



Maria Helena Zaffuto Banker

January 4, 1958 - August 12, 2014

Maria Helena Zaffuto Banker was taken from us on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at the young age of 56. She was born January 4, 1958 in New Orleans to the late Joseph Louis Zaffuto and Betty Louise Bengert Zaffuto. She was raised in Metairie, graduating from Grace King High School, finally residing in Slidell for over 30 years.

Maria showed a great talent for art and language, which served her throughout her professional and private life. She had many loves; art, creativity, music, animals, video games and most of all her children.

Maria was employed as a typesetter at the Slidell Sentry News. Later, Maria became a dedicated graphics illustrator and editor at the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity (NORDA), U.S. Dept. of Defense, Dept. of the Navy. Following her retirement she started Southern Artistic Veils, hand designing wedding veils made with vintage lace and intricate bead work. A lover of all things Halloween, every year Maria created an elaborate spook-house in her garage to the delight of the children and adults in her neighborhood.

Maria is preceded in death by her sister the late Brenda J. Zaffuto. She is survived by her sister, Patricia A. Zaffuto; son, L.J. Monjure, Jr. (fiancée, Jenny Richardson) of Slidell, LA; daughter, Barrett Banker of New Orleans,

LA; niece Melissa Lucas, special friends Kevin and Kelly Williams and John Buford.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Maria's Life at L.A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA, on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment in St. Louis #3 Cemetery on Esplanade Avenue in New Orleans.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis Cemetery No. 3

3421 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Helena Zaffuto Banker*

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“ *Maria made me the most beautiful wedding veil a few years ago, which perfectly coordinated with my wedding gown. When the gown designers in NYC saw her work, they immediately wanted to hire her. I heard she turned it down because she preferred running her own business and being involved in each creation. She was a craftswoman and an artist. I looked her up today to see if I could commission her work for a first communion veil and headpiece for my daughter. Alas, Maria is gone too soon. She was a blessing in my life and created a precious family heirloom which is now all the more precious. God bless.*

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“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family and friends. May the joyous memories you have bring you peace during this difficult time. I hope that you may draw consolation and strength from the God of all Comfort. (2 Corinthians 1 : 3-7)*

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“ *Renee Azizi sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria Helena Zaffuto Banker*



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