



## Diana Mary Martino

June 3, 1944 - January 26, 2023

Diana Mary Martino (nee Szczypien), 78, of Lanoka Harbor, passed away surrounded by her daughters on Thursday, January 26, 2023, after fighting multiple myeloma for many years. Diana was born in Passaic, NJ, and grew up in Garfield, NJ where she attended grammar school (St. Stanislaus Kostka School) and highschool school (Garfield High School: Class of 1963). Diana was an independent and strong woman who was never afraid to take chances. So in her 20s, she moved to West Palm Beach, Florida where she started a new life and this is where Diana found a love for the ocean. She eventually moved back to New Jersey to raise her two daughters on her own. Later in life, she met James "Jim" Dench who would become her life companion for 27 years. In the early 2000s, she moved to Lanoka Harbor with Jim where she lived out the rest of her years. Diana and Jim, in his 55' Chevy, traveled throughout the United States and placed a magnetic state on their US map for every state they visited. Though she loved traveling, she also loved gardening, cooking, and hosting get-togethers for family and friends Diana was a proud single mother who adored her daughters and grandchildren.

Diana was the beloved life companion, of 27 years, to the late James Ernest Dench, devoted mother of Dana Kutsup and her husband, John, and Debra Ann Clifton and her husband, Rob, caring grandmother of Andrea, Gabrielle, Robert, Valerie, and Elizabeth, and dear sister of Bernice McVeigh, Patricia Gaidis and her husband, Peter, and Patrick Szczypien. Diana is also survived

by James' daughter Wendy Dench Barrett, his son Brian Dench and wife Penney, and his grandchildren, Kalli-Anne and Kyra-Leigh Hymons, and Ethan and Emma Dench.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Diana's honor to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. (<https://give.themmr.org/fundraiser/4398727>) The MMRF is dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael's Cemetery

120 Saddle River Avenue  
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Garfield  
207 Ray Street  
Garfield, NJ 07026

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Chapel Service at Funeral Home

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Burial

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Michael's Cemetery  
120 Saddle River Avenue  
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diana Mary Martino*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *pat Gaidis lit a candle in memory of Diana Martino*



**pat Gaidis** - January 31, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *I will always remember the great times especially the car shows on the boardwalk, Cape May and Lucy the Elephant. She will always be in our hearts. Love and prayers to the family. Joanie Gal Woods*

**Joanie Woods** - January 31, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Diana Mary Martino.*



January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

LC

“ Love, Carol and Cosmo purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Diana Mary Martino.



Love, Carol and Cosmo - January 29, 2023 at 12:23 PM

LB

“ Love, Your Sister, Bernice purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Diana Mary Martino.



Love, Your Sister, Bernice - January 29, 2023 at 11:06 AM

TF

“ The McVeigh Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Diana Mary Martino.



The McVeigh Family - January 29, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Diana Mary Martino.



January 28, 2023 at 11:28 AM