



Noelia Molinary

February 17, 1929 - February 1, 2017

Noelia Molinary, 87, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at Eger Health Care & Rehabilitation Center in Staten Island, New York surrounded by her family. Born Sunday, February 17, 1929, in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of the late Juan Aviles and Justina Mendez de Aviles.

Noelia graduated from high school in Aguadilla, PR in 1947 and moved to New York City in 1949 after marrying her sweetheart, Adolfo Molinary. In NY, she pursued a career in fashion design, specializing in millinery. She designed and hand-crafted high end hats for retailers such as Saks 5th Avenue, Bonwit Teller & Co., and Lord & Taylor. During her career, she proudly served as a delegate representing her colleagues in the milliner's union.

In her retirement, Noelia enjoyed many hobbies and volunteer activities. She was a devoted Catholic and parishioner of St. Mary's in Rosebank prior to its closing. She was an active member of the New Lane Tenants Association and served in the role of Vice President. Noelia had a strong sense of civic responsibility; she was a volunteer for City Harvest and always considered it an honor to serve as a juror. She actively encouraged others to exercise their right to vote, and participated in protests for funding for senior programs. Noelia was an amateur artist, and especially loved ceramics and painting. She also was a lifelong gardener and won several awards for her flower and

vegetable gardens. As an avid learner, she read daily and recently took up Japanese and origami lessons. She also loved music and dancing, often taking center stage on the dance floor with her husband.

Noelia often gathered family and friends at her table to share her specialty dishes: arroz con pollo, empanadas, and pasteles. The greatest priority in her life was caring for her husband and children. She also referred to her grandchildren and great grandchildren as the joy of her life.

Noelia was predeceased by her son, Henry Molinary, and her siblings, Raúl Hernández and Dora Aviles de Rosa. She is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Adolfo; her daughter, Evelyn M. Lacagnino; son, Adolfo Molinari, Jr; son-in-law, Dr. Gerard A. Lacagnino; daughter-in-law, Debbie Molinari; grandchildren, Megan Molinari, Sara N. Lacagnino, Justin and Sarah Molinari and Lauren E. Lacagnino; and her great grandchildren, Zoe, Tyler and Ava.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:15 AM on Tuesday at St. Charles Church located at 200 Penn Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10306. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2-5 PM and 7-9 PM on Monday at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

If so desired, contributions in Noelia's memory may be made to her favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/).

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB 7. 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
644 Clawson Street
Staten Island, NY 10306

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Noelia Molinary*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 04, 2017 at 08:57 AM

CM

Dear Evi, Gerard, Jr. & Debbie, Grandchildren,

What a legacy. You to be so proud to have such a beautiful mother and grandmother.

Your parents made a very handsome couple. Thank you for sharing the photos of your youth Evi, Jr., and Henry. Never met your younger brother, but he has a face of an angel.

Thank you for including Joe and I, Mom, Dad, Ro & Jim in the photos. I'm overcome with tears. So proud to be a part of all of you. I know you have made your Mom and Dad proud.

Nellie will live forever in my heart.

God bless all of you and give you His comfort and love during this very difficult time.

*Love and prayers always,
Clelia*

Clelia Marciniak - February 04, 2017 at 11:49 AM

VG

Beautiful video of the life of Noelia Molinary. A truly remarkable woman. She will be missed by all. Love Geri and Vito.

Vito Guido - February 04, 2017 at 01:45 PM

RP

Wow this is one of the best 12 and a half minutes of video I've seen in a long time what a beautiful tribute. God bless love Richie and Monica and kids

Rich and Monica Passante - February 04, 2017 at 09:27 PM

DC

*What a touching and memorable tribute to Noelia... a beautiful wife, mother, and grandmother. This video captured the essence of a beloved woman who lived a wonderfully full life, and who will always be remembered in the hearts of her family and friends.
Love, Bob & Debbie*

Debbie Canciello - February 05, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ *Noelia Molinary*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

LF

“ *Lauren Falkowski lit a candle in memory of Noelia Molinary*



Lauren Falkowski - February 06, 2017 at 09:01 PM

OM

“ Dearest Señor Adolfo, Evelyn, Gerard, Sara and Lauren,

I cannot thank you enough for sharing Sra. Noelia with me and letting me experience the strong and loving bond that you have as a family. I have always and will continue to treasure Sra. Noelia's wonderful stories of her life experiences at the dinner table. What an amazing women—una Borinqueña magnificente. It was clear to me that she had certainly passed down her gifts to her daughter and granddaughters who inspire me on a daily basis. Her strength, resolve and dedication are a constant source of inspiration. She and Señor Adolfo have always treated me like one of the family and for this I am forever grateful. Thank you for all the love you have shown and shared with me. May God bless you and comfort you knowing just how much she meant to so many people. With much love, Omy

