



Elizabeth Ann Rivera

October 17, 1971 - March 20, 2020

Elizabeth Ann Rivera, 48, of Palmyra, passed away Friday, March 20, 2020 at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She was the wife of Angel M. Rivera, Sr., sharing 28 years in marriage.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on October 17, 1971, she was the daughter of Manuel Gonzalez of Augusta, Georgia, and Elizabeth Cicoello of Lebanon. Elizabeth was a member of St. Cecilia's Parish, and she was a teacher at Lebanon High School. Being a cancer survivor, Elizabeth was passionate about her involvement with Relay for Life, and she volunteered her time with Family Night Out. She will be remembered for her love of elephants and the beach, her fondness for Ricky Martin, and for being the best bargain shopper around. Of all the things she loved, her grandkids and family were most important to her.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by her children Felicia Rivera, fiancée of Jason Sloan of Pittsburgh, Miguel Cruz, husband of Sharon of South Korea, step-children Alexandria Rivera of Pine Grove, and Angel Rivera, Jr., husband of Alicia of Mt. Joy; grandchildren Ryder, Layla, and Gunner Cruz, Atticus Rivera, Lyra and Zyrina Bower; sister Dawn Gonzalez of Annville; nephew Derek Penzort; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and her loving dog Jack.

Due to current events, services are private.

Donations may be made in Elizabeth's memory to the American Cancer Society, Rte 422 & Sipe Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033.

Tribute Wall

LK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lisa Kempton - April 18, 2020 at 07:26 PM

LK

“ I knew Elizabeth as my cousin when she was a baby, and a cute baby she was! Then I didn't see her again until December 2018 and in this picture with my Mom and Rose Mary, during Christmas at Steven's house in Hershey, we shared a few hours, a lot of laughs and pure love! She is remembered with love; her light shines brightly! She was beautiful! With love from the NC family Guarinos and Kemptons: Bill, Jackie, Billy, Lisa, Ben, Carie, Nick and Jared

Lisa Kempton - April 18, 2020 at 07:18 PM

SC

“ To the Rivera Family,

We are so sorry for your loss, Lizzie was a beautiful person. We hope the pain will subside and your love and memories of Liz forever smile upon your family.

Steven Andrea, Hank and Matthew Carrera

Steven Carrera - April 16, 2020 at 01:30 PM

YS

“ All my love and sympathy to the family. Liz was such a joyful person, she will always be remembered.

Yaniza Sanchez - April 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM

KR

“ I met Liz thru Relay for Life. She always had a smile on her face. She told me about some fundraisers that our team could do. Gonna miss her smiling face. She was a wonderful lady. Prayers to her family.

Kathy Reigle - April 09, 2020 at 10:52 AM

AN

“ I will forever miss my family night out buddy Love you not coping well with your sudden passing I will continue to pray for your family and keep your memory alive.

Angie - April 01, 2020 at 11:05 PM

LO

“ How she die

Loola - April 01, 2020 at 07:52 PM

MS

“ *For Those We Love*

*Lord God,
we can hope for others nothing better than
the happiness we desire for ourselves.*

*Therefore, I pray You, do not separate Liz after death from those Liz
tenderly loved on earth.*

*Grant that where Liz is they may be with her, and that Liz may enjoy
their presence in heaven after being so often deprived of it on earth.
Lord God, I ask You to receive Liz immediately into Your life-giving
heart.*

After this brief life on earth, give Liz eternal happiness.

Amen

Adaptation – St. Ambrose of Milan

*Please accept my deepest sympathy. We have all lost one of the
beautiful people*

Mrs. Schaab

LHS



Mrs. Schaab - March 28, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MY

“ *Myrna lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann
Rivera*



Myrna - March 28, 2020 at 09:15 AM

HT

“ My deepest condolences to my uncle Angel, Felicia, Miguel and the entire Rivera, Gonzales Family. We have lost a great woman a fighter and with a great heart.
REST IN PEACE LIZ..,

Hector Trinidad - March 27, 2020 at 03:22 PM

AZ

“ My deepest sympathy to the Rivera family. Liz had many friends and I counted myself as one of them. I just visited this sweet lady two Fridays ago in the school library. We often shared our faith and prayed together. We shared the joys of grandchildren, the loss of rainbow babies, her son's deployments and her daughter's upcoming wedding. My heart breaks for her family. Be strong, trust God...you will see her again. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they will be comforted." Matt 5:4



Ann Zak

Ann Zak - March 27, 2020 at 02:55 PM

DL

“ I worked with Liz at LHS we stayed friends after I left. She was so kind and funny. She always made me laugh when we ran into each other. I know how you are all hurting and she will always be a shining star. We send our condolences. Deb Leeper and Brandon Leeper



Deb Leeper - March 27, 2020 at 10:26 AM

DM

“ I was honored to have met Liz through our breast cancer support group. What an inspiration to so many. She was a very special person and will be remembered for her strength and bubbly personality. God bless you.
Debbie and Randy Miller

Debbie Miller - March 25, 2020 at 08:33 PM

AM

“ Ashley Muniz lit a candle in memory of
Elizabeth Ann Rivera



Ashley Muniz - March 25, 2020 at 06:18 PM

LB

“ My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. This is a great loss to LHS. Liz was tireless in helping students meet their graduation projects and building community with her outreach at Relay for Life. No matter what happened to her, she always took time to ask how you & family are. When my daughter had cancer, Liz was helpful and compassionate. To her children and grandchildren, you had a wonderful Mom/Grandmother and she was so proud of all you.
Peace and love .

