



Natalia Ruth Leons

March 18, 1963 - December 30, 2016

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Natalia R. Leons, age 53, of Arlington, Virginia passed peacefully on December 30, 2016 at Georgetown University Hospital where she was lovingly cared for by family, friends, and medical professionals.

Natalia leaves behind wonderful memories that will be treasured forever by her family - her husband Larry Yanowitch, her two sons, Noah, and Ben; her mother and sister Barbara and Eve Leons; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. She was predeceased by her father, William Leons. She could not have loved her children, husband, and dog Skipper any more than she did - her heart ballooned with love for them.

Natalia valued education and using one's talents to enrich the community and to cultivate beauty. Raised in Baltimore, she graduated from Towson Senior High School, Brandeis University and the University of Maryland Law School. After law school, Natalia moved to Washington DC to serve as a lawyer for the Department of Education, later moving to the Department of Justice, where she served for many years as Associate General Counsel at the FBI. Natalia appreciated being part of events that had a national impact; cases she worked on often appeared on the front page of the New York Times.

Natalia happily decided to devote herself full time to raising Noah and Ben. She valued giving back to her community and friends, whether it was by

hosting the annual 4th of July parade or giving away iris to neighbors. She thought making the world a more beautiful place, however one chose to do so, was a worthy life pursuit.

Described by friends as widely knowledgeable, Natalia could easily discuss a broad spectrum of subjects ranging from books and food, to current events, to art and decorating, to politics and celebrity gossip, all within one sitting. She was quick-witted, pragmatic, frank, and in possession of a wry sense of humor and strong opinions. She prided herself on being a gracious hostess and devoted mother. She was generous, thoughtful, neighborly, fun and simply irreplaceable. Her children remember her as fun and wanting the best for them. Please join us for a celebration of her life.

Arrangements: Memorial service will take place on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 10:00 am at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

Burial will be held on Thursday, January 5th, at 1:00 pm, at the Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Glendale, New York.

Tribute Wall



“ *Natalia Ruth Leons*

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“ *Agreed, she was a treasure. Though I lost contact with her decades ago, I am saddened and know that the world is a lesser place without her.*

March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I went to Brandeis with Natalia and remember her fondly. She was bright, beautiful and I admired her from a far so afraid to engage in long conversations with her.*

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February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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Ahora me vengo a enterar, la conocí hace tantos años, allá como en 1975, en Israel, en el Kibutz Ein Shemer, una joven maravillosa, y de esa fecha, hasta el día de hoy me vengo a enterar de su deceso. Condolencias a la familia. Aún guardo una foto de ella, de aquellos tiempos. Descanse en paz y en la gracia divina.

Esaú Márquez - March 16, 2020 at 08:04 PM