



## Dāna Michelle Barakat

August 26, 1981 - April 6, 2025

Dāna Barakat was born on August 26, 1981 in New York to Monir and Hayat Barakat. Her childhood was spent between Scarsdale and Armonk, New York. Her experience was that of a Lebanese-American, always sharing both cultures in her life.

Dāna was truly a bright light in any room. Her personality was bubbly and approachable and incredibly tenacious and persistent. She was always trying to make people comfortable and ensure a good time. She was an amazing storyteller which manifested in her ability to command the attention of an entire room and deliver effortless speeches. She would always be counted upon to assume MC duties at Christmas and fundraisers where her charisma and charm always left an impression on people.

Dāna was not just a very special person; she had the rare gift of making everyone feel truly special. Her kindness, fun spirit, and genuine attentiveness to those around her created an atmosphere of warmth and comfort. Whether it was a deep conversation or chatting about the little things, Dāna had the ability to make you feel heard and understood. She always found a way to bring a smile to your face, even in the toughest of times, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

Dāna was not only devoted to those she knew personally but also to her

community and causes dear to her heart. She served on the Committee of St. Jude Hope and Heritage and was a proud member of the Board of Directors of SEAL USA. Through her efforts, Dāna always made an impact, striving to help others.

Dāna graduated from the University of Maryland-College Park with a BA in Journalism and from Columbia University with an MA in Human Rights. She spent most of her early career in marketing production and eventually became the Vice President of Marketing and Communications at NYI.

Dāna is survived by her two beautiful children Maya and Rafael whom she loved fiercely, her parents, brother Sam Barakat, husband Walid Khoury, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who loved her dearly.

A visitation will take place Thursday, April 10, 2025, at St. John Paul II at the Immaculate Conception Maronite Church in Sleepy Hollow (199 North Broadway) from 4-8pm, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:30am, and burial at Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dana's St.Jude Memorial fund <http://fundraising.stjude.org/goto/danabarakat>

or

to St. John Paul II at the Immaculate Conception Maronite Church in her name.

<https://www.johnpaul2parish.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. John Paul II at Immaculate Conception  
199 North Broadway  
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

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## Funeral Mass

APR 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Paul II at Immaculate Conception  
199 North Broadway  
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

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## Burial

APR 11 (ET)

Greenwood Union Cemetery  
215 North St  
Rye, NY 10580

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ I am deeply saddened by the tragic news of Dana’s passing. I met Dana at Ascension School when our children were in PK3, and from the very beginning, I appreciated her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit. Being in her company was always a joy. My heart goes out to Maya, Rafael, and all of Dana’s loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

*With sincere sympathy,  
Aurelie Gabriele*

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**Aurelie Gabriele** - April 12, 2025 at 06:51 PM

LB

“ Dearest Dana, Thank you for making our lives brighter and for showing us how to live it to the fullest. We will miss your beautiful smile, your contagious laugh, your animated stories, your generosity and your warmth. There is a great void felt but will take comfort in knowing that you will live in our hearts forever. Hayat, Monir, Sami, and dear family members, sending you the warmest hugs. You will be in our thoughts and prayers and are here for you with anything you need.

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**Lisa Nakhleh Boyd** - April 11, 2025 at 09:00 PM

NF

“ I am so saddened by the news. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. It was an honour and privilege to know beautiful Dana. So many great childhood memories spent with her and her loving family. There are no words. I will be praying for you all. Sending only love and prayers. Nora (Nakhleh) Ferguson

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**Nora Ferguson** - April 11, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 10, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 10, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *My heart and prayers are with your family. Dana was such a gentle and loving person. I will always remember the kindness she showed to me and how welcome she always made me feel. May God protect her in his arms.*

*With love, Andrea Mangiulli*

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**Andrea E Mangiulli** - April 10, 2025 at 01:38 PM

AB

“ Dear Mounir, Hayat and family.