Linda Van Brunt - March 25, 2020 at 01:27 PM

FE

“ *Felicia lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera*



Felicia - March 25, 2020 at 11:50 AM

FE

“ *My deepest condolences go out To the Rivera family. Angel, Felicia, Miguel, Alex, Angel I am so sorry for your loss. Liz was an amazing, selfless, strong, powerful woman. Even more she was a fighter. I am so grateful I got a chance to meet Liz. I will remember all the get memories we had. I can still hear her laugh. It was one of a kind. And her love for Ricky Martin. She would always tell me if he walked through her doors she would leave with him. Lol good times good laughs. Rivera family you are in my thoughts and prayers. You guys have had to many losses. My heart hurts for you all. With much love!!! Sleep well Liz. You will be missed deeply<3*

Felicia - March 25, 2020 at 11:46 AM

SB

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Liz was one of the first people I came to know and love at Lebanon High School. I will greatly miss her positive spirit, her character and warm welcome, her strength and her humor. I wish you comfort in the days to come.*

Sue Bowman - March 25, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JR

“ Family and friends, please take this time to cherish all the good memories and celebrate Elizabeth's life. She was an amazing woman. I will truly miss you, Elizabeth.



Jeffrey Rolon - March 25, 2020 at 08:42 AM

DT

“ To the Family, I just want to say how sorry I feel for your loss. Liz was a wonderful person and I appreciated her help over the years at the high school. Sincerely, Don Trostle

Donald J Trostle - March 25, 2020 at 08:13 AM

LP

“ Linda Pearson lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera



Linda Pearson - March 25, 2020 at 02:04 AM

JW

“ Jackie Wilson-Ressler lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera



Jackie Wilson-Ressler - March 24, 2020 at 10:09 PM

IT

“ *Ilsa Tirado lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera*



Ilsa Tirado - March 24, 2020 at 09:42 PM

CS

“ *Liz will be greatly missed. She was one of the warm & friendly faces in any room . I will miss laughing with her at work. My thoughts and prayers are with her family .*



chloe skylakon - March 24, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LS

“ *Liz was such an inspirational young woman. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. I feel blessed to have had the privilege of getting to know her through relay. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Laur Sutherly - March 24, 2020 at 08:33 PM

CV

“ *Liz was truly an inspiration as a cancer survivor. She had an amazing personality & such a positive outlook on life with her husband, children & grandchildren. She loved them with all of her heart, as she loved so many of our students & staff in the Lebanon School District. I feel blessed to have worked with her at our Family Nights Out for many years, as she greeted our families with smiles, cheer & kindness. I will miss her terribly, My sincere condolences to her family members as they grieve their loss of this beautiful lady.*

Cindy VanAken - March 24, 2020 at 08:28 PM

MB

I loved Liz's attitude towards life and everyone she met. Her warm smile and willing spirit won't be forgotten, and she will be greatly missed. I always liked working with her!

Marianne Bartley - March 24, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JE

“*Liz was such an inspiration to so many people including me. Her strength and faith were amazing!! She will be missed by so many! We all now have another Angel watching over us!! Thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends!!* ❤️🙏❤️

JoAnn Eiceman - March 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM

MG

“*Liz started planning my wedding the day after I told her I was getting married. We knew each other for years, but grew closer this past year. I thank God for that privilege. I can honestly say she made me a better person. My prayers and condolences for her family and friends.*

Maribel Gonzalez - March 24, 2020 at 07:52 PM

BC

“*Truly a sad day. I will always remember Liz as one of the friendliest and most helpful people I've ever worked with. She was so easy to talk with. I will miss her.*

Bill Caci - March 24, 2020 at 07:42 PM

LK

“ I’m so sorry to hear of her passing I met her once and she was a beautiful spirit My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends



Lisa Kreiser - March 24, 2020 at 07:40 PM

KD

“ My heart is broken for each of her family. She was awesome. Ive known her most of my life and that was truly a blessing. Little Lizzy was always very sweet to me and her giggle was infectious. I was really looking forward to hanging out at the comedy club again soon but now we will have to enjoy it in her honor. It wont be the same. She loved to laugh. May Jesus bless each of you who loved her. This pain is unbearable and unfair. You are all in my prayers and will continue to be as you learn how to live on. Unfortunately I know some of your pain a little too well. Let me assure you it becomes bearable. It takes time to adjust. Be patient with one another as each grief is different for each person who loved Little Lizzy. We will see her again in Heaven. She is probably high fiving my brother now and smiling her radiant smile waiting for us. She was awesome like that!!!

