna was one of nine children and beloved daughter of the late Ramon and Cesaria Martinez. Predeceased by her siblings, Julie Rivera, Carmen Gonzalez, Tomasita and Jose Luis Martinez.

Loving and wonderful mother of Nathan, Jamin and Jordan Olivencia. Proud grandmother of Jasmyne and Antonio Olivencia.

Cherished sister of Luz Maria (the late Porfirio) Garcia, Virginia (the late Marcelo) Rosado, Theresa (Richard) Reaser and Elena (Kevin) McGinnis. Loving Aunt of Hector (the late Joy) Haggerty. Sister-in-law of Miguel Rivera. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and friends.

Joanna was a 1971 graduate of North Tonawanda High School and worked for Praxair in Town of Tonawanda where she retired in 2015.

Joanna was a fun, loving person with a unique sense of humor. She was always considered the "Cool" aunt by her nieces and nephews. Her hobbies included experimental cooking at which she became very good at. She enjoyed gambling at the casino and spent her downtime watching movies. She collected marionettes and was a huge fan of Tennis, Football and spending Sunday dinners with her children. Her daily group phone calls were one of the highlights of her day. Joanna played a major role in planning her

yearly family reunion and enjoyed crashing "Cousins day" when her nieces and nephews would get together.

Her quick wit and one liners were hysterical when telling stories. She will be greatly and deeply missed and family reunions will never be the same without her.

There will be no prior visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 25, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Jude The Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd. Flowers gratefully declined.

Arrangements by Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Avenue
Town Tonawanda, NY 14120

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Jude the Apostle Parish
800 Niagara Falls Blvd.
North Tonawanda, NY

Tribute Wall

HH

“ So sorry to hear you are gone. We were childhood friends when your family lived on Ransom Street. Rest in eternal peace. You and your family will be in my prayers 🙏.

Helen Burdo Hart - January 26, 2024 at 02:19 PM

MA

“ Nate, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Marc & Tracey Homs

Marc - April 25, 2022 at 10:16 AM

MD

“ To the Martinez Family
I am so sad to hear the news of Joanna's passing. It seems like our old Ransom Street neighborhood family as well as the class of '71 has dissipated quite a bit. May God bless all of you during this period in time.

Love to all!

Mike DeMart

Mike DeMart - April 22, 2022 at 06:12 PM

AB

“ Sorry for your loss. I retired from there also.

Al Benker - April 20, 2022 at 04:52 PM

JP

“ Joanna and I go way back to when we were all a part of Kacios nightclub on Niagara Street. She was always a delight to be around and she gave us 3 great children.
I will always have fond memories of her and her entire family.

Jeff Perla

Jeff Perla - April 20, 2022 at 04:19 PM

CA

“ She was so special! “One of a kind.” My favorite aunt. Brave, strong, and wise. I’m going to miss everything about her. Until we meet again! I love you so much aunt Joanna 🥰❤️💕🙏

Christina Alvarez - April 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM