



Nina Marie Graciana

July 16, 1957 - December 11, 2025

Nina Marie Graciana, 68, of Loves Park died on December 11, 2025. Born July 16, 1957 in Rockford; daughter of Gary Fairbanks and Rosemary Capriola. Nina attended Jefferson High School. Nina met her friend and future husband, Joseph Graciana when she was in elementary school in South Rockford, they were united in marriage of January 31, 1975; they celebrated 50 years of love, commitment and friendship this year. Nina was employed as a bartender at the Verdi Club for 32 years. In her free time, she enjoyed spending time at her camper in Lake Carroll with Joe and her extended family. She was an avid reader of novels and spent quiet time working on puzzles. Her family will miss the delicious soups and award-winning chili that she prepared; she was an incredibly talented cook. Nina also enjoyed playing slots at the Verdi. Above all else, Nina was a loving and devoted wife, dedicated mother and adored Nana to her grandchildren. She always put her family first in everything she did in life, supporting her boys and grandchildren each step of the way throughout life. Her family was truly her world. Survived husband, Joseph; sons, Jason (Jilly) Graciana, Joey (Angela) Graciana, Jimmy Graciana; grandchildren, Zane (Sydney Bridegan) Graciana, Isabella (Axel Koym) Graciana, Paige Motzkus, Max Motzkus, Lex Motzkus, Camden Graciana, Mariah Graciana; Scarlett Graciana, Tatum Graciana; step-mother, Raejean Fairbanks; siblings, Rose Ames, Carla DalSanto, Kelly Fairbanks, Cindi Fairbanks, Amy Horns, Brian Fairbanks; sisters-in-law, Anna Graciana, Ginger Andrukaitis, Laurie (Nate) Webster; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and circle of friends. Preceded in death by mother, Rosemary Capriola; fathers, Gary Fairbanks and Carl Craddock; granddaughter, Olivia Graciana father and mother-in-law, Paul and Stella Graciana; brothers-in-law, Tim Andrukaitis, and Jimmy Graciana. Celebration of Life on Saturday, December 20, 2025 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Verdi Club, with a service at 1 p.m.; 782 N. Madison St. Rockford. Immediately following the service food and drinks will be served. Jennifer Thompson, Funeral Celebrant will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Nina's memory to her family. Cremation rites accorded. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Verdi Club
728 N. Madison St.
Rockford, IL 61107

Tribute Wall

MQ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Joe and their entire family. Nina was loved by all and will be greatly missed.*



Mike Quinn - December 19, 2025 at 11:31 PM

ND

“ *Brian,
I am sorry for your loss and wish you and your family peace.*



Nancy Denison - December 17, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.*



December 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JL

“ *Jacob Joseph, Scott Tilton & Tim Lowery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Marie Graciana.*

Jacob Joseph, Scott Tilton & Tim Lowery - December 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.*



December 16, 2025 at 08:43 AM

YF

“ Your Greenlink Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.



Your Greenlink Family - December 16, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.



December 15, 2025 at 12:42 PM

LV

“ So very sorry for your loss! Prayers to your family at this difficult time. Linda Vicencio

Linda Vicencio - December 14, 2025 at 02:32 PM

AB

“ Dear Joe and family, We are saddened to learn of Nina's passing. She was a very special, and kind person. Have missed seeing her. May the Lord comfort you at this hard time. Know we care. Annie Ross Bredeson

Annie Bredeson - December 13, 2025 at 04:54 PM

BF

“ Brian and LaDonna Fairbanks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.



Brian and LaDonna Fairbanks - December 13, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BF

“ Brian and LaDonna Fairbanks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Marie Graciana.

Brian and LaDonna Fairbanks - December 13, 2025 at 04:37 PM

DR

“ Our Very Sincere Condolences 🌸 to Joseph and all the Graciana Famiglia ✨🙏✨ i couldn't tell you how many times (inda old building) Nina and i had lunch together and watch the young & da restless 👁️👁️ we'd get soups from CJ's ✨ chicken tortellini, one of her favorites or i would cook something simple ✨ always leaving 1/2 for her Beloved Joseph 💜 So Dianna (who loves entertaining) had them over for dinner ✨ which was always fun 🍷 but definitely, not as often as we would've liked 😞 Dianna and i are in disbelief, but i'm sure that Her Mother called Her home and though it might leave an empty seat @ da table, She'll always be close in your Hearts giving you a blessing here and there, especially when you least expect it 💖 know we will have You Joseph and all the Graciana Famiglia in Our Never Ending Prayers 🙏 God Bless Us All 🌸🙏🌸 , Frankie & Dianna ✨💖✨🕊️



Dianna and Frankie Romero - December 13, 2025 at 04:08 PM

LF

“ Love Raejean Fairbanks purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.



Love Raejean Fairbanks - December 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM

PA

“ Paige purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Nina Marie Graciana.



Paige - December 13, 2025 at 02:54 PM

PA

“ Paige planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Marie Graciana.

Paige - December 13, 2025 at 02:54 PM