



## ANGELA ABDUL

April 3, 1943 - January 25, 2025

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN ANGELA'S NAME TO:

ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ASCF)  
PO BOX 494  
HEWITT, NJ 07421

OR TO:

LUPUS RESEARCH ALLIANCE  
<https://www.lupusresearch.org/who-we-are/contact/>

MEMORIAL VISITATION:  
FRIDAY: JANUARY 31, 2025  
4PM TO 7PM  
STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE:  
FRIDAY: JANUARY 31, 2025  
6PM  
STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

It is with great sadness that The Abdul Family announce the passing of Angela Abdul, age eighty-one, of Matamoras, PA, formerly of West Milford, NJ, who left us during the early morning hours of Saturday, January 25, 2025 due to medical complications stemming from breast cancer and Lupus.

Angela grew up in Garfield, NJ, in 1962 married Andy Abdul from Lodi, NJ, gave birth to Dawn then Andrew, purchased their first home in Clifton, NJ, moved to West Milford, NJ and stayed for decades, and for the past eight years lived in a retirement community in Matamoras, PA, with supportive neighbors and friendships formed.

Angela has earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, Montclair State University, graduating summa cum laude. She co-founded and has spent decades, serving as administrator for The Association for Special Children and Families. In Angela's capacity, she worked tirelessly, advocating for special education and helping hundreds of families. She would find a need, create a program, then write a grant to secure funding. She changed the lives of people forever. Angela left her mark touching so many lives in making her community a better place. We celebrate Angela's Life being a role model dedicated to family and community. Rest in peace.

She was predeceased by her father Salvatore DeSalvo, her mother Josephine DeSalvo, her brother Jack DeSalvo and her brother-in-law Joseph Merendino.

Angela leaves behind, her husband Andrew Abdul, married for sixty-two years; her daughter Dawn Focaraccio and her husband Ralph; her son Andrew Salvatore Abdul and his wife Kathleen Halligan-Abdul; her granddaughter Ariana Focaraccio; her sister Rose Ann Merendino, her sister-in-law Norma DeSalvo; her nieces Justine Sarno-Merendino and Marsia DeSalvo-Vanderclack and her nephew Jack DeSalvo. She also leaves behind many other cousins, nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law, great-

nieces and great nephews, as well as many friends.

A memorial visitation will take place on Friday, January 31, 2025 from 4pm to 7pm with a memorial prayer service at 6pm at the Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Angela's name to: Association for Special Children and Families (ASCF), PO BOX 494 Hewitt, NJ 07421 or to Lupus Research Alliance: <https://www.lupusresearch.org/who-we-are/contact/>

On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home

187 La Rue Road

(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)

Newfoundland, NJ 07435

(973) 697-6700

[info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com)

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## Memorial Prayer Service

JAN 31. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of ANGELA ABDUL.

January 29, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.



January 29, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.



January 29, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ Dawn A. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.



Dawn A. - January 28, 2025 at 09:46 AM

DA

“ Dawn A. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.



Dawn A. - January 28, 2025 at 09:46 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



ariana - January 27, 2025 at 01:33 PM

PK

“ Paulie, Anna and Terry Kovach purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.



Paulie, Anna and Terry Kovach - January 27, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.



January 26, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *Lavender Gift Basket was purchased for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.*



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January 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Caring Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of ANGELA ABDUL.*



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January 26, 2025 at 05:05 PM