



## Mary Johnson-Rivera

February 19, 2022

Johnson-Rivera, Mary, age 72 of Teaneck, NJ passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

Beloved wife of Ernest Rivera. Devoted mother of Brandon Johnson. Loving grandmother of Brandi, Braya and Brooklyn Johnson. Dear sister of John R. and Murry Smith.

Mary was a long-time (40 years) employee of Bergen Community College in Paramus and served in many key roles, including Chief Administrator. She loved her family very much and especially was blessed to have the unconditional love and amazing care from her son, Brandon. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

Friends and family are invited for visitation this Friday from 4-8PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ. A funeral service will held Saturday at 10:30AM in the funeral home. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ.

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Chapel Service

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Johnson-Rivera*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - February 25, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Mary Johnson-Rivera*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mary Johnson-Rivera*

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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Mary Johnson-Rivera*

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August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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“ *Mary Johnson-Rivera was a wonderful and devoted colleague and a pleasure to work with. Her work ethic was outstanding and her devotion to the college absolute.*

*She will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.*

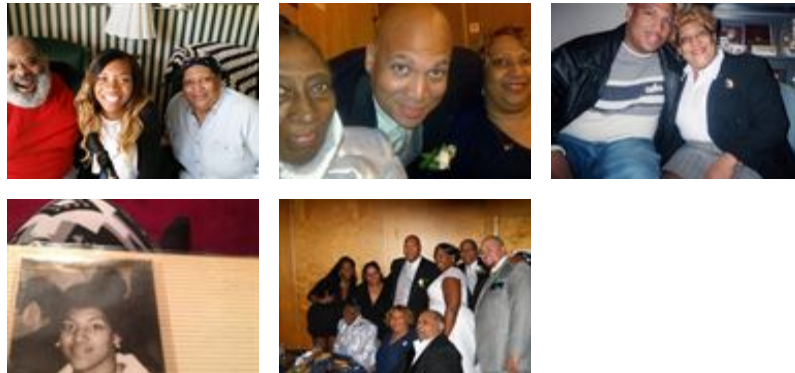
*Dr. John Patierno  
Professor Emeritus  
Bergen Community College*

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**Dr. John Patierno** - February 26, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - February 25, 2022 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Cousin Mazie Moorer and Wayne Moorer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Johnson-Rivera.*



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**Cousin Mazie Moorer and Wayne Moorer** - February 24, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Johnson-Rivera.*



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February 24, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Mary is the kind of friend everyone wished they had. I was so blessed to have her in my life. I will miss her more than words can say. She didn't know how much comfort and joy she gave me back when I my son passed. There was always peace and love in her home and I felt each time I was there. I will miss the talks the laughs and the friendship*

*My heart goes out to Brandon, Ernest and the girls. She surely was a great Mom with the biggest heart. Thank you Mary for everything!  
Rest my friend. I love you*

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**Madeline Del Grande** - February 23, 2022 at 11:59 PM

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“ Mary touched and uplifted many lives during her time as chief GED test administrator for Bergen County. As a teacher in the Ciarco Learning Center, I was fortunate and blessed to call Mary my friend as well as my colleague. I witnessed her devotion to the students who visited her office, either to register for the test or seek her wise and patient guidance, as she prepared them for this “second chance” at earning a high school diploma. Mary directly and very positively affected hundreds of lives in this way. In addition, her monumental task of planning, arranging, and coordinating all the aspects of the annual graduation ceremony in the Ciccone theater often elicited from her the comment, “I’m cracking up!”. This event was such a poignant and proud time for the recipients of the diplomas and their families, and they all appreciated it, AND HER, so much. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have known Mary, and although she retired several years ago, I still wish that when I walk by her former office at Ciarco, she were there! May her soul Rest In Peace.

*Richlene Joannides*

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**Richlene Joannides** - February 23, 2022 at 12:30 AM