



Stanya S. Jimenez

September 30, 1928 - November 6, 2018

Stanya S. Jimenez passed away at home in Cairo, NY, surrounded by those who loved her deeply, on November 6, 2018, at the age of 90. She was a beloved wife, a celebrated teacher, a treasured grandmother, and a mother of four.

Born in Manhattan on September 30, 1928, Stanya was the only daughter of Irving Schwarzkopf and Ruth Benedict Schwarzkopf. On February 3, 1947, she married the love of her life, John I. Jimenez, in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. The young couple moved to the southwest, where they both attended the University of New Mexico. After returning to New York, they first settled in Catskill to raise their family, moving to Red Hook in 1966. Stanya was a devoted member of St. John's Reformed Church in Red Hook. She received a Masters in Education from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY, and taught reading at John L. Edwards Elementary School in Hudson, NY for over 30 years, volunteering after her retirement for more than a decade. She was a fierce advocate for all children, especially the ones likely to be left behind, and will be lovingly remembered policing the hallways for untied shoelaces.

Known as "Nana" to almost everyone, Stanya was small in stature but remarkably tenacious. Quiet, yet perceptive. Her bright, adoring smile and feisty spirit will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her husband (2003) and her son, John M. Jimenez (2014). She is survived by her daughters Joya (Michael) DiStefano, Brie J. Gallagher, and Yona Bocchino; her grandchildren Jenna (Mike Carr) Jimenez, John "JJ" I. Jimenez, Jessica (Uriel) Ruiz, Shannon Gallagher, Adam Berardi, Zachary Bocchino, Dylan (Lauren) Gallagher, and Seth Gallagher; seven great-grandchildren; and her brothers, Peter (Marion) and Daniel (Connie) Schwarzkopf.

A celebration of life will be held on November 18th, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Nana's home (771 County Rte. 20, Cairo, N.Y.)

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Stanya S. Jimenez scholarship. Payments can be made to Hudson Sr. High School, in care of Ellen Miller, 215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ So sad that I missed the passing of Stanya. For years she has been a wonderful spirit filled friend. Take comfort knowing she is sharing the heavenly joy with her husband & son, both named John.

Michael deBenedictus - November 24, 2018 at 08:47 AM

ES

“ Stanya was a good friend of mine, and a good friend of St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. She had a special heart for our benevolent endeavors - she wholeheartedly supported our missionaries and our outreach programs. She was an inspiration and a joy to know! May she rest in peace. I am sure she was met with a "Well done, good and faithful servant.."

Evie Seils

Evie Seils - November 16, 2018 at 04:04 PM

SR

“ So so sad to hear that Mrs. Jimenz has passed. She truly cared and loved many of the children and kept in touch...she will truly be missed!!



Shana Raggs - November 15, 2018 at 05:38 PM

LD

“ I am sad to hear of Stanya's passing. I first met her when I started working at JLE and always admired her dedication to the teaching profession. I will always remember her kindness. When I had my own children, she made a point to give them each a special book when they were born, with a lovely handwritten message inside to welcome them to the world and to share her love of reading. I still have the books and enjoy reading her messages. My sincerest condolences to her family..... Lisa Dodig

Lisa Dodig - November 15, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DO

“ Doreen lit a candle in memory of Stanya S. Jimenez



Doreen - November 15, 2018 at 06:12 AM

TH

“ Theresa Halloran lit a candle in memory of Stanya S. Jimenez



Theresa Halloran - November 14, 2018 at 09:51 PM

TH

Dearest Stanya...It has been 31 years since we worked together at JLE. Yet I remember and admire you as strongly as ever. You were a true force of nature .And now you are sharing your presence with the Angels in Heaven. I have no doubt that you, in your inimitable fashion, are up there teaching them a thing or two...You are missed and fondly remembered... Much Love, Your Friend, Terri Halloran

Theresa Halloran - November 14, 2018 at 11:00 PM

CJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I first met your Mom/Grandmother, Stanya, in the fall of 1984 when I was a new teacher at John L. Edwards Elementary School in Hudson. She welcomed me with open arms and a warm heart, and was always an inspiration to me. After a few years I left John L.; however my association with Stanya continued through DKG Alpha Nu. Stanya shared her time and talents so willingly and the children she taught are better for having known her. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

With sincere sympathy,

Carol Ann Jason

Carol Ann Jason - November 14, 2018 at 12:12 PM