



Pilar Lourdes Brehm

September 3, 1965 - March 6, 2026

Pilar "Lourdes" Brehm, 60, of Monroe, New Jersey, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2026, peacefully and surrounded by family, after a long, hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on September 3, 1965, to Elvira Alegria Macay and Vincent Buenano, Pilar, known to her family and friends as Lourdes, was raised in Guayaquil, Ecuador with her eight siblings. She graduated from Unidad Educativa de la Providencia High School in 1983 and then attended the University of Vincente Rocafuerte Lay in Guayaquil where she studied Accounting.

After working in accounting for a few years, Lourdes decided to move to the United States where she met the love of her life, Peter Brehm. Soon after they married, they welcomed their only child, Andrew. Lourdes was a devoted mother and put her career on hold to be an incredible stay-at-home mom. When Andrew was a bit older, Lourdes worked doing what she did best, caring for others. She babysat in her home, became a teacher's assistant at a local elementary school, and later, she worked as a home health aide to the elderly. In all roles, the people she worked with loved her for her kindness, care, and attention to detail. She had a knack for making people feel special, appreciated and heard. Most recently, Lourdes shifted careers and worked at the Costco warehouse in Monroe, New Jersey as a machine operator. She loved her job which appealed to her innate ability to work hard and organize

anything put in front of her.

Although she preferred to be called by her middle name, Pilar was a perfect name for Lourdes in that Pilar means pillar in English, and Lourdes was undeniably the pillar of strength, love, and resilience to her many family members and friends, who could count on her always being there for them with kindness and grace.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services Inc. located at 111 Main Street Matawan, New Jersey 07747.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services Inc., 111 Main Street, Matawan, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory can be made to Mary's Place By The Sea

22 Main Ave Ocean Grove NJ 07756, info@marysplacebythesea.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **12.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

MAR **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To my special friend Lourdes I want to thank you for being a very special part of my life and I will always cherish all of the times that we shared together at family together We had alot of great times together Thanks for always making all of the delicious food that you always made for me and my family Thanks for being a very wonderful wife to Pete and a wonderful Mom to Andrew I will always be there for the both of them You have been a blessing to me and Bernadette and Douglas and Scott and James You will always have a very special place in my heart and in my life You are now In heaven and heaven was made for you because you are an Angel and you lived the life of an angel here on earth Please watch over all of us from above Especially Pete and Andrew I will always remember you and cherish you for the friendship that we have Until we meet again at the gates of heaven We have 2 Journeys one here on earth and one in heaven We all know that when you got home to heaven God thanked you for the wonderful journey that you lived on earth and for being you I want to thank God for also bringing you into my journey of life Thanks for being a very special part of my life I will miss you very much love ya always Sonny

Sonny Siravo - March 12 at 10:53 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pilar Lourdes Brehm.



March 11 at 11:53 PM



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

March 11 at 11:53 PM



“ Your UBS Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Pilar Lourdes Brehm.



Your UBS Family - March 11 at 06:32 PM



“ Todaro, McGrath and Nesterok purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pilar Lourdes Brehm.



Todaro, McGrath and Nesterok - March 10 at 11:05 PM



“ Todaro, McGrath and Nesterok planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pilar Lourdes Brehm.

Todaro, McGrath and Nesterok - March 10 at 11:05 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pilar Lourdes Brehm.*



March 10 at 10:04 AM



“ *Lourdes, our friendship was a gift from God and I will treasure it forever my beautiful friend. Your smile, laughter and kindness are forever etched in my heart. Rest in eternal peace.*



Leila Obando - March 10 at 09:36 AM