



Dignary Nancy Guarino

June 23, 1938 - July 7, 2026

Dignary Nancy Guarino was born on June 23, 1938, in Altaquer, Nariño, Colombia, to Rosa Maria Quijano and Rafael Burbano.

Nancy was a deeply sensitive soul who found constant joy in the beauty of the world around her, especially in the simple elegance of birds and plants. A warrior with a big heart, she courageously fought her way through a deeply patriarchal culture. She attended law school, but the patriarchal system proved too challenging to navigate at the time. Undeterred, she pressed on as a working single mother, forging a path from Quito, Ecuador, to Argentina, and eventually to New York. There, she and her husband eventually established a small business, and she later became a data analyst for a major corporation. Even during her final two and a half years fighting cancer, she experienced profound healing, ultimately achieving true peace at the end of her life.

She was a woman of rare honesty and directness, yet she offered boundless compassion and understanding to the many who sought her advice and wisdom. She was also remarkably inventive and creative, a spirit that shone through in the clever household inventions she crafted. Above all, she loved deeply and unconditionally—sharing a beautiful, 52-year marriage with her beloved, sweet husband, Oscar Guarino, and remaining fiercely devoted to her cherished sons, Marlon and Alex. Her love will live forever in our hearts.

Nancy is preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Guarino.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sons, Marlon Guarino of Santa Cruz, CA, and Manuel Alexander Guarino of Fresh Meadows, NY; grandson, David Sundberg; mother, Rosa Maria Quijano; father, Rafael Burbano; in-laws, Vivika Klingberg and Helmutit Klingberg, both of Stockholm Sweden; brothers, Richard S. Burbano of Ooltewah, TN, and Jose Burbano and Arthur Burbano of Hillston, TX; sisters, Tasha Burbano, Betty Artias, and Elizabeth Burbano, all of Ooltewah, TN.