*I'm so saddened by the loss of your daughter. Though there are no words to ease your pain, I hope you can find comfort in the love and support of your loved ones and friends around you.  
May God rest her beautiful soul in heavenly peace and give you and her loved ones the strength and patience to overcome this great loss.*

*Anita Maroun Anis Barakat*

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**Anita Maroun Anis Barakat** - April 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM

GD

“ George and Ann Diab purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



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**George and Ann Diab** - April 10, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SD

“ Sincerely, Alex and Krista Daddario purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



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**Sincerely, Alex and Krista Daddario** - April 10, 2025 at 11:48 AM

BB

“ *Bechara Barakat purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Bechara Barakat** - April 10, 2025 at 11:18 AM

PD

“ *Patrick Diab purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Patrick Diab** - April 10, 2025 at 11:05 AM

IA

“ *Ingrid, Audree, and Paul Anid purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Ingrid, Audree, and Paul Anid** - April 10, 2025 at 10:38 AM

NB

“ *Nabil & Joyce Bejjani purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Nabil & Joyce Bejjani** - April 10, 2025 at 10:16 AM

FF

“ Our hearts go out to the entire family during this difficult time. Dana's beautiful spirit and light will continue to shine on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

*George Faddoul & Family*

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**Faddoul Family** - April 10, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



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April 10, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



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April 10, 2025 at 09:50 AM

AA

“ Our deepest condolences to Dana's Family. Our Prayers and Thoughts are with you. Wishing you strength during this difficult time.

*May her beautiful soul Rest in Peace* 🙏

*Ayda & Yaacoub Khoreiche*

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**ayda achkar** - April 10, 2025 at 09:46 AM

MH

“ *Mansour & Lorraine Harik purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Mansour & Lorraine Harik** - April 10, 2025 at 09:26 AM

TK

“ *The Kraynak's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**The Kraynak's** - April 10, 2025 at 08:54 AM

BK

“ *Dāna, your warm heart and kind soul brought so much joy to your friends and family. You were an amazing friend and will truly be missed by all of those who life you touched. May you rest in peace.*

*To your family, our condolences on such a tragic loss. May her memory stay with you forever.*

*The Kraynak Family,*

*Ben, Carrie, Jack, & Eleanor*

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**Ben Kraynak** - April 10, 2025 at 08:50 AM

GF

“ Georges El Jichi and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Georges El Jichi and family - April 10, 2025 at 08:02 AM

LD

“ Louis and Amal Diab purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Louis and Amal Diab - April 10, 2025 at 07:27 AM

FF

“ From Chlela, Zgheib and Micski families purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



From Chlela, Zgheib and Micski families - April 10, 2025 at 02:34 AM

SB

“ Our Hearts goes out to Dana’s family, sending you love and comfort during this difficult time.  
May her beautiful soul rest in peace ☐  
Sami Georges Barakat and Family

Sami Georges Barakat - April 10, 2025 at 02:19 AM

YJ

“ *Your loving neighbours, Louloua and Joe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Your loving neighbours, Louloua and Joe** - April 10, 2025 at 01:19 AM

JF

“ *Joseph, Marie Diab and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Joseph, Marie Diab and family** - April 10, 2025 at 01:19 AM

GN

“ *May SHE rest in peace and may HER memory and HER spirit shine bright eternally onto HER family and the countless souls to whom SHE touched*

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**George & Christiane Abi Nakad** - April 09, 2025 at 11:50 PM

BF

“ *Barakat, Rose and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Barakat, Rose and family** - April 09, 2025 at 11:25 PM

VW

“ Victor&Danielle, Rick&Katia, Wafa&Nazih purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Victor&Danielle, Rick&Katia, Wafa&Nazih - April 09, 2025 at 11:09 PM

MH

“ Matt & Jess Harnett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Matt & Jess Harnett - April 09, 2025 at 08:03 PM

MM

“ Ms. Plantevin, Ms. Haire & Ms. Madrigal purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Ms. Plantevin, Ms. Haire & Ms. Madrigal - April 09, 2025 at 07:10 PM

TF

“ The Chelala Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



The Chelala Family - April 09, 2025 at 05:51 PM

AR

“ Alex and Nicole Rende purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Alex and Nicole Rende - April 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

GB

“ Gihad & Lara & Aya & Ilda & Joseph Beyro purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Gihad & Lara & Aya & Ilda & Joseph Beyro - April 09, 2025 at 05:01 PM

