



Elizabeth Virginia Caballero

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Elizabeth Virginia Caballero, 23, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2018. Born in Tampa on December 3, 1994, she is survived by her parents, Joseph and Claudine Caballero; her grandparents, Leo and Elaine Diaz and Michael and Kate Caballero; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

At the age of six months, Elizabeth was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and although expected to live less than two years, she thrived and enjoyed 23 wonderful years. Overcoming her physical challenges, she graduated from high school; traveled annually to Disney (she was an expert on all things Disney); and often visited her many relatives. A devout Catholic who participated in weekly Mass, she also was a Brownie, played challenger baseball, and annually attended MDA camp. Elizabeth loved animals, most especially her two devoted dogs, Bella and Puff, who were always with her. She visited zoos and aquariums and also had a passion for art and museums. Elizabeth cherished her long hair, twice donating hers to Locks of Love with her mother. Of all the experiences in her life, Elizabeth treasured time spent with her nurses, teachers, therapists, and especially, family.

Brave, humble and unfailingly positive, Elizabeth inspired all those who met her to gracefully persevere and appreciate every precious moment. Her angelic face, quiet determination, and patience were admired by many, even though she was unaware of her impact. Always happy, Elizabeth overcame her challenges as if to her they did not exist. Witnessing her strength, determination and faith made all those who knew her better people.

Her parents especially want to thank her nurse of 22 years, Dorrie, as well as Drs. Plasencia and Gunderman, who helped Elizabeth overcome her illness and live her life to the fullest. They are also grateful to Deacon Cris and the Jesuit community, especially Fr. Hermes, for their spiritual support throughout her life.

A wake service will be held at Boza & Roel Funeral Home Wednesday, April 11, from 6-8 pm. A funeral mass will be celebrated Thursday, April 12, 11 am, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. In lieu



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of flowers, donations in Elizabeth's memory may be made to Jesuit High School of Tampa or St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Foundation - Chronic Complex Clinic.



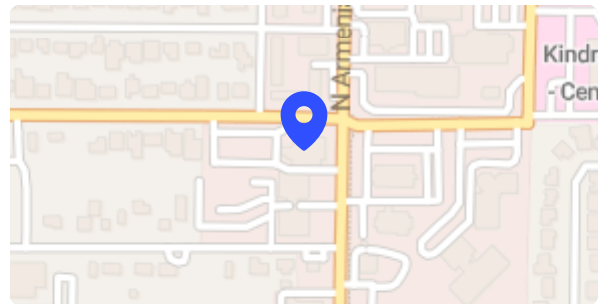
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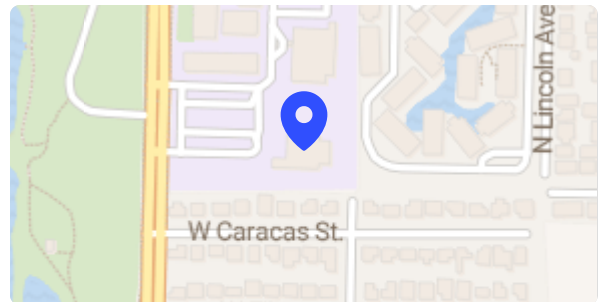
Visitation

- Wednesday**, April 11, 2018
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603



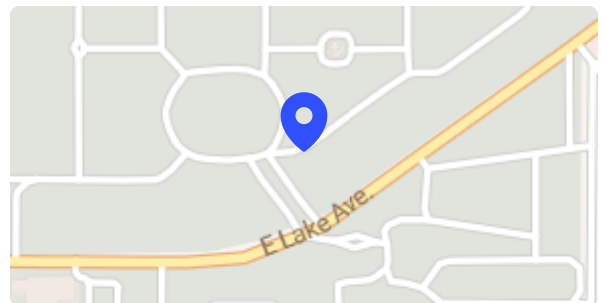
Funeral Mass

- Thursday**, April 12, 2018
- 11:00 AM ET
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church**
5225 N. Himes Ave, Tampa FL 33614



Cemetery Details

- Myrtle Hill Memorial Park**
4207 E. Lake Ave, Tampa FL 33610





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Boza & Roel Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



April 9 at 1:30 PM



Matt Kovac posted:

Claudine and Joe - my condolences and best wishes. It was an honor to meet Elizabeth years ago at a Jesuit function - she was a remarkable person. My thoughts and prayers are with you - you both are pretty remarkable, too. Best wishes and peace - Matt Kovac & family

April 12 at 10:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Caballero family.



April 10 at 6:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Caballero family.



April 10 at 11:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Garden Spray to the Caballero family.



April 10 at 9:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Garden Spray to the Caballero family.



April 10 at 8:06 AM



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Anonymous sent a Ringed by Love to the Caballero family.



April 10 at 7:06 AM



Kathy Thomason posted:

I cherish memories of the stories Claudine would tell us about Elizabeth's visits to Disney and happy events that occurred there. Angels in Heaven celebrated when Lizzie came home, but she left a hole in hearts here. Praying for His Peace for her family. Kathy Thomason Tampa Electric - Retired

April 9 at 6:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 1:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 11:05 AM



Gail And Paul Whiting sent a Divine Light to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 11:00 AM



Gail And Paul posted:

Dear Joe and Claudine: Although we never had the privilege of meeting Elizabeth, your love and care for her inspired our family. Know that you are all in our prayers as you mourn this sad loss. May her soul rest in God's Loving Arms and may you all be comforted. Blessings, Gail and Paul Whiting

April 9 at 10:47 AM



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GH

George Hunter posted:

Dearest Lizzie, Claudine & Joe, You have been a genuine inspiration for all the years we have been blessed to know you. You are indeed a true testament to the power of Love. The strength and courage that the three of you have demonstrated over these past 23 years has been nothing short of miraculous. May you each find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Please know that we are here for you, always. Love, George & Teresa Hunter

April 9 at 9:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Remembrance Spray to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 9:44 AM

GF

George & Teresa Hunter And Family sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 9:32 AM

FC

Florida Business Development Corp. sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 7:52 AM

TT

The Partners Circle National Board Of Trustees sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Caballero family.



April 9 at 7:27 AM

RH

Robin Hicks posted:

Joe and Claudine, so sorry for your loss. God bless you, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Robin Hicks and family

April 9 at 6:26 AM



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Ruth posted:

I was fortunate enough to have known Lizzie and to call her a friend. She was always happy and have a great sense of humor. I loved hearing about her trips to Disney and seeing her pictures with the characters. When I left to hike the Appalachian Trail she gave me a journey coin to carry with me and it meant so much to me. I carried her spirit the whole way with me. I still have that coin to this day and it reminds me of her everytime I look at it. Lizzie made my week so much more meaningful every time I saw her. She will be missed and I hope she is running, jumping, leaping, and dancing in heaven now.

April 8 at 1:14 PM



Media

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April 9 at 1:30 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elizabeth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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