



## Jolynn Marra

January 23, 1969 - October 10, 2022

Jolynn Marra, of Charleston, West Virginia, also known as Jo, JoJo, Jo Mama, and Aunt Jo, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2022, after a valiant battle with a prolonged illness, surrounded by friends and loved ones. Jolynn was born on January 23, 1969, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, to the late Robert A. & Connie D. (Minard) Marra of Bridgeport, WV. Additionally, she was the granddaughter of the late Michael and Rose Minard and Frank and Maria Marra. Jolynn is survived by her sister MaryRose Sirianni and husband George of Tallahassee, FL and brother Robert A. Marra II and wife Diana of Bridgeport, WV, as well as her niece and nephews, Marra and Anthony Sirianni and Ross Marra, who she loved as her own and doted on to anyone who would listen. She has many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, that are now family, whom she loved and cared deeply for.

Jolynn grew up in Bridgeport, West Virginia, graduating from Bridgeport High School and then WVU with a B.S in Business Administration. In December of 1992, after a brief stint at 1-800 WV, Jolynn started her long and distinguished career working for the State of West Virginia in the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). Starting as an Investigator, Jolynn ultimately hit the pinnacle of her 30-year career when she was appointed Inspector General in 2021. Jolynn was passionate and dedicated to her work and employees; she dutifully performed her job, but always took time to appreciate the moment and those around her whether it be a song and dance break or

classic office prank. Jolynn was an amazing boss who will be missed not only for her efforts and achievements over the years, but as the amazing friend that turned coworkers into family.

Jolynn was an avid WVU supporter, always ready in her gold and blue when the Mountaineers took the stage. A forever fan no matter what, she watched every game to its finality and made sure to recap the game with her own, sometimes not safe for broadcast, commentary. That dedication was present in every facet of Jolynn's life. A few years short of retirement, Jolynn had plans to move to Florida, closer to her sister, and embrace the sunshine. The beach was Jolynn's happy place, and coincidentally happened to be where she made many of her biggest life decisions. An avid gymnastics fan, Jolynn always joked she was headed for the Olympics but didn't want to outshine the other competitors. Jolynn's charismatic personality and ability to tell stories was bar none; her anecdotes would take on a life of their own and when Jolynn told them, all eyes were on her. Jolynn was a natural performer with or without a stage. Those lucky enough to see one of her iconic karaoke moments know she lived to entertain.

We were blessed to learn many life lessons from Jolynn during her time with us, most prominently to never take yourself seriously and always live life to its fullest.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Lily's Place at P.O. Box 2 Huntington, West Virginia, 25706 or online at [www.lilysplace.org](http://www.lilysplace.org).

A Charleston viewing will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, from 4 to 8 pm at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans and a celebration of life from 7 to 8 pm. Per Jolynn's wishes, please wear WVU gold and blue!

A Bridgeport viewing will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at All Saints

Catholic Church from 3 to 7 pm with a prayer service starting at 6:30 pm. A Mass of Catholic Burial at All Saints Catholic Church will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 11 am, with Father Walt Jagela officiating. Burial will follow in Bridgeport Cemetery.

You may visit Jolynn's tribute page at [www.bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com) to share condolences or memories with the family.

Let's Go...

# Cemetery Details

## Bridgeport Cemetery

400 Benedum Drive  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
Saint Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325

## Visitation

OCT 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
317 E Main Street  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
317 E Main Street  
Bridgeport, WV 26330



# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Rosemary Coe lit a candle in memory of Jolynn Marra



Rosemary Coe - November 03, 2022 at 01:31 PM

AK

“ Amy Keatley lit a candle in memory of Jolynn Marra



Amy Keatley - October 19, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jolynn Marra.



October 13, 2022 at 03:48 PM

RF

“ Ray Sirianni and the family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jolynn Marra.



Ray Sirianni and the family - October 12, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jolynn Marra.*



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October 12, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *I applaud all of the accolades given for Jolynn. I worked with her at IFM for several years. Her family can be extremely proud of her. John Daniel*

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**John Daniel** - October 11, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jolynn Marra.*



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October 11, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ *I met Jolynn when I was first hired as a surveyor with OHFLAC. The thing I remember most was her smile and the warmth of her colorful personality! Jolynn believed in me several times throughout the years when I didn't believe in myself. She always welcomed me back home with open arms when I would wander away. I will always be indebted to her for her kindness, understanding and acceptance!!! Rest in peace Jolynn! Aaron G.*

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**Aaron Garrison** - October 11, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JS

“ I met Jolynn when I started at OHFLAC in 2012 and she was an enjoyable boss Always had a story to tell and she never failed to speak to me, and she always remembered our names. Heaven has gained an angel. She will be missed. Joyce Settle - OHFLAC-Nursing Home division.

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**Joyce F Settle** - October 11, 2022 at 03:03 PM

CM

“ I graduated from BHS with Jolynn. She was a lovely person - funny, kind, sincere, and warm. My heart hurts for her family, and I know she will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, Jolynn.

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**Chuck Miller** - October 11, 2022 at 12:30 PM

DB

“ I met JoLynn through CMS. We chatted often with regards to work. One thing for certain and two things for sure, JoLynn defended her staff with great love and admiration. She constantly gave out compliments, but wasn't afraid to say when she or the team messed up. She will be missed by many. JoLynn's personal and work family will be in my prayers. ~Dr. Jonanna Bryant

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**Dr. Jonanna Bryant** - October 11, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jolynn Marra.



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October 11, 2022 at 11:26 AM

SK

“ Jolynn was my boss at OHFLAC for 8 years. She was always joking. We shared lots of conversations about WVU sports. She shared lots of conversations with me about her family she loved. She was so proud of her niece and nephews. She will be missed by many who loved her. I want to send prayers to her family for the difficult days ahead. God is so good!

Sharon Kirk - October 11, 2022 at 11:06 AM

AA

“ Jolynn was one of my favorite people to speak with at work, she had so much knowledge and was always so happy. My last time with her was at the legislative session and she gave me some candy because I was hungry. I will miss her smile and kindness.

Ayne Amjad - October 11, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ I met Jolynn when I worked for her department with the State of WV. She was a very sweet and loving person to know and work with. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Rachel Hill - October 11, 2022 at 09:27 AM

EU

“ Everyone in the Behavior Health Unit purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jolynn Marra.



Everyone in the Behavior Health Unit - October 11, 2022 at 09:13 AM

EC

“ So sorry to hear of this, prayers of comfort and peace to her wonderful family. Jolynn was a true "sweetheart". The last time I saw her I can so vividly recall, I happened to bump into her at the DHHR office and was greeted the same as always, with a hug and a smile; and of course a few kind and funny words. She was always a joy to be around. I am sure Bob and her mother have greeted her with tears of joy. She will be missed!

Eric Conner - October 10, 2022 at 10:38 PM

AO

So very sorry to hear of this. Thoughts and prayers to the family. RIP Jolynn. 🙏❤️

Amelia Oliverio - October 13, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jolynn Marra.



October 10, 2022 at 10:31 PM

TM

“ There were several incidents that will forever be etched in my mind: I will never forget Jolynn and I sharing cookies and milk with a Suspect during one of our investigations. Also, on a return trip from a conference in the Hampton, VA area; Jolynn had recently purchased her "crackberry phone". Sitting in the backseat and of course working, she kept saying, "Right! Right! Right! So Andrew and I took the exit to the right which resulted in us getting turned all around and prolonged us from getting home almost 3 hours later than we should have! Rest Easy Jo! Love Ya!

Tim Moses - October 10, 2022 at 08:48 PM

KW

“ *Jo Jo was a special caring person who left way to soon. May she find comfort with her mom and dad now and find peace.* ”

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**Kimberly Wagner** - October 10, 2022 at 06:01 PM

SV

“ *Jolynn, like your mom, you always filled the room with love, warmth, and kindness. God took an angel home.* ”

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**Sandy Vincent** - October 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM

PK

“ *OH so straightforward, practical, funny, helpful, knowledgable. She leaves a legacy of leadership within DHHR, and will be greatly missed by all who know and love her. Rest in Peace, Jolynn.* ”

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**Pamela Kaehler** - October 10, 2022 at 05:18 PM