



Laura Magdalena Ganan

July 18, 1941 - June 12, 2026

On June 12, 2026, the world lost a beautiful, fiercely resilient soul. Laura M. Ganan passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy woven from faith, family, and a life lived entirely on her own terms.

Laura began her journey on July 18, 1941, in Ecuador, born to her late parents, Pedro and Rosa Ganan. Growing up as one of thirteen children, she learned early on the value of hard work and deep connection.

As a single mother, she possessed a famously tough exterior, a protective shell forged from independence and strength, but once you got past that exterior, you found a woman with an incredibly tender, loving heart. There truly was nothing she wouldn't do for her family and friends.

A proud independent spirit, Laura was a local small business owner and a devoutly Catholic woman whose faith anchored her. While she'd be the first to admit she wasn't the greatest cook, she undeniably made the absolute best rice you could ever taste. She had an exceptional green thumb and found immense peace tending to her beloved plants and flowers. Laura loved the simple pleasures of life: going for long walks, enjoying a great meal, especially a good steak accompanied by a strong piña colada, watching soccer games, and taking trips to the casino to play with the slot machines. Above all, she lived for a good party, surrounded by the laughter of her family and lifelong

friends.

Laura's greatest achievement was the family she built. She was the beloved mother of Steven Ganan and his wife Johanna, Jeffrey Ganan, Mario Oliva and his wife Erika. The love she gave to her sons multiplied when she became a grandmother; she poured her heart into Alexa, Gabriela, Andre, Nicholas, Marcelle, and Darian, who will forever cherish her warmth and guidance. She is also survived by three dear siblings, as well as a wonderful community of friends who meant the world to her.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a visitation at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on Sunday, June 21st from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A funeral mass will follow at St. Lawrence Catholic Church the next day at 11:00 am.

Upcoming Events

Viewing

JUN **21**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Funeral Mass

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
6222 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310-2511
<https://stlawrencealex.org/>