



## Helen Marie Tanjala

December 3, 1962 - April 7, 2022

Helen Tanjala of Jupiter, Florida, passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at the age of 59.

Helen was predeceased by her mother Helen Russo and brother Oreste John. She is survived by her daughter, Emily Tanjala, and her siblings Linda, Kathleen, Arthur, Barbara-Ann, and Toni.

Helen had a great sense of humor. She loved cooking, reading, watching horror movies, traveling and the outdoors; but especially enjoyed playing a good game of solitaire.

Helen was intelligent, graduating high school early and went on to get a bachelors degree in Biochemistry. She went on to make great strides in the pharmaceutical industry. Helen was also artistic, she was delicate with a pencil, allowing for beautiful sketches of portraits and cartoons.

Helen was a devoted mother, daughter and sister. She loved fiercely with all her heart and persevered through even the toughest storms. Helen was selfless even in her last days, always asking how others were first. She was a thrillseeker of types, always rushing to do the fastest, highest coasters; even if she was riding them alone. She loved living for every moment.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Funeral Mass

APR **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church  
1701 Indian Creek Parkway  
Jupiter, FL 33458

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Marie Tanjala*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *My dear sweet pea. You have been in my life for almost my whole life. You are my baby sister whom I've loved with all my heart. Missing you and mom very. Rest in God's merciful arms. 🥹🥹🥹🥹*  
*I love you more and will miss you always 🥹🥹🙏*

**Toni Samuelson** - October 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I have a picture drawn by Helen in my music room / man cave. It is not a drawing of my likeness, it is a portrait of my soul. So lucky was I to have had such a friend.

*I recently came into possession of a short story written by Helen maybe 40 years ago. It is written with the simple clarity of Dickens and the existential weight of Kahill Gibran. It is a story, based upon our friendship, of a bird ("Byrd") who develops a deep friendship with a talking rock ("Roc"). They grow ever closer and seek meaning together. Suddenly Byrd flies to close to the sun and is shot out of the sky, swept away from this earth. Roc can't understand it, he can't cope. Byrd finds a way to leave Roc this message: "It was worth it ROC is all I can say. If it had been but a second it would have been worth it. Every precious moment, a gift".*

*I love you Byrd.*

*For Helen Marie Russo, whenever I may find you.*

*Steve*

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**Steven J. Payne** - September 13, 2022 at 09:23 AM

CA

“ I met Helen years ago when we used to hang out at Toni's pool. She was funny, witty and we had fun relaxing by the pool with the kids. She was such a devoted mother, always thinking of Emily first. Emily has grown into a such beautiful young lady, I know Helen is so proud of her. Rest In Peace, Helen. Emily, Toni & family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

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**Carly** - April 23, 2022 at 06:04 PM

GL

“Helen, I will miss you so very much!! When I think of you. I will laugh about all the things we did together. You will remain in my heart forever. You, Toni & I were like the 3 musketeers. I will never forget all the fun trouble we got into. When I think of you now I think of your intelligence and your pure love for your beautiful, amazing daughter Emily. I know that you and Mom are together again watching over all of us. You are loved by so many Helen!! May you Rest In Peace my forever friend. I will never forget you!

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**Gloria** - April 16, 2022 at 10:25 AM

LU

“Helen was my Chemistry lab partner in college. We became the best of friends and over the years we became a part of each other's family, joining in for barbecues, birthdays, graduations and weddings. Helen was intelligent, talented and loved to have fun. It's heartbreaking to know how much she suffered in the last days of her short life.  
Heartfelt condolences go out to daughter Emily, siblings Kathy, Linda, Barbara, Toni, Chris and to their extended families.  
Rest in peace, Helen

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**Lumi** - April 12, 2022 at 10:54 AM

SB

“We are so sorry, Emily and family, for the loss of Helen. We hope that in time fond memories will replace the pain you are all feeling. Sending love from New Jersey to all of you.

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**Sue & Andy Belej** - April 11, 2022 at 10:12 PM

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**Chris Russo** - April 10, 2022 at 06:48 PM

ET

“ *My mom was a strong, fierce woman who loved hard and lived life for the moment. She was so intelligent and talented, her drawing talent was always something i envied. My mom loved walking and hiking and traveling and doing everything her heart was set out to do. She loved horror movies but also the sappiest of RomComs too. She was an amazing woman and she will be so dearly missed. Rest in peace, mom.*



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**emily tanjala** - April 09, 2022 at 07:14 AM