

Jelena Grmaca

September 28, 2007 - March 19, 2022

Jelena Grmaca, age 14, of Willowick, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on March 19, 2022. She was born in Painesville, on September 28, 2007.

She was a cherished and loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Jelena was a freshman at Eastlake North HS where she excelled as a student and at Volleyball. Jelena had a contagious smile and a joyous heart. In her free time, she enjoyed playing video games with her friends. Jelena was a selfless soul that enjoyed bringing happiness to others, above all else. Her greatest joy was her family especially her brother and sister, whom she adored. She will be fondly remembered for her sense of style and quick wit.

Jelena is survived by her parents Danijela and Miro Grmaca, her sister Katarina Grmaca and brother Luka Grmaca, maternal grandparents Ilija and Kata Romic, paternal grandmother Jelka Grmaca, aunts Ivana (Edward) Crnjac, Zora (Branko) Marcic, Mira (Ranko) Maletic, Svjetlana (Anto) Dordic, and Snjezana Zadavec, uncles Danijel (Ksenia) Romic and Zoron (Tina) Grmaca. Jelena also leaves behind a host of dear cousins and friends along with her beloved dog, Ozzy.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather Anton Grmaca.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from 4 to 8pm the Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 10am at St. Paul Croatian Church, 1369 E 40th St, Cleveland. Jelena will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, OH.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Croatian Church
1369 E 40th St
Cleveland, OH 44103

Tribute Wall

KE

“ I love Jelena. I did gymnastics with her when we were younger, but then I moved to Florida, so I never got to hang out with her for the last time. When I was in Florida, I heard the news, I started bawling my eyes out, and I wanted to go back just to see if it was real because I didn't believe it. I miss her so much, I never even got the chance to say a proper goodbye. I love you, Jelena, rest in peace. Love, Kielyn Epps.

Kielyn Epps - April 30, 2025 at 08:21 AM

AN

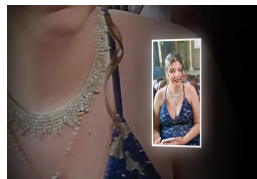
“ jelena was an amazing and kind hearted person. i miss all the memories with her. we were great friends but we drifted but i'll never forget the things we did. she was the best at volleyball. jelena will always be in my heart no matter what. 🕊️❤️.



anonymous - April 30, 2023 at 01:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video

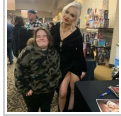


Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - March 24, 2022 at 03:49 PM

DV

Počivaj u miru andjele. Zauvijek u našim srcima. Rest in peace angel 🕊️❤️

Dijana Vuletic - March 25, 2022 at 11:09 AM



i feel bad the she die of cancer at 14 years old

Tanya Ebert - April 05, 2022 at 11:54 PM

MD

“ *my condolences go out to her friends and family. thank you for being there with her and giving her the best life not knowing what was going to happen to her and being with her all throughout the journey. may she rest in peace.*

MD - March 23, 2022 at 03:08 PM

MD

“ i cry for those who knew her well and are going through the pain of losing her. losing someone in a situation beyond anyone’s control is more painful than the strongest stab to the heart because no unfortunate words were said.... no unfortunate actions happened. the seconds, minutes, hours, and days just happened. and as they ticked by, the clouds passed by. the clouds passed by naturally as they always do. as the clouds passed by, they happened to carry an innocent person with them. did the clouds know? no, they just passed by. yet, we still reach our hands up to the clouds and yell, “GIVE HER BACK!” the clouds still cannot hear. the clouds are too high as we desperately reach up to them. desperately reaching for what will never be able to reached. this person was someone’s daughter, granddaughter, best friend, and many more things. she changed the lives for the better. and then, she just got carried away... for what? but, one day, we will be carried by the clouds, too. we will beg as long as possible up until the day we are carried ourselves, but that’s okay. our grief is an expression of the greatest love we had for her.

even if the clouds stole her from our hands, she is in safe hands with the clouds. she does not suffer under the hands of the clouds. even if the clouds robbed her of experiencing a life through her happy eyes, she is at the peace with the clouds. she is in oblivion. nothing is robbing her.

jelena was like a strong, roaring, burning flame fighting a gust of wind and a wet hurricane. eventually, the gust of wind and wet hurricane grew strong enough to burn out even the strongest flame. when it did burn, it brightly lit up the entire world. it gave a light that everyone wanted and needed. not only that, but the flame gave the warmth to withstand any cold. the current absence of the flame is hell. without it, there is darkness, there is cold. the absence of it is complete hell. without her, it feels empty. what is there without the flame? but, what if that flame burnt down a barricade that was trapping people inside it? what if that flame burnt a new path? even without the flame, it gave the people something without still contuing

to burn. without jelena's physical presence, she still has a strong impact on this world that will long even after her death. she left a mark here. this is why we should never forget her!

MD - March 23, 2022 at 03:07 PM

MD

“ years later, i saw the face again. i remembered her! my younger self didn't just “sense” something about her for nothing. she happened to be friends with many of my friends. i saw the fun they had with her and it made me happy seeing what things they were doing. she spread the joy existing within her beautiful soul and could do great things just by simply being there. i loved to see it! always was up to hear about the next adventure. eventually, it was found she had brain tumor. the brain tumor did not stop the adventures. when it was found she had a brain tumor to the day she passed, i immensely appreciated how she always lived her life to the fullest and made an effort to put a smile peoples' faces in spite of the suffering she may have been facing herself. i respect that and it shows what type of person she is.

