



KRISTINA M. (BAGOZZI) SOKOLIC

May 6, 1966 - May 6, 2025

Kristina Marie (Bagozzi) Sokolic, fondly known as “Tina,” took her final breath on Tuesday May 6, 2025. Precisely fifty-nine years from the day she entered this world, Tina peacefully departed to a place of eternal rest. Tina was a beloved daughter, cherished wife, dedicated mother, endearing sister, esteemed colleague, and revered educator.

Tina was born May 6, 1966, to Arthur and Kathleen (Haley) Bagozzi—their firstborn. Tina grew up close in age to her younger sister, Stacey. She became the oldest of three children when her brother, Jamie, was born years later. Throughout high school, Tina was an avid cheerleader. She also had an affinity for art, fashion, and photography. Upon graduating from high school, Tina pursued multiple degrees, ultimately achieving her master’s degree in education. Tina went on to have an impressive thirty-five-year long career as a teacher. She spent most of those years teaching in the Syracuse City School District. On April 15, 1994, Tina married her husband, John. In 1997, they welcomed their daughter, Olivia, and in 2002 son, Joshua.

One word to describe Tina: heart.

Tina was the heart of her family. She devoted her heart to her husband of thirty-one years and, together, they brought life into the world. Tina could often be found in the heart of the home—the kitchen. Food was a form of connection for her; a plate of food meant the chance to come together. Tina poured her heart and soul into her children. If not in the kitchen, Tina could be found in the horse barn or at the racetrack, watching her children do what they

delighted in. To know she provided for her children filled her heart far more than anything else.

Tina's heart for teaching touched the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of students over her career. She believed in the potential of every student she encountered. Tina opened hearts and minds to great possibilities; her lessons were beyond any curriculum and would last her students a lifetime. Tina was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017 and re-diagnosed in 2023. She led her fight against cancer with distinguished character and a courageous heart. While fighting for her own life, she became an advocate and ally for those who fought before her and alongside her. In her heart, Tina always hoped for a miracle; she fought for a better tomorrow.

Tina's heart is her legacy. Her pulse on life will continue to beat and live on through those who were fortunate to know her.

At Tina's request, services were privately held for family at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, Solvay.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Tina's memory to St. Agatha Foundation at <https://www.saintagathafoundation.org/>.

Please share online tributes and memories at www.bagozzitwins.com.

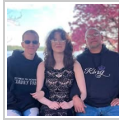
Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of KRISTINA M. (BAGOZZI) SOKOLIC*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - May 16, 2025 at 02:37 PM



Beautiful tribute for a beautiful woman. You will be greatly missed. You were a great teacher to me during my high school years and then to my daughter the last few years. We love and miss you so much.

Regina Gloska - May 16, 2025 at 06:16 PM

CD

Such a beautiful tribute

Cathy Damiano - May 16, 2025 at 06:37 PM

RZ

Tina was a true advocate for students and an absolute pleasure to work with. Always willing to go the extra mile, she brought a bright light into every space she entered.

Rhonda Zajac - May 17, 2025 at 08:37 AM

PG

What a beautiful tribute to a courageous, remarkable woman! RIP Tina.

Patti Greco - May 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM

BZ

John & family, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Beth Zader - May 17, 2025 at 04:52 PM

LM

She was a true gem.

linda salvatore Moro - May 19, 2025 at 08:12 AM

SB

The Community of Castel Condino (Italy) doesn't forget its children scattered around the world.

Even though we are far away, our closeness and prayers go out to Tina's family.

Mayor: Stefano Bagozzi

Stefano Bagozzi - August 08, 2025 at 11:00 AM

EB

“ *Tina lit up a room with her smile, energy and passion. She made an impact on all those she encountered in her years as an educator. My love and respect for her are boundless. Tina, may you rest in peace. Ella Briand*

Ella Briand - May 30, 2025 at 03:22 PM

MC

“ *Tina was a great lady, awesome teacher and special friend. My heart sank when I saw her at HOA. 💔 Maria Cimino*

Maria Cimino - May 21, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CM

“ *Dear John, Olivia and Josh, so very sad hearing about Tina's passing! I was your neighbor on 112 Bramley. Tina was always so very kind to me. I will keep you all in my prayers. The tribute was so special! 🙏 Catherine*

Catherine Murphy - May 20, 2025 at 02:41 PM

KC

“ John, Olivia, and Josh-
So sorry to hear of Tina's passing. She was always so kind to me.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kerrie Coakley (Bramley Drive)

Kerrie Coakley - May 18, 2025 at 07:38 PM

HB

“ Dear John, Olivia and Josh,
On her birthday this year I sent Tina a message saying how blessed
I felt that she moved into the room across the hall at Marcellus
many years ago. I am so glad that we had stayed in touch all these
years and I hope I was able to help her in some small way. Tina
meant the world to me and I am so thankful for every minute that I
was able to spend with her!
Know that you were all loved so much - you will all always be her
pride and joy!!!
Thank you for sharing Tina with me!

Heidi Busa - May 17, 2025 at 07:04 PM

MF

“ Kathy and Art so sorry for the loss of your
beautiful daughter, Mickie & Jerry Femano



mickie femano - May 17, 2025 at 12:46 PM

MM

“ I was her student and she my cheerleading coach at Fowler. She helped me as a 15 year old, who was told I was pregnant and she held me and told me this does not stop me and that she was there for me. Thanks to her love and support I broke many statistics and had lots of support. We stayed in contact for many years and she ended up in my son’s school as well and her soul was just beautiful and her spirit bright and she did her earth angel job and now may she rest in heaven! You will be missed

Maria Maldonado-Lewis - May 17, 2025 at 10:05 AM

SF

“ I am so very sorry. She will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Stacey Sokolic Fitzgerald - May 17, 2025 at 01:54 AM

DW

“ Tina you were truly one of the best! I had the honor of being your colleague and you always left a lasting impression on your peers and your students.
Doreen Wall

Doreen Wall - May 16, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MT

“ I met Tina when I went to work my first Asst Principal position at Fowler. She was spunky, kind, loving, and hard-working. She loved the kids she served. She was an honest, devoted teacher. To hear that she has passed is so heartbreaking. I remember she invited me to hold a dinner and a lesson for children after school. It was her way to introduce me to Fowler and to show me her “Why.” I am grateful for getting to know her. I will continue to pray for her family and her. -Maggie McRobbie Taru

Maggie McRobbie Taru - May 16, 2025 at 07:25 PM