



## Rafaela Marino Burgos

January 10, 1925 - June 23, 2019

Rafaela Marino Burgos, 94 of Middletown, New Jersey formerly of Staten Island passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at Bayshore Nursing Home, Holmdel.

Born Saturday, January 10, 1925 in Manhattan, she was the daughter of the late Antonio Marino and the late Maria Torres Marino.

Rafaela graduated Washington Irving High School, NY in 1943 before attending and graduating from Hunter College in 1950 with her BA in Sociology. Rafaela went on to receive her Master's of Science in Education from Herbert H. Lehman College in 1978.

A lifelong educator Rafaela began teaching in PS 154 in the Bronx before moving to Staten Island. Here on the Island Rafaela taught in PS 14 and PS 41 from which she retired.

Rafaela was a member of Sociedad Naturista Hispana (Spanish Colony) and was past President of Agrupacion Femenina Hispana-Americana.

In her free time Rafaela enjoyed many activities, quilting, doll collecting, crossword puzzles as well as writing. Rafaela cherished trips to the theatre and museums, indulged in sketching and spent quiet moments sky-watching.

Rafaela was exuberant and passionate, and she loved her profession but more than anything she was devoted to her family.

She was the devoted wife of 59 years of Herman Cid Burgos, who passed away in 2008. She was the loving mother of Sylvia M. Burgos-Toftness, Catherine Burgos, Irene Burgos, and Christopher Burgos. Adored mother in law of David Toftness, Robert Falotico, and Roseann Pokoluk. Dear sister of the late Alicia Rodriguez and the late Esther Marino.

Cherished grandmother of Samara Lyn Pitre and Dewey Mathis, Rachel Lee and Benjamin Lee, Elisabeth Messina and Chad Messina, Dessa Wander, Marela Nieves, Joshua Nieves, Michael Falotico, Maxwell Wander and Jesse Krim, and doting great grandmother of Grace Messina, Logan Messina, and Heidi Berglund.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:45 AM on Tuesday July 2, 2019 at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Brigadier General William C.Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown, NJ.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Donations in Memory of Rafaela, should you so desire may be made to Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

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JUN 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 9:45 AM (ET)

St Clare Church  
110 Nelson Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10308

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rafaela Marino Burgos*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - June 26, 2019 at 01:38 PM

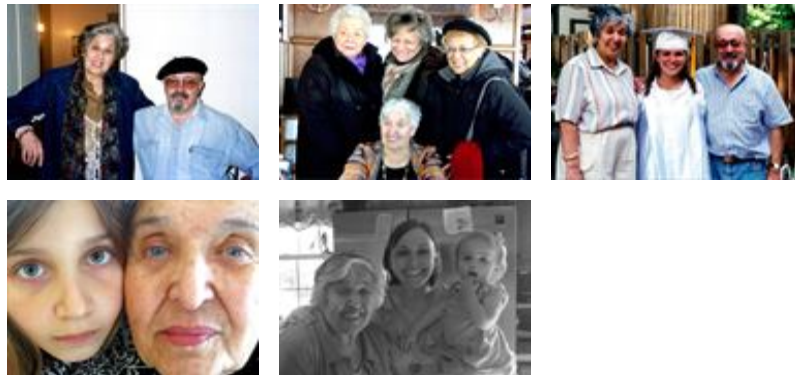


“ *Rafaela Marino Burgos*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - June 27, 2019 at 10:31 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Rafie and her nieces*.



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**Alexis** - June 27, 2019 at 06:58 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Alexis** - June 27, 2019 at 06:57 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Rafie and her nieces*.



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**Alexis** - June 26, 2019 at 11:02 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Alexis** - June 26, 2019 at 10:44 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rafaela Marino Burgos.*



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June 26, 2019 at 05:33 PM

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“ *With heartfelt tears, I deeply mourn the loss of dear Cousin Rafie (Felita) in the lives of the whole Marino-Burgos Family and especially in the lives of my generation of cousins, the grandchildren of Francisco Torres and Ezequiela Santiago Colon de Torres of Puerto Rico.*

*Felita was a beautiful person, a special lady, gentle soul, role model, mentor, quilting buddy and exemplified the Puerto Rican cultural message of the importance of La FAMILIA! I will miss her greatly!*

*May she Rest In Peace. Sent on behalf of The Alma Torres-Warner Family*

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**ALMA TORRES-WARNER** - June 26, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rafaela Marino Burgos.

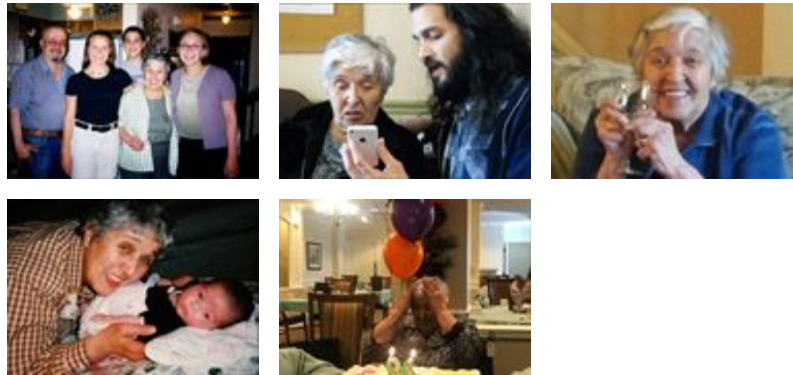


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June 26, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - June 26, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Enjoyed teaching with Rafie at PS 41 for the years that she was with us. Socialized and laughed a lot. Remember also her dear husband. Once she moved, we lost contact but was never forgotten..May she rest in peace. Ann Marie Riordan

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Ann Marie Riordan - June 25, 2019 at 05:14 PM

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“ My condolences to all. Oh boy Irene, I vividly remember not being able to go out and play in Camp unless we read or did work. Your mom was insistent that it be done on a daily basis because education was important!!! RIP Rafie, keep smiling. I am sure you were welcomed with open arms by many. God Bless

Dooley - June 25, 2019 at 04:32 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family Irene. I have such fond and fun memories of your mom. We had lots and lots of laughs on her visits here in Florida. She had a great smile. I remember all the get togethers growing up, great memories, great life!

♥♥ Janet Mora

janet mora - June 25, 2019 at 04:00 PM

TO

“ Tim Olsen purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rafaela Marino Burgos.



Tim Olsen - June 25, 2019 at 12:49 PM

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“ Tim Olsen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rafaela Marino Burgos.



Tim Olsen - June 25, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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“ *Aida & Janet Mora purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rafaela Marino Burgos.*



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**Aida & Janet Mora** - June 25, 2019 at 11:33 AM