



Giannina DeFuria

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Giannina DeFuria, 79, of Syracuse, passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Elderwood at Liverpool Nursing Home. She was born in Syracuse to the late James and Florence (Brotherton) DeFuria and was a life-resident of the Syracuse area. Giannina was a proud graduate of Syracuse University. She worked for over 25 dedicated years with the Syracuse City School District and was instrumental in the development of many students; she truly enjoyed working with her students. Giannina had a great love of animals; over the years she had many pet cats and even a horse that she cared for. She enjoyed cooking and gardening, but above all, loved spending time with family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her brothers, James III and Jeffrey DeFuria.

Giannina is survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

In keeping with Giannina's wishes, there will be no funeral services.

Donations may be made to Purpose Farm 1454 West Genesee Rd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027.



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Jane Curl posted:

This special woman was my flute teacher. She was a talented musician. She had gorgeous tone and a rich sound when she played. She inspired me by her independence and her zest for life. She was a loyal friend to my mother, Joan Hoyer. She had one of the best giggles. And when she started to laugh, it was infectious. She was a tender human. She cared for stray cats. She cared about children. She was passionate, but knew how not to take life too seriously. I adored her and feel blessed that she was part of my life. May you rest without pain, Giannina.

March 11 at 4:21 PM



Ed O'Rourke posted:

Giannina was a fine teacher and musician, and a good friend during our time in SCSD. Sorry to hear of her untimely passing. Rest in Peace. Ed O'Rourke

March 5 at 2:22 PM



Rae Defuria March 6 at 2:20 PM

Thank you Ed.



Angie lit a candle in honor of Giannina.

My name is Angie and I had the honor and privilege of being her roommate and night before God called her home We had "girl's sleep over" We talked about growing up making sauce her family esp her cats whom that is all she wanted to go home to Now her spirit can roam where she can play with her cats on earth and one's that crossed over the rainbow bridge Until we meet again Gianna



March 1 at 5:04 PM



Rae Defuria March 5 at 2:25 AM

Thank you Angie for making my Aunt so happy her last night. I hope you are doing well. Rae



Alex Corsello posted:

Friend, surrogate sister-in-law, Godmother to my daughter -my dear "Ginsy" -she hated it when I called her that! So many memories. Thank you for all the food, music, love and friendship we shared. Rest in peace Giannina. Love - Alex Corsello

February 28 at 7:25 AM



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MD

M Suzanne Kondra-Defuria lit a candle in honor of Giannina.

February 28 at 6:48 AM



MD

Melanie Corsello Domanico posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of my beloved Godmother. Love, Melanie

February 28 at 5:45 AM

RD

Rae Defuria lit a candle in honor of Giannina.

February 28 at 2:43 AM



RV

Robbie Wells / Las Vegas lit a candle in honor of Giannina.

To the DeFuria family, my sincere condolences go out to you all during this tough time. I remember when I was a young man seeing her at the family home on Burnet Ave. Rest in peace Giannina and may God bless you and your family too.

February 27 at 8:15 PM



TB

Takida Myers- Beckwith posted:

Ms. DeFuria was my band director at Grant Middle School. She was a great person and she was my favorite teacher. She attended my graduation party when I graduate from LeMoyne College in 1999. I remember spending time at her house for a Bar B Que with some friends. She made sure she had all of our favorite foods. She was a very special person and for those of us who had the honor of knowing her, she will forever have a special place in our hearts.

February 27 at 3:46 PM



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JR

Julianne Reaume posted:

To my second family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Giannina was bigger than life!!! Love Julianne

February 27 at 2:03 PM

CL

Carole Long March 5 at 7:36 AM

I was reminiscing with a friend recently about Giannina and the car she had in high school. So I looked her up and was sad to find she had passed away. In high school a group of us girls would never have gotten anywhere without her car. And the important part of her car that I remember was the cardboard box taped to the dashboard where we had to put quarters so she could buy gas. She was always full of life and a fine musician. Rest in peace. Carole Long

MP

Maria Pappalardo August 25 at 7:03 AM

Without her I would have needed to take the bus to SU. She was the only one I knew that had a car...such as it was. The years of hanging out, studying together, her music and love of life spilled over and added to my life. Her flute will add to the music of the stars. Hope she meets up with Fluffy. Maria P.

WC

Wendy A Collins March 5 at 1:06 PM

Dear Jennifer, Rae & family, my deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Hold onto the happy memories Wendy

DD

Danielle Corsello Deroberts February 28 at 6:48 AM

Giannina was always apart of our family growing up; making everyone laugh. She will be missed! xoxo Love, Danielle

JD

Jennifer Defuria February 27 at 5:38 PM

Thank you Jules. Glad you got to see her recently



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Giannina by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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