



Maria Gabriella Pongracz

January 21, 1942 - January 18, 2024

Our dear Maria Gabriella Pongracz was called home on January 18, 2024, at the age of 81, filled with every bit of love her family could give her.

The daughter of the late Albert Pongracz and Elizabeth Pongracz, she was born on January 21, 1942, in Budapest, Hungary. Maria came to America in 1956 at the age of 14 to begin a new life here, but always remained a true Hungarian Girl. She faced every challenge in life with strength, courage and of course, humor.

Maria finished life in Pine Bush, New York, where she was the President of the Pine Bush Seniors for years. This group meant the world to her and provided her so much joy and happiness. She belonged to many other senior groups in the area and loved each one. She was happiest when being her true, social self. We all know, she loved a crowd! A true icon in her town, we know she will miss you all.

Maria was proud of her children, Maria Zanetti, Elizabeth Connelly, Susan Brown, Paul Dudas (predeceased by), Butch Dudas (Barbie), Maggie Barone (Tad), Kathy O'Connell (Tom), and Andrea Graham; Her grandchildren, Anthony Zanetti, Christina Zanetti, Jonnell Connelly-Brundage, Erica Brown-Holzhauer, James Baggatta, Ashley Shimek, Craig Dudas, Nicole Dudas, Sophronia Barone, Sydney Barone, Michael Gledhill, Cassandra Benz, Austin King, Alexandria Cuebas and Aidan Graham; Her great-grandchildren, Philip Connelly(predeceased by), Emily Brundage, Cameron Holzhauer, Cecelia Holzhauer, Jayden Layer, Azaria Shimek, Mason Dudas, Isla LoPiccolo,

Sienna LoPiccolo, Emmett Gledhill (his Big Big), Ian Gledhill and Miles Benz;
Her sister Jane Reynolds and her beloved dog, Pumpkin.

At Maria's request, there will be no service. If you would like to honor her
memory, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners
Hospitals for Children in her name.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mommy aka Rie , I've been trying so hard to express how I feel while looking at your pic...there just isn't enough space to write exactly what I'm thinking... we've had the best time in life ... the good the bad the even better ... we often talked about how I'd go on without you and we both said how hard it would be but I didn't think it would be this hard ...I'm uncertain how to do this . I am truly lost without you .. you're my best friend my choochie !!! But I will tell you this I am who I am because of you ... and for that I am proud and honored to have had you as my mom my forever friend and coffee time won't ever be the same but we will try our best to have our Sunday jib jab and mostly reminisce about you and our time with you . I am so broken without you here but I know you'd say enough already cut it out Thank you for always being my right hand girl !!! I love you forever and always xoxoxo love you Ta Ta



Kathleen oconnell - January 31, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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Love her so much! We really did lose our sidekick in life💔 and we definitely are who we are because of her,and I pray I can be even half the fighter and fearless woman she was ❤️🙏

Andrea Graham - February 08, 2024 at 10:06 AM