



## Linda M. Rivera

July 6, 1947 - June 10, 2023

Watervliet, NY - Linda M. Rivera, 75, passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2023, in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family. Linda was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Sehl; Predeceased by her one and only true love Pedro Rivera, and sisters Carol Youmans, Joan Kaituu, and Elizabeth Linnane.

Linda retired from Albany Social Services in 2008. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, playing bocce ball with neighbors, bowling, bingo, and going to the casinos.

She is survived by her two beloved daughters, Denise Rivera-Lind and Maria (Michael) DiStefano; her 4 grandchildren – Jaclyn, Jason, Nicholas and Eddie, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be celebrated at McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc, 208 N. Allen St, Albany, NY 12206. The family will receive friends from 3:00 – 6:00p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Rd, Albany, NY 12205, (518) 724-0242

Visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com) for directions and a guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda M. Rivera*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Linda M. Rivera.*



June 15, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Mrs. Linda Rivera, I am so thankful to you for bringing Denise into this World. She is a true testimony of a person raised to be the best she can possibly be. You were and amazing Woman and now a beautiful Angel. You will truly be missed.. I also loved your Spunkiness. You spice for life and your fight was like no other. Rest In Peace D.Riccio*

**Dawn M Riccio** - June 12, 2023 at 11:04 PM

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“ *Mama Linda you were such a beautiful woman, courageous and a fighter and I admire you for that. I’m so proud to refer to you as my 2nd mom. You left behind so many memories with everyone you knew and I’m sure we could all sit in room and reminisce over stories of all sorts of things we remember about you. If you were in a good mood we felt it, a bad mood look out because you would say how you feel and we felt it. Mama Linda I feel so grateful that I got the chance to come see you while you still had a little spunk in you. I love you, I love you until we meet again behave yourself up there.*

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**Tracy Rider** - June 12, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Linda M. Rivera.*



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June 12, 2023 at 04:00 PM

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“ Linda was (and still is because her Life will continue to be celebrated by her Family and Friends) an excellent person and the World has truly suffered a huge loss here with just how kind, sweet, & generous she was as a Human Being. When you hear people say, that certain people don't have a mean bone in their body, Linda is the epitome of that Statement. Anytime I was blessed to have her presence around me, she NEVER left without saying "I Love You" and even in the small amount of time of knowing her, you really felt that love. I'll NEVER forget when she found out that my Mom passed away, she hugged me like a Grandmother (unfortunately I never really was able to have Grandparents growing up so I NEVER knew that feeling) and she gave me something that I don't think ANYONE else could have at that time and that was the confidence & courage to be able to get through my hardships of losing my Mom. I can only hope to be able to leave that kind of impression on the World and/or even just the people around me. My deepest Condolences and Prayers go out to EVERYONE who was blessed to have Linda in their lives especially her Family (including but not limited to Nick, Jenn, Denise, Jay, all of her Grandkids, Great Grandkids, & even Great-Great Grandkids). Linda will truly be missed and I just want to give her a Special Message from myself: "Thank you Linda, for you just being yourself and being there for me during a time when I needed people like yourself, I will miss you like you are my Grandmother because that's what you deserve and I thank you for showing me love like you did even when I was still a stranger to you, I love you Linda Rivera and I ALWAYS will, give my Mom a huge hug for me, I think you two will hit it off pretty well" .. It's your time to rest now and ALL of us will see you again someday.

- Love You, Linda M. Rivera from your Zackary!!!

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**Zackary Martell** - June 12, 2023 at 03:22 PM



*This is beautiful ☐☐ thank you ❤️*

**Jenn Rodriguez** - June 12, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda M. Rivera.*



June 12, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda M. Rivera.

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“ *My Condolences to her Family at this sad time. Prayers for Linda's entire Family and Friends. 🙏❤️*

**Peggy Rosenthal** - June 12, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *So many Memories to many to count. Those Memories over the years I will hold in my heart. She was a Best Friend to both my sisters one who was her younger years Best friend Patricia Rios until her death then Barbara McDermott. So you see there are many, many beautiful memories of her from 1961 - to the time of her death. You were a big part in all our lives Especially Barbara 😞. It's not goodbye Linda it's until we meet again! ❤️ May you Rest in Paradise. We will miss you Always.*

**Peggy Rosenthal** - June 12, 2023 at 02:38 PM

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“ *I'll always look back on our time shopping and great lunches at Olive Garden. I'm going to miss talking to you every day. Love you.*  
*Sharon*

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**sharon** - June 12, 2023 at 02:10 PM