



Maria de Lurdes Sousa

June 18, 1954 - October 1, 2021

Maria de Lurdes Sousa, 67, went to be with the Lord on October 1, 2021. Born in Santa Maria, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Jose Maria and Evangelina Sousa. In 1966, at the age of 12, Maria immigrated with her family to the United States and settled in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Maria met the love of her life, Antonio (Tony) while in grade school and they married on July 27, 1974. For 47 years, they built a wonderful life of love, commitment, faith and devotion. Maria worked at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company; then for many years, she owned and operated an overhead door business, along with her husband. After selling the business in 2005, Maria served as Director of Religious Education at St. Christopher's Church in East Hartford, where she was also a long time communicant. The most treasured things in her life were her faith, family and friends.

Maria prayed the rosary daily. She was a woman of incredible strength and beauty that we greatly admired and constantly learned from. She cared for others selflessly, she gave to others generously and she loved everyone equally. She has been our guide, our protector, our inspiration and most importantly, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and dear friend. For those of us who were lucky enough to have been touched by her spirit, she will always hold a special place in our hearts. She will now be able to watch over her family and friends and give them the peace that can only be

given from above.

Among those who will miss her the most are her husband, Antonio (Tony) Sousa, Jr. Her daughter, Sandra Bonfiglio and husband Joe of St. Augustine, Florida. Her sisters, Aida Estanislau (Ramiro) of Newington, CT and Tracy Bonvisuto (Don) of Wethersfield, CT; brothers Arthur Sousa (Patricia) of Wallingford, CT and Tony Sousa (Penelope) of Cat Island, Bahamas. The pride and joy of her life, her grandchildren – Nicholas, Kaitlyn and Alexander. As well as her beloved aunts and uncles, sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews (living and predeceased).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated and live streamed at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at St. Anastasia Catholic Church with Father Jared D'Leo officiating. Those unable to attend, can view the service live streamed at <https://saccfl.org/about/im-new/mass-schedule/>. A visitation, beginning at 10:00 a.m. will precede the service at the church. Entombment will follow at Craig Memorial Park.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m. A coffee hour and gathering will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Edmund Campion Church (St. Christopher's Church) in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Donations in Maria's memory can be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine, Florida is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Craig Memorial Park

2600 Old Moultrie Rd
St Augustine, FL 32086

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

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Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria de Lurdes Sousa*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 12, 2021 at 08:45 AM

VR

Os meus sentidos pêsamos para toda a familia, que a sua alma descance em paz 🙏

Virginia Rego - October 12, 2021 at 11:29 AM

ES

Very beautiful and touching.. Thanks for having her memory.

Elizabeth Shaker - October 16, 2021 at 07:08 AM

AM

So beautiful. We were blessed to have Maria in our lives. Rest now my forever friend.

Antoinette Mintel - October 16, 2021 at 10:27 PM

AK

Tracy and Don are dear friends of ours. Our deepest sympathy to them and to the family of this lovely lady. We will send a card and donation to them on behalf of all of those left grieving.

Anita Keefer - October 21, 2021 at 03:29 PM

BW

Beautiful tribute to a beautiful person . RIP Maria

Barbara Wilmes - October 30, 2021 at 02:58 PM

BC

“ Dear Tony & Sandy & Family,
I am so sorry; I just found out about Maria's passing and my heartaches for all of you! Maria was an exceptional woman and human being! Her kindness affected so many lives in a positive manner. As neighbors to her parents we witnessed on almost a daily basis the love and kindness she showed others. I know for Vito, my children and I it meant a lot the thoughtfulness she shared with us. She now looks down from the heavens watching over us. May you all find peace in knowing Maria touched not only the lives of her family but many others...that is a true legacy to hang on to forever. ❤️🙏

Barbara Cotoia - February 22, 2022 at 02:31 PM



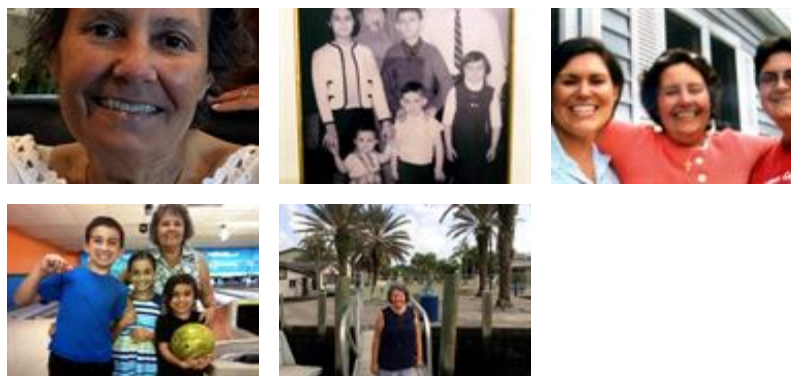
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



