



## Maria Desjardin

December 30, 1954 - March 31, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a vibrant, loving, and unforgettable woman, who left this world at the age of 71. Maria Desjardin passed away in her home in Buford, Georgia on Monday, March 30, 2026.

Born in the Bronx, NY, to Angel and Nelida Gonzalez—both of whom predeceased her—Maria carried her roots with pride. She was a devoted and loving daughter who cared for her parents with remarkable compassion and selflessness. She was the kind of older sister everyone hopes for—fun, loving and full of joy, yet fiercely protective.

After high school, she began working at Mount Sinai Hospital, where she was known for her incredible work ethic and dedication. She spent many years there before retiring at the age of 62. During her time at Mount Sinai, she built life long friendships with colleagues who became like family and brought immense joy to her life.

It was through life's journey that she met her husband, Sidney, who became her greatest love and partner of 43 years. Together, they built a life rich in love and happiness—full of vacations, music, dancing, and endless laughter.

She lovingly embraced her role as a mother to three children-Damien, Lauren and her stepson Marc whom she loved as her own. Her family was the center

of her world, and she created a home filled with endless support and encouragement.

Later in life, Maria & Sidney made a home in Georgia. It is there that she built a new circle of friends who quickly became like family. Whether lifelong or newly made, Maria treasured her friendships deeply.

Maria shared a special bond with her beloved dog, Lana—a tiny but feisty companion who adored her “mommy” just as much as Maria adored her.

To know Maria was to know kindness, selflessness, and unwavering devotion. She had a natural gift for turning ordinary days into something special. There was always something to do, somewhere to be, or someone to laugh with—and Maria made sure of it. Her energy was contagious, lifting those around her and reminding everyone that life is meant to be lived fully, with excitement, laughter, and heart.

She is survived by her husband: Sidney; children: Damien, Lauren, and Marc; grandchildren: Jada, Mia, and Jewel; and brothers: Angel and Edwin. Along with a wide circle of extended family and friends whose lives were made better by knowing her.

Maria’s legacy is one of love, loyalty, and connection. Though she will be deeply missed, her light lives on in her family, her friends, and in every life she touched. She will be forever remembered.

Maria Desjardin, 71, of Buford, GA passed on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 11:00 AM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at our

Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045.

Livestream Link: <https://vimeo.com/event/5838977>

The Celebration of Life Service for Maria Desjardin will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM. This service will be recorded. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

# Tribute Wall



“ Learning of your passing was shocking. You always treated me as family. You made sure to keep in touch so that Logan never forgot his dad and Grandma. You were such a beautiful soul. Loved you. I will make sure to take Logan to the big aquarium in Georgia just like you told me. Will forever miss you and our talks xoxo



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**Cynthia Murillo-Colon** - April 14 at 08:32 AM

RW

“ I just learned of Maria’s passing. It is hard to believe. She was a force of nature. I forever am grateful for her support of our work at Mount Sinai. She was by my side from the start and carved my career. May you all be comforted by memories and know how much Maria was loved. Richard Woodrow

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**Richard Woodrow** - April 12 at 09:16 AM

SG

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the entire family—especially her husband Sid, and her beloved children Lauren and Damien.

*Maria always spoke of you with so much love... you all were truly her world. I know how deeply she will be missed.*

*43 years of marriage is a legacy of love, commitment, and memories that will live on forever.*

*We are holding you all close in our hearts and prayers. We love you all dearly* □ Edwin & Sandra Gabe and Alyssa

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**Sandra Gonzalez** - April 11 at 08:54 AM

EJ

“ *Maria will always be in my heart. She was born two weeks before my sixteenth birthday. What a joy that was for me. On weekends I would visit my sister Nellie, her mom. Spent time playing, dressing and taking her for a stroll in her carriage. Will cherish those moments and many others forever. She was a vibrant and loving soul. May she rest in heavenly peace. My condolences to The Desjardin family. Your Titi Elsa*

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**Elsa De Jesus** - April 10 at 08:39 PM

SG

*This is such a beautiful memory Titi* 💜

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**Sandra Gonzalez** - April 11 at 08:55 AM

CC

“ *We are sorry for your loss. May the Lord our God give you his love, strength and peace that only he can give always. Will cherish the time we knew her and her wonderful family.  
Cindy Colon Casado and family.*

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**Cindy Colon** - April 10 at 06:21 PM

SG

“ *Maria was love, laughter, and light.  
Her beautiful smile could brighten any room.  
We will always carry her joy and the way she made us all feel so loved. We love you forever Sis RIP with our Heavenly Father* ☐ 🛐  
*Your Brother Edwin Sandra Gabe Alyssa*



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**Sandra Gonzalez** - April 10 at 12:05 PM

SC

“ Sylvia and family our condolences purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Maria Desjardin.



Sylvia and family our condolences - April 10 at 09:32 AM

SC

“ Sylvia and family our condolences planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Desjardin.

Sylvia and family our condolences - April 10 at 09:32 AM

HJ

“ Our deepest condolences to her family. She will always be remembered by those who knew her as a loving person. May she Rest In Heavenley Peace.

Hector De Jesus - April 10 at 08:49 AM

VI

“ Vic and Carmen Iraola, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Desjardin.

Vic and Carmen Iraola, - April 09 at 03:14 PM

VI

“ Vic and Carmen Iraola, purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Maria Desjardin.



Vic and Carmen Iraola, - April 09 at 03:14 PM

LS

“ Love,Christine,Jenn, Mary, Melissa & Suz purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Maria Desjardin.



Love,Christine,Jenn, Mary, Melissa & Suz - April 08 at 09:27 PM

MG

“ I will find peace in treasuring all the memories of our 52 years of friendship. I close my eyes and envision you dancing around, filling a room with your laughter, loud voice and most of all love. I will miss you my friend and sister. May you rest in peace among all the beautiful angels

Myrna Gorritz - April 08 at 10:06 AM

RV

Our deepest condolences to you & family. May she rest in peace in the company of her family & friends. The Valentin family.

Ruben Valentin - April 08 at 11:42 AM

DP

It is with a heavy heart I learned of your passing. You were always a pleasure to work with and become friends with. I remember our last lunch at Sinai's cafeteria before you retired. I am sure your life was full after your years at Sinai. We worked together almost 30 years and will treasure our memories. May you rest in heavenly peace. To your family, I am so sorry for your loss. Debbie Pecchie

Debbie Pecchie - April 08 at 06:45 PM

HJ

Beautiful tribute to your good friend.

Hector De Jesus - April 10 at 08:43 AM

CR

*I have so many wonderful memories of you my sweet friend. Your vibrant spirit, your joy for living and your kind heart will never be forgotten. May you soar with the angels above.*

**carmen ramirez** - April 10 at 06:27 PM

TC

“ T & Elle, Marisa & Shea, Jen and Cameron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Desjardin.

**T & Elle, Marisa & Shea, Jen and Cameron** - April 07 at 07:58 PM

TC

“ T & Elle, Marisa & Shea, Jen and Cameron purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Maria Desjardin.



**T & Elle, Marisa & Shea, Jen and Cameron** - April 07 at 07:58 PM

TM

“ Terry Wiggins & Sally Maldonado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Desjardin.

**Terry Wiggins & Sally Maldonado** - April 07 at 05:17 PM

TM

“ Terry Wiggins & Sally Maldonado purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist C choice for the family of Maria Desjardin.



**Terry Wiggins & Sally Maldonado** - April 07 at 05:17 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Mixed Flower Full Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Maria Desjardin.* ”



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April 06 at 02:48 PM