



Marie Panza Patel

August 25, 1953 - April 22, 2020

Marie Panza Patel, 66, passed away suddenly on April 22, 2020, at home.

Born August 25, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York she was the loving daughter of the late Margaret and Pasquale Panza and the older sister to her dear brother Anthony Panza.

Marie was raised in Brooklyn, NY and attended Catherine McAuley High School. She moved to Staten Island after meeting her husband. Marie was inspired by her husband's love of medicine and her passion for science which led her to go back to school after having both her children and graduate from The College of Staten Island as a Registered Nurse.

Marie worked as a Registered Nurse at Carmel Richmond Nursing Home, then at Eger Nursing Home, where she then found friends and actively organized and protested to unionize in order to stand up for herself and her colleagues. After successfully winning their rights she left private industry and became a nurse for the Board of Education. As a school nurse she worked at John Dewey High School in Brooklyn and then Tottenville High School in Staten Island, where she retired from in 2014. Marie is predeceased by her late husband, Dr. Jayantibhai D. Patel since 2012. Marie's mother Margaret

lived with her until she passed in 2014 and then her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson lived with her until Marie's passing.

Marie loved to laugh, listen and dance to music, read, travel, watch TV shows like Outlander, shopping, dining out, and going to the movies. She was a hippie at heart and a firm believer in peace and love. Marie was an avid fan of The Beatles, especially Paul McCartney, and other "classic rock" artists. She loved going to concerts and took her children to many, many shows. She had loved to vacation with both her children and grandchildren. She was known to be outspoken, direct, passionate of what she believed, and always had a good, loving heart. More than anything Marie cherished time spent with family and friends.

Devoted wife of the late Dr. Jayantibhai D. Patel.

Loving mother of Jason and Neesha. Dear mother-in-law of Samantha Bernal Patel and Nicholas Fontana. Adored sister of Anthony Panza, his wife Lynda, and aunt to John and Robert Panza.

Cherished grandmother of Jason Patel II, Andrea Ortiz, and Domenico Fontana.

A burial will be held at Resurrection Cemetery on May 9, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date to celebrate Marie's life.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Panza Patel*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Marie and I became friends when I moved in next door to her in the late 80's. Our sons were only a few months apart in age and they also became friends . They went to the same school together, all the way through high school. I remember when Marie found out she was pregnant with Neesha she was so happy. Her grandma was always over cooking up some delicious smelling meal, her mom and dad were wonderful, loving people. I am still shocked that she is gone, writing that is so hard and surreal. I have so many fabulous memories, the fun we had, the laughs (and tears) we shared. I believe we shall see each other again, until then give everyone a kiss for me 🥰*

Elizabeth Zangwill - May 04, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *I met Marie at Egger Health care center we became friends. Since then we had a lot of laughs together enjoyed being part of a birthday club and celebrated each other's birthday. She had. A Great laugh. I will miss her. RIP Marie*

candida regine - May 01, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ Marie started her journey late in life to pursue a career in nursing. She was very kind,, compassionate, and always professional. I admired her intelligence. She had integrity and that’s so important being a nurse. Marie had everything It took to make her the special nurse that she was.You we’re an angel by the side of many patients. I know an angel is by your side now. Friend and colleague. Lynore Venosa

lynore venosa - May 01, 2020 at 02:50 AM

LV

“ Marie and I met in eger nursing home. We had many memorable moments and I will never forget her great laugh. She belonged to a birthday supper club for many years with six friends. We had countless good times at so many restaurants. It will never be the same without her. I still can’t believe your gone.. I will never forget you . Love you Marie. Lynore

lynore venosa - April 30, 2020 at 11:34 PM

JV

“ Marie & I were friends from the age of 4. After we both married & raised children we lost touch for awhile. We reconnected & resumed our bond as if no time had passed. We had so many good times, especially in our teens, & shared a love of The Beatles, saw them at Shea twice,& good rock music.
I'll miss our laughs, long phonecalls, &, mostly, that we won't make anymore memories.
Love you Marie
Joanne💔

Joanne Le Vine - April 30, 2020 at 09:59 PM