



## Miss Yarielix Diaz Alba

November 29, 2011 - January 23, 2024

Yarielix Diaz Alba

It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that we share the news of the passing of our beloved Yary, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. She passed away peacefully in her home, with all those who loved her around her.

Yary was a 6th Grade student at the B. F. Butler Middle School in Lowell, where she was an Honor Roll Student her last quarter. She loved music, especially Taylor Swift and Karol G. Yary liked to play video games and loved Stitch. She was the strongest girl, who always had a smile that showcased her remarkable dimples. Yary was an inspiration.

Yary aspired to be a pediatric surgeon due to the incredible care she received. As Yary's physician, Dr. Lauren Jimenez-Kurlander so eloquently stated to her mother in a personal and heartfelt message, "Yary was a truly remarkable 12 year old girl, with extraordinary courage, resilience, and grace.

Yary was diagnosed with metastatic soft tissue sarcoma in January of 2022 and completed her initial treatment in August of 2022. She had 9 months without disease before she relapsed and bravely trialed multiple lines of therapy before she and her mother, Jennifer made the courageous decision to stop all cancer-directed therapy in October of 2023.

Yary had a unique charisma that drew everyone in with a radiant smile that lit up the room. She was the kind of patient that everyone was excited to see. Throughout her care, and most markedly after her relapse, Yary was an

embodiment of strength, perhaps the toughest patient her doctor has had the privilege to care for. Her intelligence and thoughtfulness beyond her years manifested with overthinking and worries about some aspects of her treatment; yet, no matter her worries, she and her mother, Jennifer always responded to every unimaginable hurdle with their mantra, “We got this.” Yary had an appreciation for worrying for others rather than herself and a maturity beyond her years. Her primary goal was to honor her mother and four siblings in the time she had left. Yary lived longer than we thought possible—living through her 12th Birthday and having a beautiful Stitch themed party that she fondly remembered as the best day of her life. She found ways to take trips with her family, including Disney World, Puerto Rico, NYC, and more locally Boston after her disease progressed.

We will remember her love for Stitch and Taylor Swift, stylish nails and fashion advice, and lesser-known passion for history (on her trip to NYC she even looked most forward to seeing the World Trade Center).

Her mother, Jennifer’s selfless dedication to honor her wishes and help her pass at home was deeply inspiring – Yary and her family are a family that reminds us all why we go into pediatric oncology in the first place. Yary impacted and inspired so many; she knew and was proud of that and her loss leaves a profound void in our world. “

Thank you all for the incredible care of Yary.

Thank you, Dr. Lauren Jimenez-Kurlander for this beautiful tribute to our amazing girl.

Yarielix is survived by her mother, Jennifer Alba; her siblings, Jureilis Carmona, Leeah Diaz, Mikaela Diaz, and Adalyriel Diaz; her grandparents Elbi Alba, Sr., Looreilis Tavarez; her step-grandmother, Diane Rogers; her Godmother, Dayan Vazquez; her uncle, Elbi Alba, Jr.; her aunts Stephanie Santiago, Nelly Alba, and Daniela Alba; also many dear friends and people who loved her.

Family and friends are invited to THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET IN LOWELL on MONDAY, from 2 until 6 PM. Yary's FUNERAL will begin on TUESDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her FUNERAL MASS at 10 o'clock at THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 144 EAST MERRIMACK STREET, Lowell. Burial will take place in EDSON CEMETERY, Lowell.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Edson Cemetery

1375 Gorham Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

# Previous Events

## Visiting Hours

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
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<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

## Burial

JAN 30. 11:30 AM (ET)

Edson Cemetery  
1375 Gorham Street  
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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ I love and miss you more than words can ever explain. Rest in Paradise my baby, you'll forever be my bestfriend and my sister 💙

- your eza 😞

Eza Mirambeaux - December 07, 2025 at 02:56 PM



VA

“ i miss you more and more everyday.

