



## Raquel Bottaro

December 15, 1968 - September 21, 2021

Raquel Fernandez Bottaro left this world on a beautiful sunset on September 21, 2021 after a short illness. She will be mourned and missed for all of our days, but we are comforted by her unbridled faith in Jesus Christ, and the promise of His word.

She was born on December 15, 1968, the daughter of Mario and Zoraida Fernandez.

Raquel was a beautiful, talented and loving woman, a teacher, daughter, wife, and Mother. She was kind, funny, and fierce in her love of family. Her presence was always, welcome, and she was loved beyond possible measure.

Raquel leaves behind, for now, her loving husband John Bottaro, her son Dion Bottaro her daughter Zoraida Bottaro, of Myrtle Beach, both of whom were the very beat of her heart. She is loved and missed forever by her Mother, Zoraida Fernandez, of Myrtle Beach, who was also her best friend, her Mother in Law Dottie Bottaro of Liberty, New York, Grandmother Luz Maria Lugo of Puerto Rico. She also leaves behind John's children, never 'step children' as she loved them unconditionally. Ryann Lagattuta, Anthony Bottaro, and Dominic Bottaro, and 3 grand girls who loved her very much, Jordan Reichenbaugh, Madison Kaufman, and Isabella Bottaro, all of Myrtle Beach.

She also leaves behind countless friends and co-workers, as well as the little children who were blessed to have her as their teacher.

Raquel was predeceased by her father Mario Fernandez. We know that there was a joyful reunion for the both of them!

An unbearable loss. Grief will soften with time, but the memories Raquel left us with will be clear in our hearts forever.

“What is remembered, lives.”

A funeral service to honor Raquel will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Carolina Forest (325 Hinson Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579). The family will receive friends during visitation prior to the service from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Following the service, Raquel will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Cemetery (1000 Hwy 544, Conway, SC 29526).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
325 Hinson Drive  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

## Funeral Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
325 Hinson Drive  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

## Interment

SEP 28. 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Liam Rogers lit a candle in memory of Raquel Bottaro*



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**Liam Rogers** - August 19, 2025 at 10:13 PM

NC

“ *Frank & I just found out about Raquel. Our hearts are broken. We cannot believe that such a kind, sweet and wonderful person has been taken from us. Our deepest sympathy goes out to John and the children.*

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**NORMA CRUZ** - October 02, 2021 at 07:53 PM

JL

“ *Our memories of Raquel and all of her family are great!! As a part of Christian Faith Fellowship we were a church family and it was awesome Zori worked with Jodi's mom and it brought us together day to day. She was there for our wedding day and we always shared in our joys of becoming parents and the joys of life!!! She is in Glory now and we will see her and all of our loved ones once again!! Rest in peace Raquel! We love you and I know your family will live on and be the best they can be because of your influence in their lives!!!!!!*

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**John LaBelle** - October 01, 2021 at 10:07 PM

TF

“ Raquel was such a caring and beautiful person.. lots of fond memories that we will always cherish. She will be greatly missed. We love you Raquel, Tio Jose, Tia Flo and cousin Erica ❤️

The Fernandez Family - September 28, 2021 at 12:01 PM

ER

“ Love you Raquel and will miss you dearly ❤️

Erica - September 28, 2021 at 11:55 AM

TJ

“ I worked with Mrs. Bottaro at LCECCA. She voluntarily translated the Spanish language for our Hispanic parents during registration. We had countless talks regarding my son who is autistic. I will definitely miss her!!!



Trina B Johnson - September 28, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.



September 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM

KH

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss.*



Katrina HR-FSD3 - September 28, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



September 28, 2021 at 08:52 AM

EM

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Raquel. She was such a dear friend and wonderful roommate at The College of St. Joseph. My heart is just breaking for her loss. Love to all of your family and know that we are keeping her in our thoughts and prayers. We wish we could be there to honor her memory with you all. God bless you !  
Love and Hugs,  
Rodney and "E" Elisa Maurice and Family*

Elisa Maurice - September 27, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



September 27, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



September 27, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



September 27, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *I worked with Raquel at Best Friends Preschool in Liberty, NY before I moved to the Atlanta area to be near my son and his family. Raquel was always full of love for her students and a loyal friend. Although I met her years before when we worked in another school, she was best as a preschool teacher. I will miss her. The world has lost a bright light. Cynthia Taylor*

**Cynthia Taylor** - September 26, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



September 25, 2021 at 07:42 PM

MJ

“ Prayers to Raquels beautiful family being sent



Melinda Pabon Jenkins - September 25, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.



September 25, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.



September 25, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.



September 25, 2021 at 08:47 AM

J(

“ My favorite memory of Rachel is when we were in the boxes child care and at the children's graduation we stood on these make shift stages and signed some where over the rain bow. I will keep y'all in my prayers for I know the sting of loosing someone so dear to the heart

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**jamie bagatta (cooper)** - September 25, 2021 at 02:09 AM

CR

“ Rest In Peace ...



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**Cristina** - September 24, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.



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September 24, 2021 at 06:30 PM

SM

“ Sylvia Meachum lit a candle in memory of Raquel Bottaro



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**Sylvia Meachum** - September 24, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



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September 24, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *John sorry for your loss may your wife rest in peace . Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Sam Sanders Jr.** - September 24, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Rest in peace my lil Ricaita! - Joy & Ron Piscopo*



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**Joy Piscopo** - September 24, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



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September 24, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raquel Bottaro.*



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September 24, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Thinking of you and your family  
From MaryJane and Steve Smith (Margaret's  
grandparents)*



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**MaryJane** - September 24, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Ryann Lagattuta lit a candle in memory of  
Raquel Bottaro*



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**Ryann Lagattuta** - September 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sending prayers from Christine and Margaret  
Gorman*



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**Christine Gorman** - September 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Dion Bottaro lit a candle in memory of Raquel Bottaro*



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**Dion Bottaro** - September 24, 2021 at 12:39 PM



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**Linda** - September 24, 2021 at 12:18 PM



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**Linda** - September 24, 2021 at 12:03 PM



*What a beautiful picture of a beautiful couple. Johnny, so sorry for your loss. May the love of family and friends give you comfort, and may the love of God give you peace. Your friend at the Royal Garden, Paula Yeager Koscelnick*

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**paula y koscelnick** - September 24, 2021 at 03:25 PM

TP

*I went to the College of Saint Joseph with Raquel in the late 1980's and it was there that Raquel showed me her true love for God. She rushed me to the hospital after I was attacked by a fellow school mate, quite possibly saving my life. I just found out about her passing. I will always remember her amazing personality, fashion sense and singing voice. We lost contact soon after I left school, but I never forgot her kindness. RIP Raquel -- I'm so glad you were in my life and am so sad that you're gone, but I know you're in Heaven where you belong. Fly high with the angels.*

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**Tony Pompi-Moraes** - April 23, 2023 at 03:05 PM