F3

“ From eveyrone at Class 318 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



From eveyrone at Class 318 - April 09, 2025 at 04:41 PM

AM

“ Aline and Moufid Makhraz purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Aline and Moufid Makhraz - April 09, 2025 at 04:27 PM

OC

“ Olga Collado purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Olga Collado - April 09, 2025 at 03:27 PM

SF

“ Siham Eid and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Siham Eid and Family - April 09, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



April 09, 2025 at 03:24 PM

YS

“ Your Godmother Evelyn Saqr purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Your Godmother Evelyn Saqr - April 09, 2025 at 02:16 PM

AF

“ *Abdel Ahad Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Abdel Ahad Family** - April 09, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 09, 2025 at 02:01 PM

DK

“ *Dima and Ziad Kronfol purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Dima and Ziad Kronfol** - April 09, 2025 at 01:49 PM

DK

“ *Dima and Ziad Kronfol planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*

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**Dima and Ziad Kronfol** - April 09, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 09, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Asma and Eli Khoury purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Asma and Eli Khoury** - April 09, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 09, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 09, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 09, 2025 at 12:58 PM



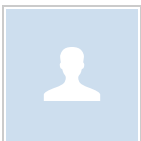
“ *Dāna was a beautiful soul whom we lost too soon! We will always remember her as a ray of sunshine in our lives. Dāna was an empathetic person with grit and determination. She was the type of woman who uplifted other women and energized everyone she met with her kindness, grace, and enthusiastic spirit. Dāna was a compassionate mother. Her vibrant presence will be deeply missed.*



*The Abi Rafehs  
Aghnie, Farouk, Raya, Kareen, & Rania*

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**Rania Abi Rafeh** - April 09, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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April 09, 2025 at 11:18 AM

RA

“ Randa and Nadeem Akda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Randa and Nadeem Akda - April 09, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



April 09, 2025 at 09:20 AM

FS

“ From Samia, John and Carina Stevenson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



From Samia, John and Carina Stevenson - April 09, 2025 at 08:27 AM

MR

“ Maya, Maroulla and Rudy-Nader purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Maya, Maroulla and Rudy-Nader - April 09, 2025 at 04:10 AM

NB

“ Nazek and Georges Barakat purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Nazek and Georges Barakat - April 09, 2025 at 03:55 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



April 08, 2025 at 10:32 PM

AF

“ Andrew & Elsa Daher and Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Andrew & Elsa Daher and Family - April 08, 2025 at 09:14 PM

GJ

“ Dana was an inspiration to us all. She loved her people and her heritage and her faith and gave generously in every way. She will be missed. Her memory will live on gloriously among her family and many friends and fellow St. Jude Hope and Heritage colleagues. Our sincerest condolences to her parents our dear friends Monir and Hayat, to all her beautiful family and friends everywhere.



George N Jalinis - April 08, 2025 at 09:07 PM



MF

“ Muna Audi Zahr and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



Muna Audi Zahr and family - April 08, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RH

“ To our beautiful Dana, remembering you near and far and forever. Treasuring the beautiful life you had with the most loving and amazing family and friends surrounding you, although it has been tragically cut short. You will be most dearly missed and those times spent with yo will be treasured by all of us. Love, Rana



Rana Halaby - April 08, 2025 at 03:25 PM

FF

“ From Anas George Nasra family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



From Anas George Nasra family - April 08, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.



April 08, 2025 at 12:57 PM

TN

“ *Tala & Mais Nasra purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**Tala & Mais Nasra** - April 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

TF

“ *The Nasra Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dāna Michelle Barakat.*



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**The Nasra Family** - April 08, 2025 at 10:59 AM

SB

“ *Dana was a woman of remarkable strength, kindness and humor. A vivid light, gone too soon—yet she glows in every life she touched. She lived with fire, laughed with heart, and loved her children fiercely. The beauty of her spirit will live on in them, and everyone who was blessed with her presence. I carry her memory with deep gratitude; she left a profound mark on all who knew her, myself included. Sending peace and love to her beautiful family.*

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**Sean Barkulis** - April 07, 2025 at 10:42 PM