Val - March 21, 2025 at 08:19 PM



HG

“ Heidi Gauthier lit a candle in memory of Miss Yarielix Diaz Alba

Heidi Gauthier - February 12, 2024 at 06:38 PM



HG

God. bless you beautiful Yarielix you will forever be missed from your wonderful and beautiful family and neighbors and I will miss seeing you always with a smile and never sad u are and always be miss beautiful girl ❤️🙏❤️🙏

Heidi Gauthier - February 12, 2024 at 06:43 PM

LA

*My beautiful sister i hope you rest in peace in heaven my strong sister i love you and you will forever be missed LLY*

Leeah diaz alba - March 22, 2024 at 10:59 AM

SM

*LLY i don't know you but i love you so much i would keep you in my prayers Shaydalis Martinez*

shaydalis martinez - March 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

AR

*LLY yari you'll be missed you were so young to pass away you'll be missed and your in heaven with god may rest in peace <3*

arianny - February 24, 2025 at 10:50 AM

TR

*“ I will always remember your bright smile, witty sense of humor, courage and strength. My thoughts and prayers are always with you and your family. ❤️ Nurse Tracy*

Tracy - January 30, 2024 at 09:33 AM

NM

*“ Nancy Martinez lit a candle in memory of Miss Yarielix Diaz Alba*



Nancy Martinez - January 29, 2024 at 02:36 PM

NM

*I had the honor of meeting Miss Yarielix last summer during the Multicultural Festival that was held in Lowell. Even though it was hot, she had such a beautiful smile and I did not see her complain once. I had table next to hers and I felt her beautiful spirit and she made such an impact on me. I am so sorry Jenny for your loss, what a huge loss. I pray for you Jenny and your family. Fly high Yarielix and even though I met you once, you made such a difference in my life!*

Nancy Martinez - January 29, 2024 at 02:39 PM

DK

“ *Diane Kisiel lit a candle in memory of Miss Yarielix Diaz Alba*



Diane Kisiel - January 29, 2024 at 11:04 AM

DJ

“ *This year I have the pleasure of teaching Yarielix's sister Leeah in fifth grade, and wish to send my deepest condolences to her and her family. I know how much Leeah loves her sister and enjoys the close bonds of their family. Leeah is a bright light in our classroom, and we will do our very best to support her through this profound loss.*



*With love,  
Ms. Deborah Johnson*

Deborah Johnson - January 28, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ I was Yarielix's 2nd grade teacher, and she was an amazing person. She would come to school every day ready to learn with a smile on her face. She was always willing to help others in the class as well. At school, we honored a "Student of the Week" every Friday. Yarielix earned student of the week the very first week of school, and although I chose to reward other students, she deserved it every single week. After she moved, I kept in touch with her via text and loved hearing from her from time to time. It is truly heartbreaking that she was taken from us so soon, and may her memory be a blessing for all those who loved her and cared for her.



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**Ben Esenstad** - January 27, 2024 at 08:39 PM

MI

yari you are the best sister ever and you will forever be the best in my mind

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**mikaela** - August 06, 2024 at 05:06 AM

RT

“ She is such a special girl. I had the pleasure of teaching her in Mrs. Walker's reading class and Mrs. Pattillo's math class. She was always a ray of sunshine and always looked out for her classmates and enjoyed learning. A natural leader she is missed. Sweet Angel Rest in Peace your beautiful light will always shine on.

Mrs. Thomas  
Mucho Love 🤗

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**Rachel Thomas** - January 27, 2024 at 07:30 PM

SP

“ In 2019 she was my second grade student and her sister was my first grade student. Beautiful souls, brilliant girls. During Covid they would call me on FaceTime just to see how I was doing and check on my kids as well. They still faceted often even as they grew up. A few months ago she texted me and told me she was struggling in math. I told her I'd be happy to help. Her response “no, I don't want to bother you because I know you are taking care of your baby.” Selfless! Yarelix, I know you are resting well in heaven. Your beautiful soul will be missed. i will be praying for your family during this time. This hurt my heart so much! 😞 I love you so much sweet girl. Always have. Always will.



Shaunice Pattillo - January 27, 2024 at 08:54 AM

MS

“ VUELA ALTO PRINCESA SIEMPRE TE RECORDAREMOS



María Serrano - January 27, 2024 at 08:40 AM

SS

“ Selena Santiago lit a candle in memory of Miss Yarielix Diaz Alba



Selena Santiago - January 27, 2024 at 12:26 AM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of  
Miss Yarielx Diaz Alba



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - January 26, 2024 at 06:19 PM