



## Valerie Bruno

August 20, 1951 - May 13, 2016

Valerie (Macurak) Bruno 64 of Naples, FL, passed away at her home on Friday May 13, 2016. Valerie was born on August 20, 1951 in Passaic, NJ daughter of the late John and Helen Pysh Macurak. She is the beloved wife of Anthony Bruno, sister of John Macurak, sister-in-law of Jerry and Michele, Marco and Linda and Michael and Virginia.

Valerie was a graduate of Pratt Institute of Technology with honors as an Art History major. She was an Art Teacher with the NJ Newark Public Schools and taught at Ann Street School.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday May 19, 2016 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

On line condolences may be left by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Agnes Catholic Church  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.  
Naples, FL 34120

# Tribute Wall



“ Valerie Bruno

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Condolences to the Bruno family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

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**Williams Family** - May 26, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ Tony I was so sorry to hear of Valerie's passing. All those years ago in NJ when we got together on Tuesday nights for crafting were some of the best times. Working at Treasure Island together and then remaining friends even after we all left. My thoughts are with you. Nancy Roberts

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**Nancy Roberts** - May 17, 2016 at 07:08 PM

JM

“ Tony & Family, Please accept my most sincere condolences on the passing of Valerie. She was an absolute joy as a colleague and her talent, dedication and kindness reached deep into the hearts of all the children who were fortunate enough to have her as their teacher. So many awards, art shows, NASA Signals of Spring, trips to the Moma and displays of student work in many museums in New Jersey serve as testimony to her talents. She once taught me to sculpt an elephant and I still have the piece because it brought back good memories and much laughter as she helped to fix my work - always giving me the credit but we both knew better. A true professional and a lovely and special person--I will never forget her as the person who enriched the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Maccia (Joe)

Kathie Maccia

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Joseph N. Maccia - May 17, 2016 at 04:23 PM

LG

“ Valerie was the sweetest, kindest person I've ever had the honor to share a golf course with. Hit them straight Valerie.

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Lois Growney - May 17, 2016 at 01:14 PM

SD

“ Tony,

I am so sorry to hear about your wife. May God comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow. You, Jerry, Michele and your family are in my prayers.

Sandra DeGeneste

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Sandra DeGeneste - May 17, 2016 at 01:11 PM



DM

*Tony, I was a teacher at Elmwood Park High school in 1969 and had the pleasure of meeting Valerie (she was a senior). She was a great student, person and artist. She stayed in my mind for 50 years and I always hoped she found a wonderful life and became a great artist.... Yesterday I decided to Google her and found that she was gone. I am very very sorry but see that my wishes for that life happened!. She found you and worked as a teacher helping others. I see that she did much to make the world a better place.*

*She gave me a beautiful oil painting "Eleanor Rigby". It is signed VAL. She painted it as a senior in high school. and It is hanging in my home for 50 years. It is a great treasure and now it honors her memory. I am so sorry for your loss. and the world's. Dr. Harold MacMurren*

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**Dr Harold MacMurren** - March 30, 2019 at 09:00 AM