

A close-up portrait of a woman with dark hair, smiling and looking slightly to the right. She is wearing a dark earring. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies with green leaves.

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Jacqueline Martinez

**Sunrise
March 5, 1969**

**Sunset
June 22, 2021**

**Memorial Service:
Saturday, June 26, 2021 - 3:00 pm**

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
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Obituary

Today we celebrate the life of **Jacqueline Maite Martinez**, known as Jackie to her friends and family. Jackie was born on March 5, 1969 to Julian and Xiomara Martinez. She was the eldest of their three daughters.

Born with Sickle cell disease Jackie beat all the odds as her parents were told she would not live to be 5 years old. As a child when Jackie was not in the hospital due to SCD, she enjoyed spending time with her parent's, sisters, grandparents and cousins. Jackie would learn how to play hard, have fun and endure the consequences later. By the time Jackie was 10 years old she would have endured a stroke and lost the vision in her right eye making her legally blind. This new disability did not stop Jackie. Jackie would attend the lighthouse for the blind and learn how to navigate life without the use of her vision and gained the super strength of being able to hear a pin drop while in a room full of people while she was watching television on full volume "you better not have dared talk about her".

Jackie experienced kidney failure in her thirties and received a kidney from her younger sister Nancy Harmon. Although Nancy hated when Jackie mentioned her selfless act Jackie snuck it in when she could just to show her appreciation. She had a heart of a warrior and the spirit of a lioness. This woman was truly special, a freaking gem. Obstacle after obstacle she was there for it. Hurdle after hurdle she hopped them and kept her stride.

Jackie was feisty, intelligent, direct, and a courageous lil lady with a big personality. If you met her you could not forget her, she left an impression every time. Jackie had such a contagious infectious laughter that even if you were upset you had to chuckle right along with her. Jackie's energy could fill a room. Nothing but good vibes unless she was pissed then welp, run. Jackie was definitely the heart and matriarch of the Martinez family.

Jackie attended PS.72, CS.90, Roosevelt High school and the Institute for the Blind ultimately receiving her GED in 1997.

Although Jackie didn't have biological children, she was a second mother to her nephews and nieces Julia, Donovan, Sean, Jeyven, Michael, Ariana, Tristan (Chiqi), Daniel (DJ), Madison and her great niece Ariel Jacqueline (AJ) and great nephew Naylen (Paco). All of whom she shared a special relationship with and two of whom she was a God parent to Julia and Tristan.

Jackie worked several jobs, her favorites being a greeter for Governor Cuomo's office and The Disney store. Jackie also made it her mission to educate others on Sickle cell disease, assisting in starting support groups at several different hospitals in the New York area. Creating a facebook page "Look out for the trait". Traveling to different states to speak and to attend symposiums and conferences to keep educated and well-informed regarding new treatments.

Jackie absolutely loved her family and would do all she could to ensure that everyone was alright mentally, physically and financially. She opened her heart once again when she met her younger brothers Julian, Alvaro and Marcel Martinez. There was no one more caring and honest than Jacqueline Martinez.

Jacqueline Maite Martinez Transitioned on June 22, 2021 at Montefiore Medical center with her youngest sister Jennifer Martinez by her side.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort

Selection

Reading Of Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal & Benediction

Remarks By Funeral Director

Recessional

Final Disposition

Ferncliff Crematory
Hartsdale, New York

Psalms 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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