



## Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz

March 14, 2022

Arinda (Ari) S. Diaz, 74, died peacefully, surrounded by family, in the early morning of March 14, 2022, at the South Whitehall Township home she shared with her loving husband, Alvaro A. Diaz. Born in Colombia, Ari was a daughter of Rafael Salcedo and Ana Olinda Onoro. She graduated cum laude from City College of New York in 1981, with a B.S. in Education. She was a resident of the Lehigh Valley for forty years, was an arts lover and advocate, and devoted her time to various causes including volunteer work for the Allentown Arts Museum, where she was a docent and SOTA member, the Hispanic American Organization, and the Allentown Symphony Association, where she served as chair of the 1995 Symphony Ball. She is survived by her husband Alvaro (to whom she was married for nearly 49 years), her daughter Maribel of Durham, NC and Allentown, and youngest daughter Emmylou and her husband Steve Mize of Los Angeles, CA, who are expecting Ari's first grandchild this summer. Ari will also be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her sister Celia Salcedo of Easton and brother Octavio Salcedo of Margate, FL as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1040 Flexer Ave. Allentown. A viewing will be held on Friday, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 1601 W. Hamilton St. Allentown. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to: The Allentown Art Museum, 31 N. 5th St. Allentown, PA 18101 or to the Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital, 850 S. 5th St. Allentown, PA 18103 or to the Hispanic American Organization, Inc. 462 W. Walnut St. Allentown, PA 18102.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

MAR 18. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 433-5161  
info@jsburkholder.com  
<https://jsburkholder.com>

### Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 18. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
1040 Flexer Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ I’m so sorry to learn of the loss of a wonderful woman and great community member, Ari. Her warm disposition and stylish fashion sense with her numerous “Fascinators” will truly be missed.



Santa Bannon-Shillea - March 18, 2022 at 02:29 PM

PH

“ Ari was such a sweet, kind soul. She exuded warmth and sensitivity. I loved her fashion flair! She will be missed on this earth💕💕  
Sincerely , Penny Holman, a SOTA friend

Penny Holman - March 18, 2022 at 07:58 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz.



March 17, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz.



March 16, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz.*



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March 16, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz.*



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March 16, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz.*



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March 16, 2022 at 06:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arinda S. (Ari) Diaz.*



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March 15, 2022 at 11:02 PM

SF

“ *I am thinking of you, Emmylou--your mother looks like a wonderful woman, and I am sure it was a great pain to lose her.*

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**Stephanie Frank** - March 15, 2022 at 08:13 PM