



Gjyste Mansoor

December 18, 1954 - June 1, 2026

Gjyste “Tina” Mansoor (Kalaj) passed away June 1st, 2026 at home. She was born December 18th, 1954 to Nikola and Pashka Kalaj in Montenegro.

Tina loved nothing more in this world than being “Nana” (a grandmother) to her grandchildren, Julian, Cassius and Bodhi. She retired early to help her daughter in law and best friend Chelsea care for them full time. She thoroughly enjoyed and participated in every outing, field trip, holiday and school activity. She fiercely adored her only son Carl, and he was the absolute light of her life.

She also loved her family and friends deeply. She prioritized time spent on vacations, birthdays, BBQ’s, Feasts and holidays just to be around her very loved siblings, nieces, nephews and all of her many extended family members.

Tina was a beautiful person and will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know and love her.

She is survived by her son Carl, his wife Chelsea and her 3 grandchildren Julian, Cassius and Bodhi Kalaj. Her siblings Maria (Gjon) Lulgjuraj, Age Kalaj, Gjon (Silja) Kalaj, Pjeter (Filë) Kalaj, Drana (Mirash) Curanaj, and Lena (Danny) Jencic and their many children, her beloved nephews and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her Father and Mother, Nikola and Pashka Kalaj, her brothers Pashko Kalaj, and Rrok Kalaj, her sister in law Dila Kalaj, brother in law Gjon Lulgjuraj and her nephew Albert Jencic.

A visitation will be held Sunday, June 7th 2026 at Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home from 3-8 pm. Funeral Mass will be held Monday June 8th 2026 at 10 am at St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Church followed by a burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Prayer Service

JUN 7. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Instate

JUN 8. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Albanian Catholic Church
525 W Auburn Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307-5061
(248) 844-2150

Mass of the Christian Burial

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My aunt Tina is the literal definition of a saint. She was a devoted mother and grandmother to my cousin and his family, and they loved her dearly. She always showered people she cared for with genuine love and affection. That's not something I can say for many people, and its devastating to lose one of the kindest and sweetest humans I've ever personally met. Her grandchildren brough her joy and she shared this with me many times. The gleam in her eye when smiling and talking about them was heartwarming.

I know my tezja's childhood was incredibly grueling, but somehow she came out of it with a smile for everyone. I can't imagine the pain she held in her heart over the years, yet she rarely even complained. She was always there for everyone who needed her, even those who didn't appreciate or deserve it . When she was older and finally had a child of her own, she poured as much love and attention as she could into Carl, and it certainly shows - my cousin is one of the nicest guys anyone knows, so the apple didn't fall far from the lovely tree, and I know she is very proud of Carl and his family. I know she gave him a much better life than she had, and I hope that her son, his wife, and their kids come out of this tragedy stronger, someday.

I've lost the only person who always hugged me and told me she loved me, and I can't believe I'll never hear her voice again. We texted regularly and spoke on the phone from time to time, but its hard to be satisfied with that when it will never happen again. Words cannot express the anguish we feel, and the cruel fate that takes away the angels and leaves misery behind is something we cannot fathom, but I take heart in knowing that I made very clear to my aunt how I felt about her each time we spoke. I hope others can say the same so that they are at peace, because when someone is gone you never get a chance to say what should have been said, and you never get another chance to treat them the way they deserved to be treated.

I will love you always and miss you terribly - we didn't deserve you

but we were lucky to have you Tezja and Zoti ua lehtësoftë dhimbjen.

Të rroni e ta kujtoni!

Lirija Lulgjuraj

Lirija Lulgjuraj - 39 minutes ago