Omy - February 06, 2017 at 03:51 PM

RE

“ To Noelia's daughter Evelyn and son-in-law Gerard, to her son Junior, to her grandchildren Lauren and Sara, and to the rest of her beloved family. I am going to miss Noelia so much. There are so many things we shared together in the past 35 years, when we met for the first time in 1982. We first worked together on the campaign for Mario Cuomo, our Governor of New York. And after that we were involved in so many other social and political events, local, state and national. We worked very hard to elect Obama for President in 2008. We all loved to go to Adela Restaurant. That was her favorite place to eat. It was always wonderful to see Noelia and her husband Adolfo. I send my prayers and blessings to your beautiful family and all the grandchildren. Noelia was my best friend, and she always gave me good advice when I needed help. She always had the right advice. I will miss her always. With love, Carmen Barreto and family

regine - February 06, 2017 at 01:50 PM

AP

“ Dear family and friends
We are deeply saddened in the passing of
Noelia! We extend our deepest condolences
and are keeping you in our thoughts and
prayers!! Much love Angie and David



Angie and David Pinero - February 06, 2017 at 12:44 PM

DM

“ David Marciniak lit a candle in memory of
Noelia Molinary



David Marciniak - February 06, 2017 at 11:29 AM

DM

“ Dearest Family & Friends,

Please know we are so heartily sorry and extend our deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones over the passing of Mrs. Molinary. In reflection, while we are saddened by her loss, we are also grateful for her endless acts of love, devotion, humility and self-sacrifice. We will always remember with fond hearts the way she carried herself and led by example. It is with great love and respect that we strive to carry these examples and reflect them outwardly in a way to cherish her legacy and love for all.

In tribute, we ask GOD to bless her and all the people she touched in her long, yet short life.

*Lovingly,
Dave, Tina, Matthew & Michael*

David Marciniak - February 06, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ We are thinking of all of you with so much love.
 Love,
 Debbie and Kirk

Debbie Farley-Betts - February 06, 2017 at 08:35 AM



“ Thank you for sharing this video celebration of Noelia. She was a strong and beautiful woman, and she is reflected in all of you, her strong and loving family.
 I send you all my deepest sympathies.
 Love, Karen

Karen Schoettler - February 05, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rich and Monica Passante - February 05, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ Rich And Monica Passante sent a virtual gift in memory of Noelia Molinary



Rich and Monica Passante - February 05, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Noelia Molinary.*



February 05, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *wirth love, Kani Bassey and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Noelia Molinary.*



wirth love, Kani Bassey and Family - February 05, 2017 at 10:31 AM

MM

“ Dear Family & Friends,



We send out our heart felt thoughts & prayers to all of you. What a lovely and well done obituary and video tribute. Mrs Molinary treated myself, my brothers & sisters like we were her grandchildren. She extended, that love to my wife Holly & our girls Gracelyn & Jocelyn. Although we are sad, that she is no longer with us. It's also time to celebrate the amazing life she lived. She was an incredible woman who lived life, got involved, & spread so much joy, happiness, & love to everyone. I always enjoyed visiting with them. Both Mr & Mrs Molinary had wonderful and amazing stories to tell us. It was like reading a favorite book or even better than going to the movies. They always greeted myself and my brother & sisters with huge smiles, love, & hugs. I think, we were all fortunate as kids. To have the Lacagninos', Marciniaks' Ursillos', & the Molinarys' in our lives. They brought us all alot of love, joy, happiness, & values in our lives. In our hearts, we will celebrate this wonderful, amazing, & loving woman.

*Love & hugs,
Holly, Mark, Gracelyn, & Jocelyn*

Mark P. Marciniak - February 05, 2017 at 10:01 AM

DM

“ 41 years ago, I was lucky enough to have this powerful, beautifully talented woman become my mother-in-law. She was the most loving grandmother, great-grandmother and mom. When I lost my mother 16 ½ years ago, Noelia said, “I can’t replace your mom, but I am here for you like a mother because you are my daughter”. She always treated me like a daughter never like a daughter-in-law. Whenever she saw me she greeted me with the biggest hug and kiss.

I believe that she influenced all the women in her life Evelyn, Megan, Lauren, Sara, Zoe, and me to be stronger, have pride, always stand up for our rights, dress conservative but with class, respect and be respected. Education was important, she would say woman should speak up when they have something to say. The latter did get me in trouble at times.

It’s difficult to lose one mom, but even more difficult to lose two in one lifetime.

I will miss her more than words can express. But she is now at peace with the LORD and my mom.

