



## Ana Portela Glaze

September 27, 1947 - December 4, 2022

Anita Lourdes Portela Glaze (Ana) was born on September 27, 1947 in Havana, Cuba and immigrated to the United States on July 4, 1961. She came to the US by herself at 13 years of age, through Operation Peter Pan which was the largest exodus of minor refugees in the Western Hemisphere at that time. She attended St. Joseph Academy in Saint Augustine, FL, where she was immersed in the English language. She was later reunited in 1962 with her mother, Lydia Portela Crespo, and stepfather, Jose Crespo. The decision to better their lives for more opportunity was made in 1964 and they moved to Chantilly, VA where her older brother, James Portela, reconnected with the family.

Ana graduated from Herndon High School in 1965. After being set up on a blind date with Ron Glaze, they married on April 8, 1967 and then began building their bonded family. Ana always loved working with children and teenagers. When Jim and Julie were little she began working as a teacher at Virginia Montessori School. She also co-founded Kids in Motion, a movement class for young children that was held in various local Montessori schools. When her daughter became a cheerleader, she began coaching at All Saints Catholic School. Later in her career, Ana continued with coaching at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas where she built one of the most notable cheer programs in the state. She led the cheerleading team to many district, region, and state titles. The three state championship titles were her biggest and most memorable accomplishments. Ana was not just a coach to so many

cheerleaders. She was their mentor, second mom, and biggest cheerleader. She knew how to push to help each athlete succeed on and off the mat. With her positive attitude and infectious personality, Ana lit up every room she entered. She was a class act and respected by all. As an apparel sales representative for Cheerleader Danz Team/Varsity, she was the recipient of the coveted Lawrence R. Herkimer Award and was an original inductee into the inaugural Stonewall Jackson High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Ana was a legend in the cheerleading world - especially here in Northern Virginia. Ana loved the beach and gardening with her husband, Ron. She had a gift for cooking, especially her Spanish and Cuban cuisine. She loved a good Cosmo, but only one, otherwise you would have to "carry her out." While only just five feet tall, she loved big and left beautiful memories in the minds and hearts of everyone who knew her. Her fiery spirit will always be remembered. The one thing that brought the most joy to Ana's life was spending time with her dear family and dog, Lucy. Her son Jim Glaze and wife Caye of Gainesville, VA, and their two handsome sons, Mitchell and Evan. Her daughter Julie Koch and husband Jason of Bristow, VA and their two beautiful daughters Kamryn and Lilly Ana. She cherished being "Gigi" and showed off her four grandchildren every chance she had. Her first cousin, Lupe Quintero, is like her sister and resides in Miami, FL. Family was everything to Ana and she loved them all so very much.

Ana succumbed to an illness on December 4, 2022.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. on December 18, 2022 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

DEC 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

WP

“ Julie and family,  
This is Wendy Payne and I adored Ana. The obituary was fantastic Julie. Her accomplishments are many. She was a great influence on the many youths she coached and mentored. Her leadership skills were extraordinary! I know you and your family will miss her and so will every person she ever met and every youth she ever coached. Your family will be in my prayers and know how much everyone loved her.

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Wendy Payne - January 13, 2023 at 11:44 PM

DS

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Ron Glaze on the loss of their beloved Ana who was such a fun-loving, humble and friendly lady. The Glaze family had been a good friend of our family. We would like to express our thoughts and prayers for the repose of the soul of Ana who is now at peace in the hands of our LORD in heaven. Sincerely, Danilo Belisario Sr. , Adel, DJ, Dennis' family, Darlene and her family

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Danilo Belisario Sr. - January 02, 2023 at 09:54 AM

KA

“ Julie and family,  
  
I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Glaze, keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mrs. Glaze taught everyone that cheered for her so many important life lessons about hard work, commitment and perseverance!!!  
Very Sincerely,  
Kathleen Leonard

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Kathleen - December 19, 2022 at 08:54 PM

JA

“ Johnny and Karyl Allen purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



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**Johnny and Karyl Allen** - December 17, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



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December 16, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



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December 16, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



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December 14, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



December 14, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



December 13, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Matt & Melissa Carr purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



**Matt & Melissa Carr** - December 12, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.



December 12, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.*



December 10, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.*



December 10, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Another beautiful angel will be looking down on us. 💕*

**Pat Stone** - December 09, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.*



December 09, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MC

“ *My sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Ana Glaze. I knew Ana as a parent of her son and daughter who were my students at Stonewall Jackson High School. I also had the privilege to work with her as a Cheerleader Coach at Stonewall. She was fun to be with and a friend. God Bless her family,*

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**Marcia Conway** - December 09, 2022 at 11:00 AM

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“ *Tom, and Vivian Glaze and Pat Stone purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.*



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**Tom, and Vivian Glaze and Pat Stone** - December 08, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ana Portela Glaze.*



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December 08, 2022 at 04:08 PM

KW

“ *Ana married my brother and came into my life right at the time my sister was getting married and moving away. I can't remember my life without her as my dear sister and friend. She always encouraged me with love and she always had my back. She was involved in everything I did during my life including my turbulent teen years to marrying and having children. There is a big empty space that exists that she once filled. She was a rock in our family and everyone adored her.*

*Kathi Glaze Williams*

*Sister-in-law*

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**Kathi Williams** - December 08, 2022 at 02:38 PM

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*Ana was a wonderful women and full of wit . She always had a smile on her face when I saw her . She loved her family and was a great mother . May she rest in peace .*

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**suzanne Turner** - September 17, 2023 at 12:45 AM