



## Donna M. Borrás

March 22, 1961 - September 27, 2024

Montague - Donna M. Borrás, age 63, passed away on Friday, September 27, 2024. Her last moments were watching her Cowboys beat the Giants, which was a dream she's always wanted to witness live and for that, we are grateful. Born in the Bronx to the late Joseph and Marie (Casazza) Distanislao, Donna had lived in Sussex before moving to Montague with her daughter two years ago. She had been employed at Crystal Springs Resort in Hardyston for 10 years before she retired. Donna was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan and Yankees fan and enjoyed watching all their games, and this last year she had the opportunity to go see both. Her biggest treasure in life was her family. Her life revolved around her children and grandchildren and she had a special bond with each of them.

Besides her parents, Donna was predeceased by her cherished daughter, Melissa Borrás on August 3, 2015 and her former husband, Gregory M. Borrás, Sr. on July 24, 2021. She is survived by her sons, Ricky Willet III and his wife Victoria of Shohola, Pennsylvania, Greg Borrás, Jr. and his fiancé Nicole Start of Barnegat and Jake Borrás and his fiancé Niki of Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania; her daughter, Caitlin Borrás of Montague; her grandchildren, Layla Marie, Allana Bella, Scarlett Victoria, Maxwell Andrew, Cason Jacob, Jazlynn, Tabitha, Logan, and David; her granddaughter who is expected to be born soon, Kali Melissa; and her great granddaughter, Kamara; her brothers, Frank Distanislao of California and Thomas Distanislao

of Barnegat; and her sister, Barbara Distanislao of Toms River.

Donna, affectionately known as "Mama D" to many, was a second mom to everyone who crossed her path. Her home and heart were always open, offering love, comfort, and a place free of judgment. Whether you needed a listening ear or a warm embrace, Donna made everyone feel safe and cherished. She spent countless nights listening to music, proudly declaring Tupac as "her man." With her sharp sense of humor, unflinching honesty, and undeniable talent in the kitchen, Donna was truly one-of-a-kind. Her heart of gold left an indelible mark on those who knew her, and she blessed us with a lifetime of laughter, wisdom, and love. Her loss will be a loss felt by so many.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024 at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Friday prior to the service from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Her one request for when her time came was for everyone to just have a party in memory of her. Following the memorial, the family is inviting all those who loved Donna to join them at the Sussex American Legion Post 213, 915 Route 23 in Wantage to honor her last wish and celebrate her life.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
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### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Robert H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna M. Borrás.

Robert H. - October 04, 2024 at 11:30 AM

JH

“ Jim “Pops” Hendrickson purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Donna M. Borrás.



Jim “Pops” Hendrickson - October 01, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JH

“ Jim & Cheryl Hendrickson purchased the Enchan  
ted Cottage for the family of Donna M. Borrás.



Jim & Cheryl Hendrickson - October 01, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ So many memories. I will always be grateful for you being my  
second mom. All the times you were there when I needed someone  
in the big moments and in the little moments. You were someone  
who played a major role in molding me into the woman I am today. I  
could always count on your support and your bluntness when I  
needed it. I love you always and will miss you forever.

Veronica Brown - September 29, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Donna M. Borrás.*



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September 28, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *my bestfriend* □



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**allana** - September 28, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *The Lavin Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donna M. Borrás.*



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**The Lavin Family** - September 28, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *The Lavin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna M. Borrás.*

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**The Lavin Family** - September 28, 2024 at 02:18 PM

Jl

“ I did not know your mom but felt like I did through Facebook and the love Caitlin always showed for her mom. Caitlin I'm so sorry.

jill - September 28, 2024 at 01:55 PM

SB

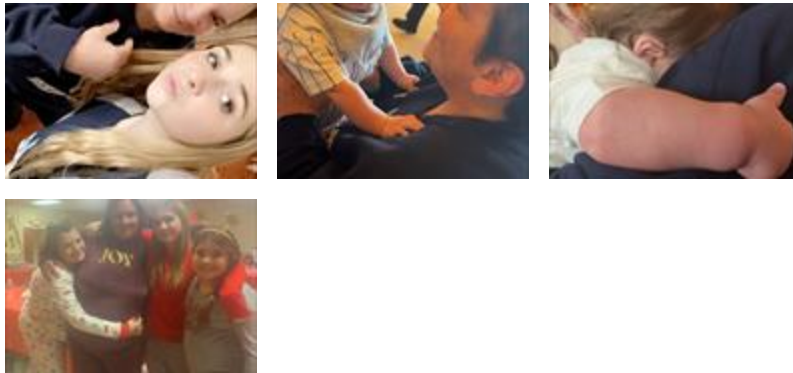
“ My family and I are very sorry for your loss.



Sandra M. Borrás - September 28, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LA

“ the best nana we could ever ask for 💖



layla - September 28, 2024 at 01:38 PM