Love

Debbie Molinari

Debbie G. Molinari - February 05, 2017 at 08:27 AM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Juan Rosa Aviles - February 04, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Noelia Molinary.*



February 04, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Noelia Molinary.*



February 04, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - February 04, 2017 at 08:53 AM

ST

“ I remember getting off the plane in PR a little nervous to be meeting Laurens grandparents for the first time, but she greeted us both with open arms & told me that I was to call her grandma. From that moment, I felt like I was with family, completely welcome & loved. She even made a special dinner for me. She was loving, hip, vibrant, and in charge. I told her once that my heart was in PR because of her & grandpa, it is with you all now. And I will be forever grateful for her courage in broom beating a giant water bug out of the house as Lauren & I were paralyzed, screaming in fear. ;) She truly was a life saver!



Stephanie - February 03, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Noelia Molinary.



February 03, 2017 at 10:00 AM

GM

“ Dear AI,
I have no words to say that might comfort you and your family. Here at New Lane Senior Center, if we saw you, Nelly was next to you. We all enjoyed watching you and Nelly dance. We are so sad for the loss of Nelly. May God comfort you and your family AI. We all love you both. We are so sorry for your loss. I am sure God has received Nelly in his arms. Her love will always be with you. She is now you Angel.

Glenda

Glenda martinez - February 03, 2017 at 07:53 AM

JA

“ To: Tio Adolfo, Cousins Evelyn and Junior, and Family :

*Grieved over the departure of our beloved Aunt Noelia, Lydia and I
extent our*

*condolences to all the family. While reading Lauren's message
about her loss, I was*

*struck by sadness. Aunt Noelia was a very special human being
who had a positive*

*influence on my life. She always treated me with joy, kindness, love,
and respect.*

*Her character, talent, wisdom, and spirituality helped mold my
demeanor. From*

*the bottom of my heart, Thank You - Titi Noelia. Today, Titi Noelia
dwells among the*

*Angels in the Kingdom of Heaven and radiates her bliss throughout
the*

Cosmos.

Love and Blessings,

John and Lydia



Juan Rosa Aviles - February 02, 2017 at 10:52 PM

SV

“ Dear Families ,
My deepest sympathies to both families, our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love
Sandro, Lucy & Melissa Valarezo



Sandro & Lucy Valarezo - February 02, 2017 at 08:30 PM

SM

“ To the Molinary & Lacagnino Families ,
With dear sorrow Robert and I will like to extend our condolences to the family . Mrs. Molinary was a wonderful woman and someone very special in so many ways, she brought so much happiness and joy to all and each of our lives. Dear angel, we are blessed to know that you are now resting in peace and watching all of us from up above. Just know we are here and that our thoughts are with you and should you ever need a shoulder we'll be there for you. All memories will last forever .!

Love , Robert and Sandra Marciniak



sandra marciniak - February 02, 2017 at 08:21 PM

RU

“ Dear Mama,
Angels to walk on earth because you are one of them. Forever you will be "my beautiful lady" with your radiant smile, you a big expressive eyes, your flawless complexion, you are steadfast opinions, your knowledge of politics, you're amazing talent and dark, painting, and gardening. Also your love for the Yankees your zest for life. Thank you for all the joys and fun we shared around the dinner table, on the cruise and always at Andrews Diner. In particular, thank you for all the smiles, for your words of wisdom, for your care, concern and compassion above all for calling me your "daughter." I love you more than words could convey, but I think you already know that. Mama, you have earned your Eternal reward. Rest in peace and Go sing with the angels.
Love and a gazillion hugs Rosalie.



Rosalie Ursillo - February 02, 2017 at 07:06 PM

RP

“ To the Molinary and Lacagnino Families;

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of such a wonderful, kind and beautiful inside and out person, who was so easily loved by all. You will be so very missed - especially around family gatherings and holidays. You were so much like a grandmother to us all.



God Speed and fly with the Angels. We love and will miss you always.

Love,
Monica, Richie, Phil & Alexa Passante

Rich & Monica Passante - February 02, 2017 at 02:48 PM

CM

“ Dear Family,

My heartfelt condolences on the passing of a very beautiful soul Nellie. She will remain forever in my heart and prayers. I enjoyed sharing good times with her, phone conversations and a most memorable visit to our new home here in PA. She made beautiful ceramics and I treasure the angel she made for Joe and I. She always gave from her heart. I also enjoyed her beautiful accent. She filled the void left in my heart after losing both my parents. I know the angels took her by hand to her destination place with God. There she will be met by all our family that has gone before us. Nellie give Joe a big hug for me and tell him I miss him so.

Rest in peace sweet angel, we'll miss you.

*Love you,
Clelia Marciniak*

Clelia Marciniak - February 02, 2017 at 01:31 PM



UF

“ Union County College Friends purchased the Pre
tty Please for the family of Noelia Molinary.



Union County College Friends - February 02, 2017 at 09:31 AM