October 12, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - October 12, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 11, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Don & Jackie Luizzi purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



Don & Jackie Luizzi - October 11, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 10, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 09, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 09, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Maria was and always will be dear to my heart. I will miss her friendship immensely- our tea time together and chats over just about anything but mostly God, CCD, and prayer. I feel blessed to have known her and to have been her friend and neighbor. She, her kind soul, will live in my and my family's hearts forever. ❤️🙏*
Bea Milne

beatriz milne - October 09, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *It is my pleasure to have known such a beautiful woman , both inside and out. Her smile would light up a room. I feel blessed to have known Maria and her lovely family. Although your hearts are broken, those who have already passed away have welcomed her with open arms.*

May you rest in peace Maria.

Your friend Chris Delissio

Chris Delissio - October 09, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 09, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 08, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 08, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Forever in our hearts! purchased the Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



Forever in our hearts! - October 08, 2021 at 02:34 PM

TP

“ Tony and Penny purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



Tony and Penny - October 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LF

“ Love, Your Rocky Hill High School Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



Love, Your Rocky Hill High School Family - October 08, 2021 at 08:04 AM

MW

“ Maria was a wonderful leader for religious education. She made every parent that came through the door with their child feel special, warm, and at home. She was home therefore St. Chris was home. Our family was blessed by her presence. Our deepest condolences to her whole family.

Mary, Matthew and Jenna Walton

Mary Walton - October 07, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



October 07, 2021 at 07:59 PM

NS

“ Always smiling and so caring.



Nelia Sousa - October 07, 2021 at 07:01 PM

ES

Very wonderful and beautiful pictures of Maria and Family. She'll differently be missed very much.

Elizabeth Shaker - October 10, 2021 at 03:16 PM

NS

“ Maria dancing with my brother Danny who has two left feet but Maria took him and showed him how to dance to a Portuguese song. ❤️🙏❤️



Nelia Sousa - October 07, 2021 at 06:51 PM

NS

“ Nelia Sousa sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria de Lurdes Sousa



Nelia Sousa - October 07, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 07, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



October 07, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Maria was always there for everyone. I will never forget the conversation we had after my dad passed. I always enjoyed our talks. May you rest in peace.*

Nelia Sousa - October 07, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Art, Pat, Chris, Matt and Alex purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.*



Art, Pat, Chris, Matt and Alex - October 07, 2021 at 02:51 PM

KH

“ *Maria was a fabulous person. She was so kind to me when I bought Douglas garage door. She Help me get through a real rough time in the beginning and she would always say don't worry Keith it'll all work out And it always did. Rest in peace Maria. Keith Henson*

Keith Henson - October 07, 2021 at 02:51 PM

ME

“ *Maria Lurdes Estevam lit a candle in memory of Maria de Lurdes Sousa*



Maria Lurdes Estevam - October 07, 2021 at 11:41 AM

ES

“ *With deep sympathy for Maria, I'll missed her very much. She was my best friend, and a caring heart. When I would go to her house to visit, we had great times with her and her husband Tony. He would always joke around and we would laugh and had fun. I'll miss that very much. My prayers are with you and your family that our Lord will give you strength to keep going. God Bless you all. See you soon. Liz Shaker*

Elizabeth Shaker - October 07, 2021 at 08:59 AM

MM

“ *Maria was a wonderful lady was always happy and she was the kind person to help everyone she helped my sister Beatriz when she was sick now she is at the Heavens gate waiting for her with open arms Maria was an Angel here in and she will be an Angel up in Heaven looking down to protect her husband daughter grandkids and everyone My condolences to the whole family Maria Sousa RIP we all love you ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏 Until we meet again*



Maria De Lurdes Moura - October 07, 2021 at 03:42 AM

MM

“ *Maria De Lurdes Moura lit a candle in memory of Maria de Lurdes Sousa*



Maria De Lurdes Moura - October 07, 2021 at 03:29 AM

MS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Tony, Sandy and their family. I had the privilege to know Maria under many different circumstances. In all of them, she was such a giving and loving soul. She made a difference in all she did and left people better for having known her. -Mary Ann Sprankle*

Mary Ann Sprankle - October 06, 2021 at 09:40 PM

HF

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the Sousa and Bonvisuto families. May you find comfort in memories and knowing she is with God.*

Hope-Denée Fortier - October 06, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



October 06, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



October 06, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



October 06, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maria de Lurdes Sousa.



October 06, 2021 at 02:02 PM