MD - March 23, 2022 at 03:05 PM

MD

“ she died way too soon. however, the years she did have were valuable. she still made greatness no matter the quantity of time and that is the most important.

i never knew jelena personally. but, i saw her all throughout my time at royalview up until i moved schools. i saw her in the halls, at lunch, the playground, and sometimes even at manny where i cheered. when i saw her, my younger self sensed something sweet. she was either with her friends as they were smiling with her or she was radiating some beauty i can't begin put into words even when she was alone. jelena alone, there was still joy. my younger self sensed a good soul. it was such a strong sense that i never forgot her face. i never did. keep in mind, i was considered the “quiet kid” and still am to this day. since i never spoke, i saw and heard everything around me. every clique, peoples' business, and everything since i wasn't “in” anything myself. i was a stranger to the world, but nobody was a stranger to me. even though i saw “everyone”, jelena specifically stood out to me. otherwise, i wouldn't be writing this. since i never dared to say, “hey! how are you?”, i'd endlessly think each time i saw the same unforgettable face, “what's her name?, i just want to know her name...”. i unfortunately never got the chance to speak to her. nonetheless, the fact that i never spoke to her and she never spoke to me, yet i still KNEW she was great speaks everything.

MD - March 23, 2022 at 03:02 PM

DE

“ Jelena and my daughter alyssa were good friends a few years ago, jelena and her younger sister would come to our house alot. She was a beautiful, very friendly, happy girl. So heartbreaking 💔

Denise - March 23, 2022 at 02:02 PM

GB

“ *Gordana Brkic purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



Gordana Brkic - March 23, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 23, 2022 at 11:56 AM

HS

“ *Jelena and I were super close and we drifted when I left middle school but always found our way back to each other. We shared so many fun times and there aren't enough words to describe how incredible she was. I never thought I would lose her. Me and her were planning for our summer together. She always made sure we had fun and laughed.*

hannah sabruno - March 23, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 23, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.



March 23, 2022 at 02:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.



March 22, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.



March 22, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper* was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.



March 22, 2022 at 06:28 PM

EW

“ *Eagle Welding purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



Eagle Welding - March 22, 2022 at 03:08 PM

CC

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. Charlotte's Icecream*

Charlotte Colwill - March 22, 2022 at 11:09 AM

LS

“ *My Prayers and Thoughts are with you All!!!!
The Stinson Family*

L. J. Stinson - March 22, 2022 at 09:50 AM

MG

“ *I met Jelena when she and my son, Abram, were in the 5th grade. I was one of the moms who helped the teacher when they had field trips and parties so I got to know her and noticed how she was always so helpful and kind to everyone and how that beautiful smile of hers never left her face. I continued to see Jelena over the next couple of years because she lived near friends of ours and I will always remember her cheerful eyes and the wave she would give me whenever I saw her. She emitted joy to anyone near her. Words cannot express the sympathy I feel for her family. May God surround you with His love and peace.
Sincerely and with love,
-- Marla Gutierrez*

Marla Gutierrez - March 22, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 22, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the entire Family. She was loved by many. May she rest in peace. Love Pam Gresko*

Pam Gresko - March 22, 2022 at 04:24 AM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 22, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 21, 2022 at 11:52 PM



“ *My deepest condolences 🙏*

Myrtis Walker - March 21, 2022 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ So sorry for the loss of Jelena. What a brave and kind hearted young woman. We are deeply saddened that we will still be in Orlando with the choir and unable to pay our respects. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

The Rubino Family - March 21, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.



March 21, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MI

“ Mate Brkic Family, Two-M Precision Inc. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jelena Grmaca.



Mate Brkic Family, Two-M Precision Inc. - March 21, 2022 at 04:09 PM

JB

“ Jelena always had a smile on her face as she walked the hall or was talking to classmates when she was at Royalview. Her spirit was always bright. My thoughts and prayers go to her family at this time.



John Bender - March 21, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 21, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 21, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *May you and your family find peace! She always had a smile at Willowick Middle! I know she and the family fought hard. She has already earned her angel wings!!*

Wendy McNeill - March 21, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *The Cook Family Tom Deb Bryan Noreen purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



The Cook Family Tom Deb Bryan Noreen - March 21, 2022 at 11:08 AM

AZ

“ *Alice Zagar lit a candle in memory of Jelena Grmaca*



Alice Zagar - March 21, 2022 at 11:07 AM

AZ

Jelena I will always remember your beautiful smile and sweet spirit. Such a kind and loving young lady. Visits to my grandson's house to go bike riding. You will always be in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family during this difficult time.

Alice Zagar - March 21, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 21, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 21, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 21, 2022 at 08:25 AM



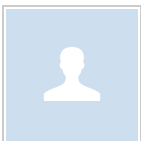
“ *volleyballs and kart wheels were waiting for you up there❤️❤️ love you forever and always my jel bel*

ava rados - March 21, 2022 at 01:09 AM



“ *I did not know Jelena at all. Nor did i know their family. I had a mutual friend between Jelena and I. I had seen all their group photos, and how Jelena played sports so well. I am sending all my condolences to the family and friends. She passed way too young. I wish everyone peace and love. ❤️*

Grace Curtis - March 21, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



March 20, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Family Korac purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



Family Korac - March 20, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Family Kalfic purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Jelena Grmaca.*



Family Kalfic - March 20, 2022 at 12:14 PM