



## Melissa Ann Garcia

January 16, 1978 - February 9, 2016

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016 Melissa Ann Garcia went to be with the Lord. Melissa had the hardest fight of her life when she became ill last year, was intubated and lived in intensive care for months. Against all odds, her trachea was removed; she then began to breathe on her own, as she slowly recovered from a chronic illness. So her sudden death devastated many, as she recently and vibrantly celebrated her 38th birthday. Her parents Carmen Cordova Skrezyna and Vidal Garcia often joked that Melissa was born on one of the worse storms of the century! On January 16, 1978 after a few feet of fallen snow, Melissa blessed the world with her presence! Her fierce will helped overcome many obstacles. At 18 months, she attended the United Cerebral Palsy program in Queens until she was 5 years old.....then attended PS233 through 21 years of age. Her decades of medical ailments and surgeries never kept her depressed. And despite her special needs, she glowed with smiles daily and loved unconditionally. Her hardy laugh that sometimes ended with a screech was amusing, as was her jovial demeanor. She was adored by many. She was a real lady, who loved her nails, hair and attired done up nicely. Her flirtatious edge was delightful because her personality was child-like. She is survived by her parents and siblings within a living, five generation family, making her passing that much more sorrowful. Melissa Ann Garcia's wake will be held on Friday, February 12th from 4 - 8pm. Dwyer & Vanderbilt Funeral Home 90 N Broadway Tarrytown, NY 10591 914-631-0621 Her life will be celebrated, photos and stories shared and a few will eulogize

her awesome spirit! Donations to United Cerebral Palsy of Queens are welcome. Special thanks to all who genuinely & lovingly cared for Melissa, throughout her Life in Queens, NY, as well as, many who nurtured her back to recovery when she moved up to Rockland County. Dr. Mehta and his vent unit at Northern Manor Multicare relieved her of a troublesome trachea. They gave Melissa back to her family, tube free, for months of hugs and laughs. We will be forever grateful to all who loved Melissa and wholeheartedly enjoyed her quirky personality. Rest in peace & God bless you, Melissa Ann. We will endlessly love you!

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ A candle was lit by Luz Diaz- AHRC NYC MSC Supv

on February 25, 2016 9:30 AM

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**Luz Diaz- AHRC NYC MSC Supv** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ Melissa Ann, I love you with all of my heart, miss you dearly and wait for you in my dreams, until I see you again. xo

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**Marisol** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ A candle was lit by Marisol

on February 24, 2016 6:42 PM

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**Marisol** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

UL

“ A candle was lit by Uncle luis

on February 19, 2016 9:29 PM

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**Uncle luis** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

RS

“ *Marisol and family,  
I pray comfort and peace all hearts that only God can give, peace  
that surpasses all understanding while walking this road of losing a  
beloved.  
She's an angel in the everlasting presence of the Lord.  
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**Ruthie Sonera-Santiago** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

RS

“ *A candle was lit by Ruthie Sonera-Santiago  
  
on February 19, 2016 12:56 PM*

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**Ruthie Sonera-Santiago** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

TM

“ *Sleeping beauty has a new meaning for me. Rest in peace sweet  
Melissa who laughed at all of her dad's jokes. His number one fan.*

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**Titi Millie** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

TM

“ *A candle was lit by Titi Millie  
  
on February 16, 2016 10:24 PM*

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**Titi Millie** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

EG

“ *What a blessing to have had her for those 38 yrs. i know how much  
she loved everyone. Her love will continue to shine thru your  
memories that you cherish.*

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**Eileen and Stan Goldman** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

LG

“ Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. My sincerest condolences during this difficult time. Love you all.

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**Lisa Goldman** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

LG

“ A candle was lit by Lisa Goldman

on February 14, 2016 4:57 PM

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**Lisa Goldman** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

EF

“ A candle was lit by Evelyn Gonzalez-Perry & Family

on February 14, 2016 4:24 PM

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**Evelyn Gonzalez-Perry & Family** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

CR

“ Rest peacefully, dearest Melissa. You're in our hearts forever. Titi carmen, Chris angel and Steven.

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**Carmen Rivers.** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

DO

“ A candle was lit by Diana Garcia / older

on February 13, 2016 6:23 PM

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**Diana Garcia / older** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

MB

“ A candle was lit by Martha and Dominique Brown  
on February 13, 2016 12:21 PM

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**Martha and Dominique Brown** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on February 12, 2016  
My the Lord bless you with Melissa Ann's Spirit always. Sending  
condolences and love from California. Toni, Dave and Milena  
D'Andrea

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**Expression of Sympathy** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

SM

“ A candle was lit by Sonia Mendez  
on February 12, 2016 12:33 PM

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**Sonia Mendez** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

PO

“ Carmen Y Familia Les mandamos muchos abrazos y orciones.  
Melissa es ahora una Angelita al lado de Jesus Christo. Que Jesus  
este con todos. -----{@ Pedro Y Crucita.

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**Pedro A. and Cruz Ortiz** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

PR

“ A candle was lit by Pedro A. and Cruz Ortiz Ramos  
on February 12, 2016 12:23 PM

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**Pedro A. and Cruz Ortiz Ramos** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

FC

“ A candle was lit by Freddie Cordova Jr and Angela Cordova  
on February 12, 2016 10:38 AM

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**Freddie Cordova Jr and Angela Cordova** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

EC

“ So thankful for many memories. You will forever be in my heart..I  
love you dearly

Your niece,  
Erica

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**Erica Ann Cordero** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

EC

“ A candle was lit by Erica Ann Cordero  
on February 11, 2016 4:31 PM

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**Erica Ann Cordero** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

HG

“ A candle was lit by Hector and Miriam Garcia  
on February 11, 2016 12:26 PM

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**Hector and Miriam Garcia** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

ES

“ *A THE COLOR OF MEMORIES TABLE ARRANGEMENT was sent on February 11, 2016*

*To the Garcia Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Our Most Sincere Sympathy, John, Dan, and Chris (IVA Trading Team)*

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**Expression of Sympathy** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

GR

“ *A candle was lit by GodMother Ruthie*

*on February 10, 2016 11:31 PM*

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**GodMother Ruthie** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM

RE

“ *Melissa was an Angel sent to earth .We will miss her. You will always be in our Little girl.....XO*

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**Ruthie and Edwin** - March 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM