



## Martha Catherine Sammartano

May 20, 2023

Martha Catherine Sammartano (Mrs. Sam) of Jericho, NY at age 66, adoring wife to husband Frank Sammartano and loving mother to Sandee Sammartano, passed away peacefully on the 20th of May after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Martha was born in 1957 in Hollis, Queens to Thomas and Henrietta Flanagan and grew up in Jericho, NY. Martha married Frank in 1981, welcomed Sandee in 1984 and remained in Jericho.

One of the things that stood out most about Martha was her caring nature; she loved her family and friends so deeply, poured her energy into her students and peers in the Jericho school district and community; and if she could adopt just one more dog, she would.

Martha graduated with her Bachelors in Education from Cortland in 1979, earned a Master's in Education from Stonybrook and enjoyed a long and rewarding career as an educator with the Jericho School District since 1980. After 34 years, she "retired" in 2014, but that was just on paper - she promptly sought a substitute position and continued to be an active figure with the middle school and high school athletic programs. Martha enjoyed spending time with her friends, talking on the phone, and traveling with her family. One of Martha's favorite traditions was an annual family trip to cut down their Christmas tree, an adventure that would begin with breakfast in New Jersey, sawing down a fresh tree in Pennsylvania, and visiting the craft fair at the local volunteer fire department. She couldn't end the trip without going to her favorite candle store and stopping by the confectionary for a bag full of

candies and treats.

Unexpectedly, in 2021, Martha was diagnosed with a brain tumor which, after rigorous treatments and surgeries, would prove to be too much for her body. Martha is survived by her husband, daughter and was expecting her first grandchild.

There will be a viewing on Thursday, 5/25 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Roslyn Heights Funeral Home, 75 Mineola Avenue, Roslyn. Mass will be on Friday, 5/26 at 10:00 AM at St. Paul the Apostle, 2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville. Following the mass, St. Charles in Farmingdale.

As requested by Martha's family in lieu of flowers please donate to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) <https://www.dav.org>

A charity close to Martha's heart.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Cemetery

Wellwood Avenue  
Farmingdale, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home  
75 Mineola Ave  
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577  
(516) 621-4545  
[roslynheightsfh@gmail.com](mailto:roslynheightsfh@gmail.com)  
<https://RoslynHeightsFH.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle RC Church  
2534 Cedar Swamp Road  
Brookville, NY 11545

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Martha was one of the three great influences in my son's life, who recognized his potential for mathematics and guided him in that direction for a career, from which he now prospers. But that's the kind of educator she was. Martha always tried to show her students the big picture for how the studies at their formative ages would direct their lives. I always will be grateful that my son had the opportunity to study with Martha. She will be missed greatly by all who had the great fortune to know her.

Ray Commisso - August 18, 2025 at 05:12 AM



“ I am devastated to hear of the loss of Martha. I just found out this morning. She was such a wonderful person. She did taxes for my husband and I for forty years. I wish I had known she passed. I would have wanted to attend the wake and funeral.

Donna Marie - November 20, 2023 at 10:06 AM



JP

“ Jeanmarie Phelan lit a candle in memory of Martha Sammartano

Jeanmarie Phelan - May 27, 2023 at 11:09 AM



MK

“ *Martha was wonderful and inspiring person, but most of all she was my best friend.* ”



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**Mary E E Kriskovic** - May 24, 2023 at 07:49 PM

HM

“ *heather meteles lit a candle in memory of Martha Sammartano* ”



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**heather meteles** - May 24, 2023 at 07:27 AM

SS

“ *Sangita Shah lit a candle in memory of Martha Sammartano* ”



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**Sangita Shah** - May 23, 2023 at 11:29 PM

JW

“ *judy Walles lit a candle in memory of Martha Sammartano* ”



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**judy Walles** - May 22, 2023 at 05:21 PM

RG

“ *Rita Graves lit a candle in memory of Martha Sammartano*



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**Rita Graves** - May 22, 2023 at 02:24 PM