



# Janina Stella Turbeville

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**J**anina Stella Turbeville, age 92, passed peacefully from this life on July 15, 2021 at her home, lovingly surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 73 years, William Otis 'Bill'; son, Michael Ray 'Mike'; daughter, Janina Tiner (David); godson, Gary Smallwood. She was 'Mimi' to her grandchildren: Sarah Kate Anderson (Craig), JD (Tessa), and Anna (Alex Levy), and her great-grandchildren, Rafe, Clementine, and Theo Anderson. She was 'Nina' to her Polish / Belarusian family. Family members from Poland / Belarus who have gone before her from this life include her parents, Joseph and Olga Missiyuk, and siblings, Anna, Luba, Peter, and Yasha. The family would like to express appreciation to her caregivers, Sandy, Melissa, Marilyn, Sonya, Tasheka, Ursula, Irma, Carmen, Charro, Domingo, and Bernardino.

Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a memorial service at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021 at Memorial Park, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38119. Following the service there will be an entombment ceremony at the family crypt.

Janina was born in the little village of Perki, Poland on December 1, 1928. She often shared fond remembrances of the storks, lilacs, and wildflowers adorning her homeland. Janina faced with grit and a tenacious faith the many difficult challenges in her young life, including being separated from her family at the tender age of 11 and surviving the Holocaust during WWII. Janina met her 'Bill-O' after the war ended and she was residing in a displaced person camp and working at an Allied Forces Officer's Club when she conveniently 'lost' his coat as the attendant on duty one evening. Janina was always so proud of attaining her naturalized American citizenship. Despite her lack of formal education due to life circumstances of the war, Janina was fluent in multiple languages, including Polish, Russian, German, English and some Spanish. She delighted so many with her cooking and baking, especially her signature cheesecake, angel food cake garbed with freshly whipped cream and fresh strawberries, and her chocolate satin pie. She was a gardener extraordinaire, her garden plush with magnificent azaleas, crepe myrtles and flowers of every



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sort. Janina was ahead of her time in the realm of exercising for health with a lifetime membership at the French Riviera Spa beginning in the early 70's. Janina possessed a great capacity for love, acceptance, inclusion, and generosity with a particular heart for those in need. Janina was perhaps at her happiest when staying at her beloved Villa la Joya in Mexico. Janina enjoyed a life rich with travel to places far and wide, including the Great Wall in China, the Taj Mahal in India, Iguazo Falls in Brazil, the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, Europe, Russia and the UK. She attended a mass conducted by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome. One of the most significant trips of her life was a 2011 return to her place of birth in what was once Poland and now is in Belarus. There 'Nina' was reunited with her surviving family members, attending a large banquet held to honor her return home. An especially touching experience was Nina's visit to the gravesite of her long-lost, beloved mother.

Throughout all the highs and lows of life, Janina was unwavering in her faith and crediting God with His protection of and provision for her.

To view her service online click the line below.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/57434/hash:155012563FE05E2D>



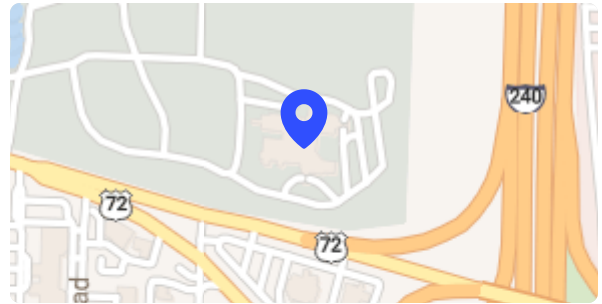
# Events

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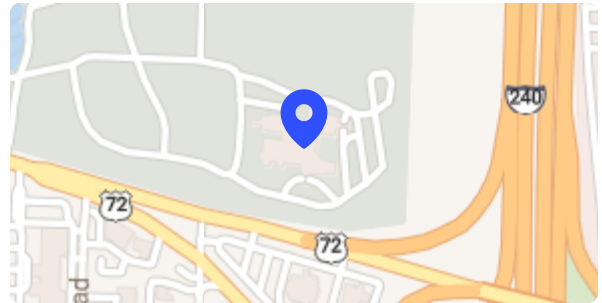
## Visitation

- Friday**, July 23, 2021
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CT
- Memorial Park Funeral Home**  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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**Marcial, Dominic Donaji And Irma** sent a virtual gift in honor of Janina.

Janina Stella, better know from her Mexican family as "Loved Mimi". She is the happiness and love of Villa la Joya home and family. Her smile and sweet words stay with all of us since first time we meet her and for ever, With all our love and respect to her and the family in Memphis Domingo, Enrique Ignacia, Marcial, Dino, Charo, Carmen, Liz and Irma

July 23 at 10:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Turbeville family.

July 23 at 9:30 AM



**Marcial, Dominic Donaji And Irma** lit a candle in honor of Janina.

Our Mexican family always remember Janina as our loved Mimi, she has special soul, when she was in her Mexican home the sun become brighter, she always have love for all of us, sweet words for our children, every word come from her her was always full of love, she is and will be always in our heart and in our praysAll our love to her and her family.

July 23 at 7:37 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Turbeville family.

July 22 at 6:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Turbeville family.

July 22 at 3:02 PM





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**Anonymous** sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Turbeville family.

July 22 at 12:43 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Turbeville family.

July 22 at 5:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Turbeville family.

July 21 at 3:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Turbeville family.

July 21 at 12:05 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Turbeville family.

July 21 at 10:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peace Eternal Wreath to the Turbeville family.

July 21 at 3:57 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Turbeville family.

July 20 at 4:11 PM



**Arkesau Family From Belarus** sent a Pretty Please to the Turbeville family.

July 20 at 12:47 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Turbeville family.

July 20 at 10:57 AM



**Tony & Janet Ross, Ronnie & Barbara Hunter** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Turbeville family.

July 20 at 10:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Turbeville family.

July 19 at 8:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Turbeville family.

July 19 at 7:29 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Your Light Shines to the Turbeville family.



July 19 at 7:12 AM



**Sonya Colvert** posted:

On many spring and summer days, we watched Stella turn David and Janina's yard on Brentlawn Court into a showplace. She was such a hard worker with an incredibly joyful spirit. It was obvious that she loved God's plants and flowers and they loved her. We ALL did. She was an amazing woman in this life with a remarkable story....and will always be an inspiration to many. Rest in the Lord, Stella. ~Sonya Colvert

July 17 at 5:22 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Turbeville family.



July 17 at 3:52 PM



**Sandy Morgan** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am honored to have been Mimi's caregiver for a little over two years. Her fighting spirit, loving nature, and generous heart will forever be a guiding light as I long to be a little more like her each day. Rest In Peace my dear Mimi; you have finally made it home. Sandy-O



July 17 at 1:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Turbeville family.



July 17 at 1:17 PM



# Media

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**Sandy Morgan** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

July 17 at 2:15 PM





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