



# Marianna Ruth Toffetti

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**M**arianna Ruth Toffetti passed away peacefully on January 14, 2023. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on January 4, 1933, to the late Ernest and Ruth Warsin. Marianna was preceded in death by her late, beloved husband Saverio Toffetti (1938 – 1979), her son Gregory Toffetti (1966 –2015).

Marianna grew up in Middle Village, NY where she attended public school. Upon graduating she began a seventeen year career in retail, culminating in the role of Buyer’s Representative for Federated Retail Stores.

On a fateful evening in 1963 she and a girlfriend had dinner at a small French restaurant where Saverio was working as a bartender. She was smitten and made several more visits to his bar before he finally asked her out. They were married in 1965 and began their family. Gregory arrived first, followed by her surviving daughter Jennifer Mattern and surviving son, Geoffrey Toffetti.

After Gregory was born, they bought a quaint little house in Ossining, NY where they settled into an active family life. Before long the couple had fostered several great friendships that came to define what Marianna would declare as her best years.

In 1978 the family moved to St. Petersburg, FL to remain near Saverio’s parents who had recently relocated there. Eight months after arriving in FL Saverio was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, to which he succumbed just two months later.

Marianna was left devastated with three young children. While this time was very dark for her she put her kids first and provided a loving and warm home for them. Nightly family dinners were the lynch pin of family life in the aftermath of Saverio’s parting. Family traditions also fostered a sense of normalcy, like Dal Italia Pizza while trimming the Christmas tree and New Year’s Eve parties for all the neighbors.



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Marianna took great pride in being a homemaker and mother. She had deep faith and was comforted in the knowledge that she would one day be reunited with the love of her life. She was an avid reader. In her twenties she compiled a list of one thousand books she was determined to read, she made it into the 900's before Alzheimer's took reading away from her.

She was an expert at completing crossword puzzles and often surprised people with her vast vocabulary. Marianna was ever humble, never acknowledging her great intellect, instead emphasizing the intelligence of her husband and children over her own.

Marianna was a very proficient amateur genealogist. She was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 1974, initially in the Mohegan chapter in Ossining, NY and later in the Boca Ciega Chapter in St. Petersburg, FL. She was also a member of the John Libby Family Association, which is dedicated to documenting the progeny of her earliest ancestor in the Americas. During her time with the D.A.R. Marianna documented seven ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War, all before the internet, admitting her to rarified territory in the D.A.R. She also served as an Officer in NSDAR.

Despite having endured several tragic episodes in her life she remained kind and patient. She never held a grudge or spoke poorly of others. Her home was always open to friends in need even when she had no money and very few resources. Whether it was cooking up pounds of pasta to feed a group of hungry teens or letting wayward friends crash for weeks or even months. She had a great laugh that could get others laughing, the trick always was to get her laughing in the first place...

In addition to her two living children Marianna is survived by six grandchildren, Abigail Mattern, Saverio Mattern, Dominic Mattern, Deanna Mattern, Declan Toffetti, and Silas Toffetti.

A mass will be held in her honor on January 30, 2023, at 10:00 AM at Holy Cross Catholic Church, located at 7851 54th Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709, followed by a graveside ceremony at Memorial Park at 11:30 AM located 5750 49th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709.



# Events

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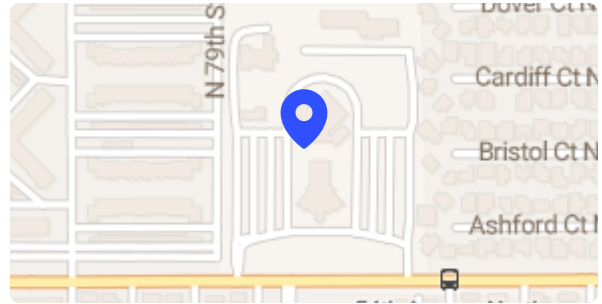
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## Mass of Christian Burial

**Monday**, January 30, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

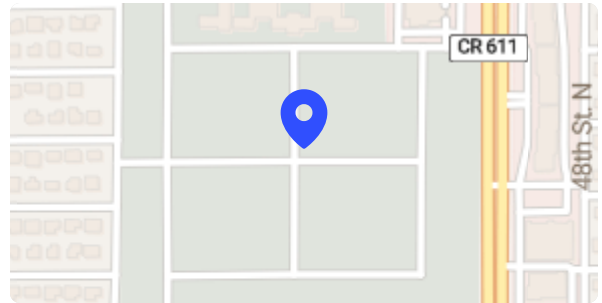
**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
7851 54th Avenue N, St. Petersburg FL 33709



## Cemetery Details

**Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

**(727) 369-8228**





# Tribute Wall

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**Deanna Her Granddaughter** sent a virtual gift in honor of Marianna.

I remember when she came live with me I love you Grandma and I miss you

January 31 at 8:29 AM



**Linda Christofaro** lit a candle in honor of Marianna.

Linda Christofaro lit a candle in memory of Marianna Toffetti

January 29 at 2:43 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Toffetti family.

January 27 at 2:41 PM



**Jennifer Mattern** lit a candle in honor of Marianna.

Jennifer Mattern lit a candle in memory of Marianna Toffetti

January 27 at 6:28 AM



**Jennifer Mattern** lit a candle in honor of Marianna.

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January 26 at 6:12 AM



**Jennifer Mattern** lit a candle in honor of Marianna.

Jennifer Mattern lit a candle in memory of Marianna Toffetti

January 25 at 8:54 AM





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HS

**Hazel And Sara** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Toffetti family.

January 24 at 8:42 AM



JM

**Jennifer Mattern** lit a candle in honor of Marianna.

January 24 at 8:11 AM



JM

**Jennifer Mattern** lit a candle in honor of Marianna.

Jennifer Mattern lit a candle in memory of Marianna Toffetti

January 22 at 11:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Toffetti family.

January 20 at 10:01 AM



TA

**The Kellys, Bev And Jim** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Toffetti family.

January 19 at 11:40 AM



WD

**With All Our Love, Linda, Kristen, Dawn** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Toffetti family.

January 19 at 11:11 AM





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**Catherine Briggs** posted:

One Christmas I gifted a floor model 1944 Philco Radio/turndtable to my son Taylor, at the home of Marianna's daughter Jennifer. All were gathered around as Taylor spun 78 records with hits from Crosby, Sinatra, and Nat King Cole. Marianna's eyes lit up when she heard those Sinatra tunes and proceeded to sing the night away and tell stories about the early days in New York. It warmed my heart to hear her sing those tunes, and I can't help but think we took her back to those sweet memories of Saverio's bar with drink in hand. Marianna was a class act and will always be remembered.

January 19 at 8:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Toffetti family.



January 19 at 7:40 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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