



## Linda Gagliardotto

March 1, 1948 - July 19, 2017

Linda Gagliardotto (nee Caldarella), 69, passed away on July 19, 2017 in Watchung, NJ.

Linda was born and raised in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. She was an alumna of Kingsborough College and worked as an educator for over 30 years at both Susan E. Wagner High School and Tottenville High School, where she taught business and special education. She dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. She also loved to travel and enjoyed time spent with her friends and family.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Ascend Health Hospice for their support in her final days.

Linda was the beloved wife of 44 years to Michael; loving mother of David and his wife Nicole, and Gia and her husband Thomas. She was a cherished grandmother of Dylan, Chase, Colin, Christian, and Elle; and a dear sister of Joseph Caldarella and his wife, Janet.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:30 a.m, on Saturday at St. Thomas The Apostle Church located at 50 Maguire Avenue Staten Island, New York 10309. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Friday at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, which was Linda's request, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

JUL 22. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas The Apostle Church  
6097 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Tribute Wall

NI

“ Ms, G was the very best, she was my typing teacher in Tottenville High School, Staten Island. I had her class by chance because i was taken out of Spanish. Got no credit for spanish and instead got "new admittance" whatever that means. She taught me the best typing skills I still use to this day. She would tell me to say it to myself and it always works. If I type something wrong, I hear her voice tell me "say it to yourself" and when I do, it always works. She was the best teach I think I ever had. So nice, so respectful and really a great teacher. I miss her and think of her alot, so today I was thinking about her and decided to share this. I miss her though I haven't seen her in a long while. I hope one day we can meet again. Seriously one of the nicest people I ever met, I can't express that enough. Thank you Ms. G.

*From your student from back in the day.  
nicky F.*

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nicky - September 08, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ Linda Gagliardotto

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

QY

“ Qing Y. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.



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Qing Y. - July 22, 2017 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ *David & Barbara Spizzirro purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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**David & Barbara Spizzirro** - July 21, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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July 21, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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July 21, 2017 at 09:37 AM

“ Dear David and Nicole,  
I never met your mother/mother-in-law Linda but she looked like a vibrant and wonderful person. I am so sad to hear of her passing, but she deserved rest for all the suffering she must have endured. She will always be in your heart and in your mind and that someday you will be together again in a happier, peaceful place. Just hold tight to her memories and think of her as her spirit is still alive, waiting for you just around the corner.

*Below is a poem I received when my mother and sister passed away.*

*Gone From My Sight*  
by Henry Van Dyke  
"A Parable of Immortality" by Henry van Dyke.

*I am standing by the seashore.  
A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze  
and starts for the blue ocean.  
She is an object of beauty and strength,  
and I stand and watch  
until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud  
just where the sun and sky come down to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says, 'There she goes!  
Gone where? Gone from my sight - that is all.*

*She is just as large in mast and hull and spar  
as she was when she left my side  
and just as able to bear her load of living freight  
to the places of destination.  
Her diminished size is in me, not in her.*

*And just at the moment when someone at my side says,  
'There she goes! ',*

*there are other eyes watching her coming,  
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout :  
'Here she comes!'*

*My sincerest prayers to your family for comfort knowing she is now  
finally resting.*

*Roseanne Circelli.*

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**Roseanne Circelli** - July 21, 2017 at 06:36 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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July 20, 2017 at 10:06 PM

“ I was most fortunate to be considered the "so-called" adopted member of the Caldarella Family when we lived upstairs in their two family house on 82nd Street in Bensonhurst Brooklyn from 1953 to 1964. Linda and I were both in elementary school at the time we moved in. My parents worked, mother during the day and father during a night shift. Typically, when I came home from school, I would stop in to play with Linda and have milk and Mary's delicious homemade cookies. Almost every Sunday, Mary, and Sal would invite me to join them for the traditional Italian dinner at 3:00 pm. I felt they were my second set of parents. I remember that Linda and I would play in her room before Sunday dinner while I anxiously awaited one of Mary's delicious specialties, her escarole soup.

Even though I came from a Jewish family and felt so close to the Caldarellas, I learned more about the Catholic traditions than I did my own. I often accompanied Linda on her Saturday afternoon ritual, going to Church for Confession. I wished I could follow Linda into the Confession booth because I thought it was wonderful to be able to talk to the priest and share my sins at ten, eleven and 12 years of age.

In keeping with the annual traditions, all of us colored Easter eggs and decorated the Christmas tree, Linda, brother Joseph and I would do our best to place the ornaments on the tree without breaking them. We did this together until my family moved away in 1964. .We never did lose touch, Linda and Michael continued the tradition of inviting my family, husband Norman and me to their holiday dinners both Christmas and Easter for many years after we were both married. Linda was as good a cook and baker as her Mom. I will never forget the love I felt being a part of Linda's family.

The long friendship between Linda and Michael and Joseph and Janet and the family memories we shared will remain in the hearts of the Goodman family forever. We share our love and deepest sympathies with Michael, David, Gia and their families. We know that they were Linda's strongest reasons for her fight for life. She

*loved her family and they continued to give her strength, a positive outlook, and hope.*

*We will pray for Linda's eternal spirit and may she rest in peace and comfort.*

*Love,  
Sharyn and Norman Goodman*

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**Dr. Sharyn S. Goodman** - July 20, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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July 20, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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July 20, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *Gary Bigley and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Gagliardotto.*



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**Gary Bigley and Family** - July 20, 2017 at 03:04 PM

HD

“ A bright star has faded from our presence with the passing of our darling Linda. Her afterglow shall continue in her legacy of kindness, courage, nurturing, friendship, love and her demonstration of how a person should properly conduct his or her life. Her children and grandchildren are lucky to have had Linda as a role model to pattern their lives after. There is a great void that has been created by Linda's passing. However, our memories of this angel will always help fill that void. Our deepest sympathies to Michael and the family. The courage of this wonderful woman in her fight against this insidious disease has been inspirational and heartrending. Rest in peace sweet Linda. Goodbye sweet lady.

Shirley and Harold Dembo

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Harold Dembo - July 20, 2017 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ My Deepest condolences to my cousins and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I am with you during this time of grieving. A memory that has stuck with me for over 35 years is when I was a kid and would sleep over and my mother would forget to pack my toothbrush, Linda would not make me go to bed until I brushed. Something simple like that has been with me all these years. She was such an amazing person and will be missed dearly. I love you all.

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Dino Marino - July 20, 2017 at 01:59 PM

JT

To Mike and family, Joe and send our deepest sympathy to all of you. Linda was a very wonderful woman and will be greatly missed. Love Joe and Marie Trippiedi

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Joe and Marie Trippiedi - July 20, 2017 at 05:22 PM

LG

*To The Gagliardotto Family,*

*My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. Linda was the consummate professional, a warm and understanding individual who always had a smile on her face. May she rest in peace.*

*Lou Greenzweig*

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**Louis Greenzweig** - July 21, 2017 at 10:49 AM

NF

*BEST! damn typing teacher ever! I still have her voice in my head telling me to say it to myself and what not. Helps the muscle memory. One of the nicest people I ever met and always smiling and happy. Lots of love from Nicholas F Staten Island NY. Miss you.*

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**Nicholas F** - March 30, 2022 at 11:54 PM