



Miriam Santos Forrester

June 10, 1960 - January 29, 2021

Miriam Santos Forrester was born in Manila, the Philippines, on June 10, 1960. Miriam—or Mie, as she was known to family and friends—was the first child of Jose Rivera Santos, Jr., and Aurelia Catabona Santos and was baptized in the Santo Niño de Pandacan Parish of the Roman Catholic Church. Later she was joined by her oldest sister Helen, her brother Joselito, or Jojo, and her second sister Joanne, the youngest of the siblings. She remained very close to her parents and siblings throughout her life.

Together the Santos family grew up in the Pandacan district of Manila and, under the guiding hand of their loving parents, were active in the local community and in the Santo Niño de Pandacan Parish. Miriam attended the Paco Catholic School in Manila and later received her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of the East in Manila.

After college, Miriam worked in finance for several years in Manila, including for Telefunken Microelectronics, where she was proud to have been recognized one year as the Best Muse of the Manila office. A major turning point in her life was opportunity to move to Saipan of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. territory, to work with her father. Eventually her mother and siblings Joanne and Jojo were able to move to Saipan as well and settle with their families, becoming U.S. citizens in the process. Miriam lived with her family and worked in Saipan for twenty years, doing accounting and other managerial work for Micronesian Brokers, Inc.,

where she made many fast friends.

In 2006, Miriam met her husband Nathan, or Nate, and moved to northern Virginia to be with him. They were married in St. Louis Catholic Church on June 9, 2007. Miriam later became a Finance Officer for the Rule of the Law Initiative of the American Bar Association in Washington, D.C., while Nate worked at the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Miriam was active in the lives of Nate's daughter Sophia and his sister Rebecca and brother-in-law Doug, who for a long period of time lived right next door with their four children. Nate, Miriam, Sophia, and Sophia's cousins enjoyed many fun outings together on the weekends.

Miriam went to be with the Lord on January 29, 2021. She is survived by her mother Aurelia, her sisters Helen and Joanne, her brother Jojo, her husband Nate, her step-daughter Sophia, and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces on both sides of the family—all of whom were near and dear to her. For her entire life Miriam made a daily habit of speaking to her family wherever they were in the world. She is much loved and much missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Little Workers of the Sacred Heart. Checks may be made payable to: Little Workers of the Sacred Heart and sent to the care of Sister Deirdre Byrne, 3620 15th St., N.E., Washington, DC, 20017.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Louis Catholic Church
2907 Popkins Ln
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 765-4421

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Miriam Santos Forrester



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 05, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Miriam Santos Forrester

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ I had the great pleasure of knowing this wonderful lady... She was a joy to be around always a smile on her face.. and when she saw me there was always a bear hug between us... The world is truly a darker place without her she was such a light of kindness and joy... Rest in peace dear lady...
Nathan I am so very sorry for your loss..if there's anything I can do to help you please don't hesitate to reach out...
Diana Fruge

Diana Fruge - February 11, 2021 at 05:20 PM

MB

“ *Miriam was a bright light in the ABA office. I always loved how her space looked so cluttered but when you asked her for something she could find it immediately. We will all miss her.*

Malia Brink

Malia Brink - February 09, 2021 at 10:20 AM

EA

“ *We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. We send you thoughts of comfort. Farewell my best friend/sister Miriam. My deepest sympathy to you Nate, Nanay Auring and family.*

ELENITA S. AVANCENA - February 08, 2021 at 08:27 PM

PC

“ *Miriam was a joy to work with and her smile and kindness will be missed by all. Our hearts are with you.*

Your friends at the ABA Center on Children and the Law

Prudence Beidler Carr - February 08, 2021 at 11:28 AM

TR

“ *I'm so sorry we've lost Miriam! I knew her a little from our work at the American Bar Association, and she was always a cheerful soul. My prayers for and condolences to her family.*

Todd Reitzel - February 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JR

“ *Miriam was a wonderful, kind, and gracious colleague. She will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her dear family and friends.*

Jennifer Renne

Jennifer Renne - February 08, 2021 at 10:08 AM

JJ

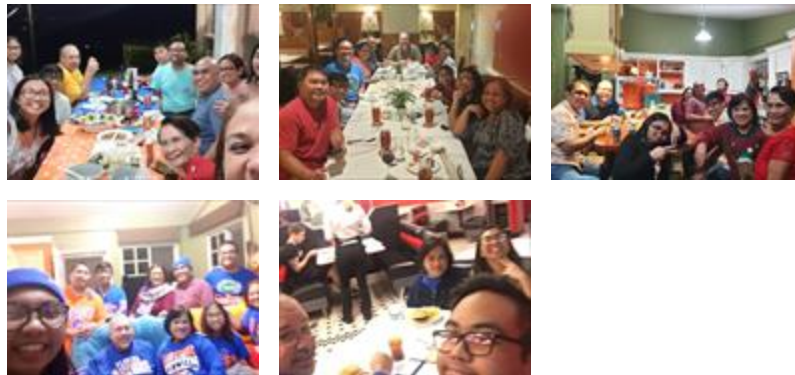
“ *We love you tita mie! I will miss you forever. Till we meet again.*



Jac Jasmin - February 08, 2021 at 03:36 AM

JO

“ *18 files added to the tribute wall*



Joanie - February 08, 2021 at 02:18 AM

JO

“ Thank you Tita Mie for being like a second mother to me. I will always cherish and love you so much.



Joanie - February 08, 2021 at 02:12 AM

JS

“ Praying for our Dear Ate Mie, may she rest in peace



JSP - February 07, 2021 at 01:53 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



JSP - February 07, 2021 at 12:13 AM

DA

“ So grateful for the years we were able to share, especially as next-door neighbors. We will miss having Miriam’s joy, generosity, and constant smile in our lives.

Doug, Rebecca, and family



Doug and Rebecca Anderson - February 06, 2021 at 08:16 PM

HC

*I love U so much
How can I go on without U
Till we meet again my dear Ate Mie
Gone too soon*

Helen Santos Cadillo - March 25, 2022 at 08:47 AM

JS

“ Love you, Ate



JSP - February 06, 2021 at 05:06 PM

JM

“ Thank you for the love. We are going to miss you. May you rest in peace.



Josie Manugas - February 06, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RR

“ Rory, Estella, Allan and Darius Reyes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Miriam Santos Forrester.



Rory, Estella, Allan and Darius Reyes - February 06, 2021 at 06:37 AM

MM

“ We love you Tita Mie 🙏🕊️😭❤️



MJ MANUGAS-BRAZEAU - February 05, 2021 at 09:37 PM

MM

“ Tita Mie, you were such a loving person. I still cannot believe that you are gone. Thank you for always thinking of us, despite the distance you were still there to show love and support. We love you and will miss you so much. ❤️



MJ Manugas-Brazeau - February 05, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Miriam Santos Forrester.



February 05, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Miriam Santos Forrester.



February 05, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Miriam Santos Forrester.



February 05, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miriam Santos Forrester.



February 05, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - February 05, 2021 at 09:17 AM

NW

On your visits to Florida Thank you so much for always brightening and bringing joy along with you. You are greatly missed. Naomi

Naomi Williams - February 11, 2021 at 03:09 PM