



## Dayana Alers

September 12, 1964 - September 10, 2020

Colonie, NY

On the afternoon of 9/10/2020 Dayana Alers who resided at The Center's Surfwood Drive home passed away. In her last moments she was surrounded by the support of her Surfwood team. Dayana would have celebrated her 56th birthday on 9/12/2020.

Dayana was one of 9 children, born to Hilda Rodriguez and Victor Alers. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Dayana was the apple of her Mothers eye. Dayana's ability to overcome hurdles began at an early age. She was admitted to Staten Island Developmental Center at the age of four. In 1985 she was transferred to Manhattan Developmental Center where she remained until her move to OD Heck on 12/8/89 and in 1990 she came to the Center for Disability Services. Dayana has called The Center for Disability Services, Surfwood her home since 1990. Since that time she has also received day Services at the Smith Center and health services through Center Health Care. As a Willowbrook Class Member she was also supported by the Consumer Advisory Board.

Dayana was spirited, curious and expressive. Her ability to overcome challenges spoke to the strength of her character. Her presence brought a great deal of energy to those around her. She was relentless in maintaining

her independence, despite the challenges that she faced health wise. Her staff supported her wish to live the life that she chose by always following her lead. She will be missed by all those who knew and supported her over the years.

Dayana is preceded in death by 4 of her siblings. Leaving to cherish her precious memories are her Mother, Hilda Rodriguez of NY,NY, brothers, Radames Rodriguez of Brooklyn, NY & Victor Rodriguez of NY, NY, sisters, Marilyn Rodriguez of Roxbury, Connecticut, & Evelyn Perez of Miami, FL and of course her Surfwood family & staff.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 from 10am-12pm, with services to follow, at Marra Funeral Home, located at 246 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY. Masks are required and social distancing is to be observed.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

40 Middletown Road  
Waterford, NY 12188

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Marra Funeral Home  
246 Remsen Street  
Cohoes, NY 12047  
(518) 237-0206

## Service

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dayana Alers.*



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September 16, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *You've earned your wings, fly high Baby Girl, fly high!*



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**Theresa Felton** - September 16, 2020 at 05:51 AM



“ *Marilyn Rodriguez sent a virtual gift in memory of Dayana Alers*



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**Marilyn Rodriguez** - September 14, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dayana Alers.*



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September 14, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dayana Alers.*



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September 14, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *From your sister Evelyn, niece, and nephews. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dayana Alers.*



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**From your sister Evelyn, niece, and nephews. -** September 14, 2020 at 05:58 PM