



Dr. Myriam Urrutia Eder

April 6, 1951 - August 27, 2018

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Beloved mother, physician, and world traveler, Myriam Urrutia Eder of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on August 27th, 2018 surrounded by family at her home after a battle with ovarian cancer. Myriam is survived by her loving husband, Edward Eder, mother, Rosa Urrutia, brothers Alex Urrutia, Raymond Urrutia, and Paul Urrutia, children Samuel Eder, Bettina Schroeder, Daniel Eder, and their spouses Julie Amaon, Matt Schroeder, and Tania Diez-Eder. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren Parker Schroeder and Oliver Schroeder as well as a large, caring family in Panama.

Born in Panama City, Panama, Myriam attended Saint Mary's High School in Alexandria and then George Washington University in the United States. After graduating she returned to Panama to attend medical school, where she met fellow student Edward Eder. They married on February 28th, 1975. Myriam gave birth to son Samuel in 1977 and daughter Bettina in 1979 while practicing medicine in Panama. The young family moved back to Alexandria, Virginia to pursue their medical residencies and fellowships, welcoming Daniel Eder to the family in 1986.

Myriam was an esteemed gastroenterologist who built a busy private practice in Northern Virginia and cared for patients at hospitals across the greater DC area. She was devoted to her patients, colleagues and her staff. Myriam served as chairman of the board of Bioethics at Mount Vernon Hospital where she became involved in complex end of life issues that benefited from her knowledge, sensitivity, and deep caring.

As a dedicated learner, education was one of Myriam's greatest passions. In addition to her undergraduate and medical degrees, she also earned a Masters in Bioethics at The University of Virginia. Her belief in the pursuit of knowledge is reflected in the scores of degrees earned by those she encouraged and supported both in and out of her family. Her passion for learning was not limited to formal education, motivating her to travel around the world with Edward, family, and good friends. In her life, Myriam visited over 25

countries across 5 continents. She was always capable of the gift of wonder which allowed her to delight in both the miniature and vast in nature.

Coupled with her quest for knowledge was a desire to make a difference in the world through her support for the protection of the environment. She valued the time she spent on projects to protect threatened wetlands and loved the friends she encountered along the way.

In accordance with her wishes, services will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on September 8th at 1pm. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that donations be made in her name to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. <https://events.ovarian.org/nocc/>

Comments



“ 1 file added to the album New Album

Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28 at 09:33 AM



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Angel Wings - September 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with her at Mount Vernon Hospital as an RN many years loved her kindness to patients and the nurses I was her patient too. She graduated from Saint Mary's Academy with Debbie Bradbury and Theresa C. Daly friends of ours too she will be missed dearly

September 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet - September 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Myriam was a classmate at St. Mary's Academy, Class of 1969. What a brilliant, sparkling, kind and joyful woman she was--even back then, as an outstanding leader in our high school. Our world has lost a gem. Dear Myriam, thank you for your friendship. Rest in the peace of heaven. May God bless you and be close to all your family in their enormous loss. With sincere sympathy, --Theresa Carroll Daly

September 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Cousin Myriam was a loving, bright, and welcoming figure. I remember many Christmases running around her home where family had gathered. May she rest in peace. Your family is in my prayers.

September 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Myriam Eder was a kind and talented doctor who was devoted to her practice, her patients and her family. She believed “Family is the best feeling in the world. She was a source of courage and strength when she received her medical diagnosis. She battled and gave it her all because of her so strong family and love. She will be greatly missed by her devoted husband Ed, her children and grandkids. She had many friends that she gave smiles and laughter, understanding, encouragement, and hugs to help us grow along life’s path. Myriam Rest In Peace now that you are free from pain and in a better place.

Butterfly - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Joyful Memory - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Heavenly and Harmony - September 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Peaceful White Lilies Basket - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Joyful Memory - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Blooming Garden Basket - September 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Dr Eder at IMVH. As a social worker I always felt comfortable approaching her to talk about a patient. She would take the time to explain things to me in ways I could best help my patients. Dr. Eder was always so kind to the staff, patients, and families. Sending prayers to her family.

September 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne, thank you for your wonderful memories. we have some great pictures from high school we'd love to share!

September 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Gracias, Myriam. Todo nuestro amor para tu esposo, hijos, nietos, hermanos y especial Mamá; a quien queremos mucho;simó. Estaremos con ella siempre. Descansa en paz, eres luz. Pery, Angie, Pedro Julio y Santiago Manuel.

Candle of Peace - September 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam and Julie (and the rest of your family), I want you all to know that Robert and I are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Myriam. We met only once;at your commitment ceremony in Austin but remember her and your dad dancing to salsa music and having a good time (as we all did). She is gone way too soon and will be mourned for a long time. We love you and are thinking of you.

September 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ May the peace God gives sustain your family during this difficult time. Lean on one another as the days ahead become too hard to bear alone. Share your memories, they will be a source of joy. Seeing the promises in God's Word the Bible will help you to gain strength and fortify your hearts, granting you comfort. (2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17) To learn more please go to www.jw.org and search comfort.

August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to High School with Miriam. She was a powerhouse, a scholar, president of the Student Council, she was an enthusiastic participant in all the school activities and a good friend. I have missed her in my life already. I am, so saddened to know, all chances of reuniting are gone. Miriam, you and your family are in my heart and my prayers. Love, Mary Wilkinson Combemale

August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember you, Miriam, and our days at St Mary's, such a formative time in our lives. And who could forget our trip to North Carolina over Christmas/New Year's break, around January 1969, We had a wonderful time, bringing our crafts along (like macramé and crocheting) and hanging out on the beach, playing frisbee and dodging the cold waves of the Atlantic, Miriam, don't ever forget...you, and Maggie, Mary Fran, and I, all having a great time together at the beach. Miriam, we will miss you...remember, you have sisters here on earth who value you and all the wonderful things you were. We harken to those days at St Mary's when we were still young and hopeful and looking forward to the future. We were the Golden Girls...and you were an integral part of that legacy. My condolences to your family...we will see each other again someday, count on it. Love to you and all your loved ones...Anne

August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So sad and sorry to hear about Myriam's passing. She was always a smiling shining beacon at Huntley Meadows Park, volunteering and giving service with such a kindness and friendly demeanor. Sending lots of love to Ed and their family at this time.

Heart - August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM