



Maria E. Petulla

January 13, 1971 - July 5, 2024

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Maria E. Petulla, age 53 who resided most of her life in Brooklyn, NY has passed away while living in Acra, NY on the morning of July 5th, 2024 after a long battle with cancer.

Maria is survived by her beloved parents, Anthony Petulla and Paula (Nania) Petulla, her brother Vincent Petulla and his children, as well as extended family.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y., 12413 on Friday, July 12, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Mass will be celebrated the same day, at 12:30P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, 35 Church Street, Cairo, N.Y., 12413.

The Petulla family invites you to join them for a gathering following the Mass, with details to follow. Friends and family are welcome.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Mass

JUL 12. 12:30 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cairo
35 Church Street
Cairo, NY 12413
richardsfuneralhome@verizon.net

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Late to find out . We lost touch 1/2 years before she passed away. I knew she was striving. We meet in 1999 in Park Slope and looped together over the years . That smile, that laugh, that tenacity and love of life itself: infectious joy. This pic was 2014, we were off to the Park for a sundown walk, an often occurrence in her beloved Prospect Park. My deepest condolences to the family. Ciao Bella ... till next time



Theresa Galvin - May 12, 2025 at 07:12 PM

DM

“ Donna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria E. Petulla.

Donna M. - July 12, 2024 at 11:41 AM

 Rachel Stark

“ Sending love and light to all those who knew Maria. She was a constant and beloved presence at First U in Brooklyn, where I got to know her as part of the LGBTQ community. Everyone who was fed by her or welcomed into her home knows her warmth! May her memory be a blessing.

Rachel Stark - July 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM

MP

“ We go back 37 years of knowing each other. You lit up my life with your energetic smile and welcoming arms when I first came to America and started high school at Cairo Durham High. We spent many summers dancing the night away as you got me into all the clubs and resorts in our area! Oh the fun we had. Many many nights sleeping over at your parents' house and then when you went to Hofstra University, I came to visit you for an entire week! And how many awesome memories did we create at Prospect Park West! I'm so grateful to have enjoyed so much time with you! Because of you, my children adore your mom...and her meatballs! 😊 We are glad to have been a part of your life Maria and I know you are still singing and dancing ❤️ I can so hear your laughter and see your hand gestures and your sparkly eyes as you read this! You are alive in my mind,, in my heart and I know my pain of saying goodbye to you is not going to dissipate but all these memories we created will resonate loudly for the rest of my life. Rest in peace my dear friend Maria, I love you!



Mitzie Mariela Cubillo Parra - July 11, 2024 at 07:47 PM

HM

“ We were heartbroken to hear of Maria's passing. Maria was always a ray of sunshine coming into my fifth grade classroom. Her brightness and kindness made her a friend to all. Our profound sympathy goes to her family and friends.

Henry and Arline Muller - July 11, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Maria. I am so sorry for everybody who loved her she was such a fighter and such a beautiful person. She always had the warmest smile and hug for me anytime we crossed paths. She was a light and had an energy that was infectious. I feel so lucky to have known her and she will be remembered so fondly.

Genny Slag - July 11, 2024 at 05:02 PM

TL

“ That indelible smile! That laugh! Those warm and penetrating eyes. Maria was giving and loving and we're heartbroken over her passing. We're grateful for the many years we worked together. What a fighter! She will forever be with us. Sending love and deepest condolences to her family and all who have been touched by Maria. Tia & Carl

Tia lessin - July 11, 2024 at 09:56 AM

PJ

“ Postler & Jaeckle purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Maria E. Petulla.



Postler & Jaeckle - July 11, 2024 at 07:54 AM

MC

“ Dear Petulla Family, It was with tears in my eyes that I read about Maria's passing. Please accept our sincerest sympathies and prayers. She was such a vibrant personality and very kind. Sending you our thoughts and love. Melodie and David Coons

Melodie Coons - July 10, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CW

“ *Maria was one of the first friends I met at Hofstra. Her beautiful smile, contagious laugh, and love of life will forever be with me. My condolences to her family.*

Craig Warn - July 09, 2024 at 11:04 PM

EM

“ *Maria was a vibrant woman! Full of life! Her smile was infectious and her eyes full of joy! Anyone she met felt all that love. She will be missed. May She Rest in Paradise and may her family find comfort in knowing she touched many people with her spirit. From Elizabeth M. & Frances L.*

Elizabeth Marrero - July 09, 2024 at 10:58 PM

SS

“ *I met Maria in Brooklyn. Our paths crossed in several friend groups. She was always funny and light. I remember watching fireworks together in Prospect Park. We also did our yoga training together and supported each other in teaching for the first time. In later years I moved away and we kept in touch less often. I am inspired by Maria. Her resilience and perseverance. She will be missed.*

Sari S. - July 09, 2024 at 08:43 PM

LC

“ *I was so sorry to hear that Maria had passed- too soon! What a fighter, always such positivity. Condolences to the family and her dear friends.*

Lorraine (Birk) Constantino - July 09, 2024 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ I am very sad to learn of Maria’s passing and wish to pass along my sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Petulla and Vinny. I have many fond childhood memories spending time with Maria at school and the Petulla house. We grew up together. My heart goes out to all who knew and cared for her.



Amy Becker - July 09, 2024 at 07:49 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria E. Petulla.



July 09, 2024 at 07:44 AM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Maria was truly a bright light. I trained with Maria in Karate many years ago and she brought joy and laughter into the classes she was in. We reconnected many years later in yoga and lived in the same neighborhood. She will be greatly missed.

Cora Sangree - July 08, 2024 at 08:25 PM

TS

“ Tina Wank Selner lit a candle in memory of Maria E. Petulla



Tina Wank Selner - July 08, 2024 at 07:18 PM

BA

“ I am so sorry for the family's loss. The comfort is knowing she is at peace and with the Lord.



Bunny Agostinoni - July 08, 2024 at 04:40 PM

RO

“ I am so sorry to hear this. My condolences to family and friends of Maria. I knew the cheerful, bright Maria from yoga classes and a she graciously invited me to a holiday gift exchange party at her apartment several years ago. I was so moved by her grace and strength these past few years as she negotiated her life with lovely elegance. You and your beautiful spirit will be missed. Peace to you Maria as you move into the next realm. God speed.

Roxanne - July 08, 2024 at 03:19 PM

NP

My sincere condolences to her parents my dearest cousin Paula and Tony, her brother Vincent and his children, Maria is in heaven now, no more suffering only joy as she watches over her family and friends, rest in eternal Peace dear Maria till we meet again 🙏🙏🙏

Nancy Noto Perri - July 08, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ Audrey Zimmer lit a candle in memory of Maria E. Petulla



Audrey Zimmer - July 08, 2024 at 03:03 PM

JL

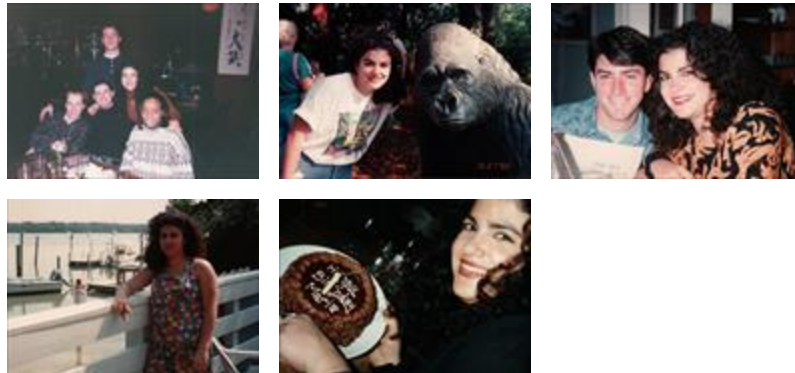
“ May the beautiful memories help give you strength during this difficult time. I knew Maria from our school years. Her beauty was both inside and out. I will forever remember her bright smile. You will be missed forever. God sends us angels here on earth and Maria was definitely one of them. God has taken you back and given you your wings to fly high in the heavens. Rest peacefully and watch over your loved ones. 🙏🙏



Jennifer Leis - July 08, 2024 at 02:14 PM

GB

“ You lived life. You fought the fight. You were strong when you needed to be. You left us too soon but it's ok. It's your time to rest now.



Gregory Blackhall - July 08, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - July 08, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ The D’Onofrio Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria E. Petulla.



