



Maryann "Sandie" Bocak

September 17, 1951 - July 25, 2019

Maryann "Sandie" Sandra (Kopet) Bocak, 67, of Garfield, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2019. Sandie was born and raised in North Arlington and spent most of her life in Garfield. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration and worked for AT&T as a System Implementation Coordinator in Basking Ridge for over 20 years. She was a parishioner, CCD teacher, lector and coordinator at St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Garfield. She was passionate about volunteering at the Bergen County CASA, cooking, reading, painting, photography and spending time with her friends, family and animals. Sandie was the beloved wife of John Thomas Bocak Jr, for 29 years, devoted mother of Michael Bernadino and his fiancée, Tina, caring stepmother of Al Carlone and his wife, Carolyn, Ed Campbell and his wife, Sharon, Patricia Siedel and her husband, Rich, and the late Debra Campbell, loving sister of Richard Kopycienski, and the late Robert Kopet, and step-grandmother of Bryan Schembre. Sandie will be sorely missed by her close friends Tina and her granddaughter Alexandria Umstead, Joe and Danielle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Sandie's name to St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church (184 Ray Street, Garfield NJ 07026), or Bergen County CASA (1 Bergen County Plaza Suite 334, Hackensack, NJ 07601) would be kindly appreciated by her family.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

340 Ridge Road
North Arlington, NJ 07031

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 30. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUL 31. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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207 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Funeral Mass

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church
184 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Tribute Wall



“ *Maryann "Sandie" Bocak*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *I WORKED AT NURSERY RHYMES SCHOOL WITH MARY ANN AND WAS A FACEBOOK FRIEND OF HERS.*

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY ,MAY YOUR MEMORIES HELP IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF. INGE LOMONICO

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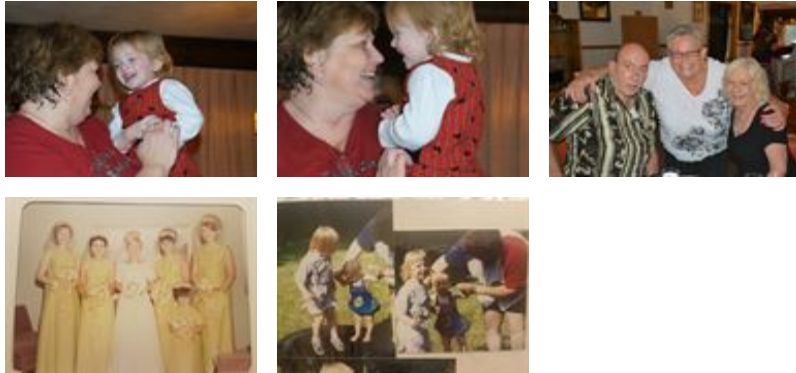


“ *We at Bergen County CASA are deeply saddened of the unexpected death of our wonderful advocate, Maryann Bocak. In her 7 years of volunteering for Bergen County CASA, Maryann was an amazing advocate for three children. Her first case was notable because it was unusually contentious and protracted, which did not intimidate Maryann in the slightest and which she steadfastly chose to see through to the end. Maryann was a champion for her assigned children when it came to making sure that they were safe and happy. It was also clear from her contact notes that she was tremendously fond of her CASA children who likewise always seemed to greet her with great affection. In addition, Maryann was a much-valued Peer Coordinator. She came to outreach events and worked tables for us and helped us interview prospective new advocates. Maryann had a very generous heart and will be greatly missed. We are extremely humbled that her family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Bergen County CASA.*

Bergen County CASA - July 30, 2019 at 04:58 PM



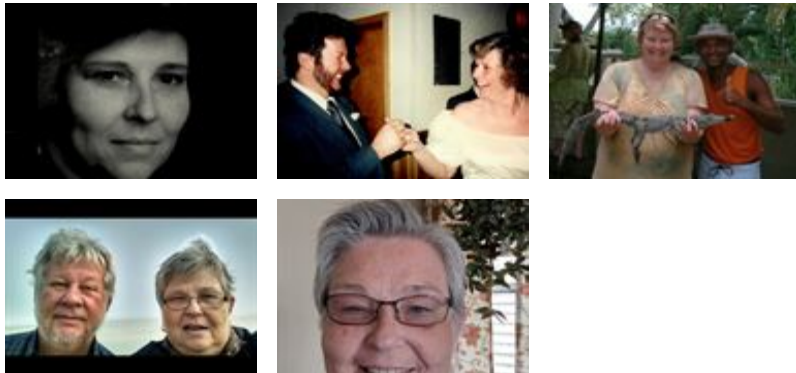
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“ Everyone at the Bergen County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) office had the most beautiful words to say about Maryann.

She was valued not just as an advocate for the children, she was also a peer coordinator for other advocates.

Maryann volunteered for seven years and had placed seven children in stable homes. She had a reputation for sticking with difficult cases.

A quote from an official at the office, Maryann was a "Wonderful human being always willing to help and she will surely be missed. What a loss to her family, the kids in foster care, and her community".

Bergen County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is an independent, non-profit organization that helps place children in stable homes, and also provides needed services and assistance.

Please consider a donation in Maryann's name, to a cause that Maryann was passionate about. Go to <https://bergencasa.org> and click on the donation button.

SG & GB

Anthony Pagano - July 30, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Maryann "Sandie" Bocak.



July 29, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Maryann "Sandie" Bocak.



July 29, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Maryann "Sandie" Bocak.



July 29, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *Kenneth Guida* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Maryann "Sandie" Bocak.



Kenneth Guida - July 28, 2019 at 04:30 PM