May Jesus Bless You Kim Williammee Daly

kim daly - March 24, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KS

“ Though I didn't know Liz well, I will miss our morning chats in the library workroom. Liz loved sharing stories about her family and all of their adventures. I know that she will be deeply missed. Sending warmth from our home to yours in this difficult time.

Kate Stetson - March 24, 2020 at 06:03 PM

DR

“ *Diana Rivera lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera*



Diana Rivera - March 24, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DR

Liz was always ready to help my students to serve in many ways especially through Relay for Life. Her soul and heart were entwined and both yearned for all to have victories against their disease. I admire her perseverance and outlook.

Diana Rivera - March 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM

BG

“ *Liz was one of the toughest people I have ever met. She approached every day with a big smile and I will miss her laugh.*



Bill Giovino - March 24, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MG

“ *A beautiful person,so caring towards everyone. I thank God my sister Myrna got to know her and love her. May she rest in peace.*

Marixa Gonzalez - March 24, 2020 at 05:27 PM

GR

“ I did not know her very much, but the little I shared with her made me see that she was a kind person, a lady with a lot of respect. Looking at the photos of my wedding and in all of them she came out with a smile. to the family I can say just hold on to God right now and I am so sorry for your loss

Greysa - March 24, 2020 at 05:16 PM

 Debra Tice

“ Debra Tice lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera



Debra Tice - March 24, 2020 at 05:10 PM

 Debra Tice

Prayers for the friends and family of my sweet friend Liz Rivera. I met her thru Relay and she has been a shining star and remained a friend - and always called me for pumpkin roll! RIP Liz

Debra Tice - March 24, 2020 at 05:11 PM

CS

“ A kind soul.... You will be missed...RIP

Charles Stuart - March 24, 2020 at 05:03 PM

RL

“ What a great friend and next door neighbor Liz was to my brother-in-law and sister who both passed away last year. Always so happy with a kind word and smile. My sympathies to her family.

Rodney A. Long - March 24, 2020 at 04:30 PM

KM

“ *Kelsey Marie sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera*



Kelsey Marie - March 24, 2020 at 04:11 PM

TB

“ *My dearest friend Liz
How to put into words how much you meant to all of us who knew you, your loving ways your smile and your friendship is something that we will not forget thank you so much for being that wonderful friend, I'm going to miss you*

tracy boyer - March 24, 2020 at 03:58 PM

NH

“ *Naomi Hernandez-Fields lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Rivera*



Naomi Hernandez-Fields - March 24, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DM

“ *For all the times I came into the library and you always made time to say hi or share some kind words . I loved your smile and personally . You've helped me so many times on the computer or print outs . You were an amazing lady and will forever be missed . Now you are making a beautiful Angel with wings of gold . Till we meet again ...
FLY HIGH my friend*

Donna Meade - March 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JR

“ My deepest condolences go out to Our Rivera Family. Still can't believe this happened at a young age. My Uncle Angel has suffered too much in the past year. Losing His Mother my Grandma Alicia Santiago. His Brother My Father Jose B Rivera.. Now his Wife Elizabeth. Words cant even describe how he and the children are feeling. This Hurts alot overall I'm here for you Uncle Angel.. Family Rivera Strong...

Jose G Rivera - March 24, 2020 at 03:04 PM

AL

“ I have so many memories of Liz how we worked family night out together and always had a blast we talked everyday and I miss that already. But your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

Angie Laudermilch - March 24, 2020 at 02:40 PM

CD

I will always be thankful to have met Liz she was so kind to me when we attended a couple of events I came alone and she welcomed me to sit with her and get her family and made me feel welcomed . Liz you will be missed . God bless your family and I wish them comfort during this time ! Rest In Peace xoxox

charlotte dagostino - March 24, 2020 at 03:33 PM

JH

“ Liz was the epitome of a survivor. Smiling and encouraging to everyone around her. Heaven has gained another angel.

Jodi Heagy - March 24, 2020 at 02:12 PM

AS

“ Angel and family,
Liz will be missed by so many at LHS. She was such a sweet, caring and fun woman. She was so passionate about helping with the fight against cancer. She remained so positive even after everything she has gone through. I always loved to talk to her, she would always have a funny story to share. I think my favorite is about her first cruise and how she wore the life jacket everywhere and I mean EVERYWHERE. I still laugh just thinking about it.

Take care and please give Jack lots of hugs and kisses. I'm sure he misses his mommy.

Alison Sherk

Alison Sherk - March 24, 2020 at 02:06 PM