



## Brenda Marie Navarro

April 10, 1948 - March 17, 2013

Brenda Biafora Navarro was born in Glendale CA., the eldest of six children. She graduated from Our Lady of Peace Elementary School and graduated from Bishop Alemany High School in Sepulveda, CA, in 1966, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Club, and Pep Club. She went on to University of California at Davis and was a Political Science Major and graduated Cum Laude. She furthered her education at Santa Clara University where she received a Master's Degree in Education and graduated Summa Cum Laude.

She then married Romualdo Navarro in 1971 and had two children, Romualdo Giuseppe and Rayna Stephanie. She worked at Mission College in Santa Clara and retired after 25 years as an Administrative Director. She then embarked with her many charitables organization of which she was very active with and they meant so much to her. She founded and was director of the Depression BiPolar Support Alliance Napa Chapter and the Family Friends Group. She was instrumental with Mental Awareness throughout Solano and Napa County. She was a member of the Napa Board of Health and the Napa Coalition of Nonprofits. She attended State and National Conferences every year for the Depression Bipolar Support Alliance based in Chicago. It was her deep passion and she helped hundreds of people.

She also spent her time as an active member with Holy Family in San Jose

and Saint Dominic's in Benicia. She was a Eucharist Minister and administered Holy Communion to the sick and those incarcerated. She was involved in all the parish activities especially Thanksgiving Dinner and the Christmas donation for the poor. She loved Christmas.

She loved to travel and go out to long dinners with her fiance James Joseph Blake and Starbucks was a daily stop where she met many friends.

She loved James, her sister and best friend Linda, her life long friend Jackie Mahone and her children. Never a day went by without loving Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

She is survived by her finace, James Joseph Blake; her children, Romualdo Giuseppe and Rayna Navarro; parents, Joseph and Stefi Biafora of Northridge CA; siblings, Linda Spinella, Diana Sparagna, Joseph Biafora Jr., Stephen Biafora, and Ruth Ann Biafora; as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

Vigil services will be held 7 p.m., Thursday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be held 10 a.m., Friday at St. Dominic's Church. Burial will be in St. Dominic's Cemetery.

Donations in lieu of flowers will be accepted in memory of Brenda Navarro at DBSA California/Riverside, to the Attention of Joanne Martin 16280 Whispering Spur, Riverside CA 92504.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Marie Navarro*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *My dear friend, I will miss your laughter, your light, your spirit. May it continue to shine on your journey home.*

*For all the fond memories I'll cherish forever, and with love,*

*Theresa*

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**Theresa Isaacs** - March 21, 2013 at 02:30 PM



“ *With Love, Max, Sheila, Ashley and Anthony purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brenda Marie Navarro.*



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**With Love, Max, Sheila, Ashley and Anthony** - March 20, 2013 at 03:16 PM

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“ I will miss Brenda as a dear friend and will miss working with her to serve those that she was most passionate in helping...those afflicted with Bipolar Disorder and Depression, through the Napa DBSA. We will miss her leadership, her support, her generosity, her encouraging, helpful and inspiring words of wisdom. Thank you, Brenda, for your legacy of helping others! Your life lives on in the many people you have helped and will continue on in the Napa DBSA group! Rest in Peace, dear Brenda....no more suffering...just fullness of joy and peace in heaven! Thank you my friend!  
Sherrie Caldwell

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**Sherrie Caldwell** - March 20, 2013 at 01:45 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Marie Navarro.



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March 20, 2013 at 09:47 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Brenda Marie Navarro.



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March 20, 2013 at 09:23 AM

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“ To Brenda family, I recall the first day Brenda came for her interview at Mission College, she was pleasant and smiling and, she was hired by the Dean Phyllis Williams as administrative secretary for the Institute of Human Affairs. In years later it was important that Brenda worked with those who had bipolar disorders and depression. My sympathy to all the family. We will miss her laugh.

*Nancy Wright, retired Mission College*

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**Nancy Wright** - March 19, 2013 at 06:04 PM

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“ I'll miss you so much already Mother...thanks for taking me skiing when I was six...you were a really "cool" mother, good travels to you on your next journey of life Mom. You will be extremely missed by all your family and friends. Say hi to Grandma and Grandpa, Puppens, Akaya, and Hannah.

*Love you so much Mom...you will be incredibly missed...Romie*



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**Romie Navarro** - March 19, 2013 at 08:43 AM