The D’Onofrio Family - July 07, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ Maria in PPW was my first NY home when I moved to the US. She felt just like family to me. We had so much fun and shared precious moments. Will remember her with her contagious joy and energy. She is now a part of me. Here’s a photo of us going to a rock costume party- she made a fabulous Joan Jett!!



Icelini Stavers-Sosa - July 07, 2024 at 08:43 PM

SO

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Maria’s family, she was taken way too soon. I have so many fun memories with Maria she was a fun and loving friend always energetic and ready for another adventure! Rest in peace Maria you will be missed.*



Sonja Orin - July 07, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DR

“ *Doreen Romeo lit a candle in memory of Maria E. Petulla*



Doreen Romeo - July 07, 2024 at 04:33 PM

CC

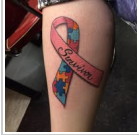
“ *Maria was a warm, generous person who loved people and fun. Sorry to see her go so prematurely.*



My deepest heartfelt condolences and strength to Paula, Tony and the Petulla family for their loss.

Claudia

Claudia Copparoni-Berlind - July 07, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Sending hugs and prayers. So sorry for your loss.* ”



Marlo Parker - July 06, 2024 at 09:04 PM

RE

“ *Thoughts and prayers for her family and friends.....* ”



Renee - July 06, 2024 at 08:36 PM

VA

“ *2 files added to the album Maria* ”



Valeria - July 06, 2024 at 07:59 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Spohler lit a candle in memory of Maria E. Petulla* ”



Barbara Spohler - July 06, 2024 at 01:05 PM

BS

Maria was one of the brightest spots in my teaching career. I'm sorry I can't be there.

Barbara Spohler - July 06, 2024 at 01:06 PM

RH

“ *Richards Funeral Home sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria E. Petulla*



Richards Funeral Home - July 05, 2024 at 02:20 PM

RH

We extend our condolences to The Family of Maria E. Petulla during this difficult time and throughout the days ahead.

*Sincerely,
Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc.*

Richards Funeral Home - July 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TT

My deepest sympathy to the petulant family I've known Maria since childhood fine and beautiful young lady may God watch over her soul forever unable to attend due to mage and health God bless all of the petulant family Ted todaro prattsville n.y

Ted todaro - July 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM

GL

With a sad heart I extend my sincere condolences to the Petulla family. I remember my parents, siblings, and I dancing to rock and roll with her and her brother at our house when we were young kids. Maria was always so enthusiastic and fun to be around! I offer my prayers for Maria and for her family with great love. Sending hugs! ~Ginny (Todaro) L.

Ginny (Todaro) L. - July 05, 2024 at 05:10 PM

GI

Maria and I were roommates and friends. She was always so positive, optimistic and full of energy. She loved people and life. We had great times together laughing, sharing stories, going to parties. I'm so sorry about her passing especially at such a young age. My condolences to the family. - Gisela Ireland

Gisela Ireland - July 06, 2024 at 09:55 PM

NR

I met Maria when I first moved to Brooklyn in 1991. She was a caring and energetic woman who touched so many people in the community of Park Slope. My condolences to all her family and friends, may her memory be a blessing

Nancy Rodrigo - July 08, 2024 at 01:04 PM

BS

*REST IN PEACE MARIA
IT WAS OUR GIFT FROM GOD TO HAVE BEEN
BLESSED WITH YOUR FRIENDSHIP
BEN VONNIE NICK KAY & CHRIS SIRIANNI*

BEN SIRIANNI - July 08, 2024 at 07:16 PM

SR

I met Maria many years ago through yoga. She was indeed vivacious, connected and caring. She loved my dog and was a fun and kind neighbor. May Maria's memory be a blessing. Love and light to the Petulant family. I am truly sorry for the loss of Maria.

Sara Rothstein - July 09, 2024 at 11:32 AM

SR

Apologies for the autocorrect above, the Petulla family is in my heart.

Sara Rothstein - July 09, 2024 at 11:33 AM

KK

I am so saddened to hear of such news. My deepest condolences to Maria's family. I went to high school with Maria and was one of the first friends I made when new there. Our families became family. My dear friend, you will be missed!

Kanani Kekahuna-Manu - July 10, 2024 at 08:13 PM

MJ

Our deepest condolences! Maria was a bright light in our Breastcancer.org groups!

Melissa Jenkins - July 23, 2024 at 09:41 PM