



Maria B. Sullivan

May 21, 2019

Maria Sullivan (née Moran), 35, of River Edge passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Born in The Bronx, NY, Maria moved to River Edge in the fourth grade. She graduated from the River Edge and River Dell school districts where she excelled in academics and athletics. Maria received a bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey and a master's from William Paterson University. After living for four years in Westfield, NJ, Maria returned to River Edge in 2013 to start a family in the community that she cherished.

Maria worked throughout her career at Orchard School in Ridgewood, NJ, teaching kindergarten and first grade. She was a well-respected educator who stressed not only academics to her students, but also the importance of treating one another with kindness and respect. A champion of the underdog, Maria always worked diligently to give extra support to students with special needs, economic disadvantages, and those new to the English language.

Maria loved spending time with her loving family, gardening, and watching sports. She loved animals, especially dogs. Maria had a passion for travel, visiting places around the US, Europe, the Caribbean, and her favorite destination: her parents' native Ireland. She will always be remembered for her selflessness and compassion for others.

Maria is survived by her husband Mike, daughters Molly and Keeva, and brother Michael. She is predeceased by her parents, Bernie and Luke Moran, who passed away in 2017.

Family and friends are welcome to visit on Tuesday from 4-8 PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 9:30 AM at St. Peter the Apostle Church, River Edge. Private cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund:
110 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 900 Washington, D.C 20005
www.breastcancer2020.org/donate

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Oradell

268 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell, NJ, US, 07649

MAY **Funeral Mass** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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St. Peter the Apostle

445 5th Avenue, River Edge, NJ, US, 07661

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 28 at 10:49 AM



“ Mike, Words can not express my deepest condolences to you, Molly, Keeva and family and friends of Maria. I will miss her warm smile. She was a true fighter. You are all in my prayers,
Elisa DePierro

Elisa DePierro - May 28 at 10:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 28 at 12:05 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 28 at 09:48 AM



“ 147 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 28 at 09:37 AM



“ Mike,
We are so sorry for the loss of your wife, Maria. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughters.
Al and Deb Terry

Al - May 28 at 09:26 AM



“ AML Dept. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



AML Dept. - May 28 at 09:00 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 28 at 07:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 27 at 12:40 PM



“ Hank, Auntie Della and John purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



Hank, Auntie Della and John - May 27 at 11:05 AM



“ Mike and family:

I am so sorry for your loss. I know Maria was an amazing person and a passionate educator. Her dedication to teaching not only academics but the importance of treating others with kindness and respect is admirable and representative of a true educator.

I hope the many wonderful memories you had together help you and your family through this very difficult time. She will live on in you, your family, and the countless students she taught.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, your daughters, and family.

Wishing you strength for today and hope for tomorrow,

Michael Baglione-JHWMS

Michael Baglione - May 27 at 01:24 AM



“ Love, Aunt Doris & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



Love, Aunt Doris & family - May 26 at 11:48 AM



“ Michael & Family
I will celebrate Mass for Maria somewhere off the coast of Norway on June 21 as I serve as Chaplain on Holland-America's newest ship. My sympathy to you. You're in my prayers.
Father Michael German

Father Michael German - May 24 at 10:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 24 at 03:01 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of the lives that have been touched by Maria. May her love and strength help her family.



Melissa LaPorta - May 23 at 09:06 PM



“ My daughter Delilah had Maria as a teacher in first grade. She loved her. She is in 5th grade now. I told her that Maria had passed away while we were driving yesterday. She didn't respond at all. When I looked over at her I noticed she was sitting silently crying. I pulled the car over to give her a hug. She is going to miss Maria. So will my wife and I. We were lucky enough to get to know her and we liked her as much as Delilah did.
She will always be remembered and loved in our house. May she rest in peace and may God bless her family.

Delilah, Jessica, and Bob Kreider

Bob Kreider - May 23 at 02:40 PM



“ Michael and family,
Thinking of you and sending our deepest sympathy to you and your beautiful-daughters. May Maria Rest In Peace in the arms of the angels.
Best,
Maggie & Bern Maziarz

Maggie Maziarz - May 23 at 06:57 PM



“ I will always have it in my Prayers and thank you very much for supporting my Daughter Lucia, being your First Teacher at Orchard School.

Maria Izaguirre - May 23 at 01:13 PM



“ Maria Izaguirre lit a candle in memory of Maria B. Sullivan



Maria Izaguirre - May 23 at 01:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 23 at 12:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria B. Sullivan.



May 23 at 12:49 PM



“ Mary Giannakou lit a candle in memory of Maria B. Sullivan



Mary Giannakou - May 22 at 02:08 PM



“ May my beautiful and kind-hearted cousin rest in peace. I will always remember her at our January parties and how we chatted during our trip across the Verrazano Bridge last summer. What a heroic battle she fought to stay with us a little longer. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Michael Moran, Mike Sullivan, Molly, and Keeva. Love always,
Mary T., Andreas, Loukia and Aristeia Giannakou

Mary Giannakou - May 22 at 02:07 PM