



Teresita Evangelista

October 10, 2020

Teresita (Tessie) Evangelista 1939 – 2020. Tessie was born in Macalelon, Quezon, Philippines. She was a teacher until she moved to the USA in 1992 where she worked in a major pharmaceutical company until retirement. She enjoyed travelling, shopping, and practicing her faith as a devout Catholic. The youngest of 12 children and a widower for 12 years, she was able to raise 5 daughters and 6 grandchildren as strong minded and independent individuals. It is through her determination and strong will that she was able to put up a year long and courageous fight against pancreatic cancer. On October 10, 2020, she peacefully reunited with her husband, Vicente. She will hold a special place in her family's hearts and will be remembered as a loving mother, a dependable sister, a loyal friend, a kind godmother, a doting grandmother and inspiration to all.

Cause/Donations:

<https://givingforms.houstonmethodist.org/GeneralGivingForm>

Houston Methodist, Other: Pancreatic Cancer Research in Honor of Teresita Evangelista

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the family during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
302 Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Tribute Wall

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“ If I have to choose one thing that I will truly remember Tita Tessie for, it will be her seemingly endless laugh. She's got one of the most infectious laugh that I've ever heard and I will never forget that. I would definitely miss our chikahan about the filipino teleseryes and showbiz kwentos. There was never a dull moment with her. There's no question that she's a very loving mother and grandmother to her children and grand children. I know you're looking over your girls at all times from heaven. Laugh, dance, and enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. We love you Tita. -Annazel



Annazel Yusico - October 20, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JL

“ Eulogy given by Janicka Lopez:

Good afternoon everyone, and on behalf of my family, I'd like to thank those who have sent their condolences and those who took the time to remember the life of Teresita Catarroja Evangelista. Given the unfortunate circumstances of today, only a limited audience is here. However, the positive words and messages that we have received have helped us get through this tough time and reminded us of the impact Teresita had on others. She is the light that will guide us all through the storm.

Above all the other things about her, the one trait that towers over everything is how caring she was as a sister, mother, aunt, godmother, and a grandmother. She cared for us emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

For me, the one memory that I will treasure forever is whenever I held my grandmother's hand. Her kind smile with it showed her endless love. Sure, it is nothing special like a touching sentence she said or a memorable gift she gave, but the impact it gives is just as, if not bigger, than anything else. I am very lucky to have held my grandmother's hand numerous times while she was with us, and each time I held her hand, each time my youthful skin met her somewhat wrinkly, elderly skin, I felt at peace. I felt calm. Her mere presence radiated happiness and positivity. She didn't have to say anything, she could just lighten the mood by simply being present. Her small gestures such as holding our hand, asking questions, asking for a favor, or even jokes showed her unending love. She had a contagious laugh, a positive virus we would much rather be infected with than Covid.

As a devout Catholic herself, Teresita made it a priority to pass on her faith to future generations. She taught many of us here about the Catholic faith and prayer. These prayers are things that we will carry on for the rest of our life and continue to pass on. These once seemingly pointless nights of learning the third glorious mystery of

the Rosary or celebrating the birth of Jesus rather than presents will now be unforgettable. Teresita could've just let school teach us the faith, but she took it into her own hands to teach us an important aspect of our lives: our faith. She could've rested from her day at work and simply rest, however she cared for us and taught us despite any tiredness she may have felt.

When we leave today, I'd like everyone to think: how has, or rather how will Teresita Evangelista affect my life? Despite her not being here on Earth, she still watches us from above and continues to impact us, big or small. Her love was unending and can still be felt to this day. Every moment spent with her is a moment to remember. She is again the bright light that will guide us through the storm. She is someone to look up to and is a model of someone who should be treasured. Her journey is forever a keepsake and her love will never fade.

Thank You.

JL - October 17, 2020 at 12:03 AM

JP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jayne Morgan Pierson - October 16, 2020 at 02:28 AM

EM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Estrella Mansur - October 15, 2020 at 07:43 PM

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You may be gone in this world but you will never be forgotten. Rest in eternal peace my dear friend.

Estrella Mansur - October 15, 2020 at 08:27 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Alia Mansur - October 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Alia Mansur - October 15, 2020 at 05:56 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Alia Mansur - October 15, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ An open letter:



My Dearest Ninang Tessie,

You have left us with so many fond memories. I could never have asked for a more perfect Godmother than you. You showered me with love, kindness, thoughtfulness, and we shared a closeness akin to a mom-daughter relationship and that of good friends.

I will never forget how as a child I would look forward to our dates every year on my birthday. You would ask me a few weeks ahead what I would want to do and what gift I wanted. And on the day we would go to the Mall and I would pick my gift at National Bookstore or Gift gate or SM because it's usually a book, art stuff, a dress or a doll. Then we would watch a movie or go to Fiesta Carnival for rides, then end the day eating at Goldilocks where I get to choose our cake at the end of our meal which is always their chocolate cake roll. Oh it was such a treat!

You always listened to my stories with enthusiasm, and I vividly remember how you would laugh and giggle with me. You always had a very happy and calm disposition. I miss you so!

I I enjoyed every single moment I spent with you and the Evangelista family. The sleepovers at your place were so much fun. I always looked at Aimee as my little sister, playing badminton outside or hide and seek and splashing in the tub together. You and Ninong Vic even got me a tennis racket hoping I'd pick up the sport with Aimee. Annalou was the doting big sister, Kambal were the pretty and cool teenager Ate, and Adet was the strict but sweet sister.

Growing up we still always kept in touch. We'd have adult conversations on the phone and every time you or I would come visit. I always felt the love and concern, and conversations were

very open and easy with just about anything and everything. You asked me to check on Aylin every once in a while, us being the last two who got left behind in the Philippines. Aylin may not know it, but you spoke of her often and I promised that if she ever needed anything to let me know. They are all sisters to me.

You always teased me “when are you getting married?”. How I wished you were there. It was bitter sweet that you had to go on the same day. But you are now with Ninong Vic, and there is no more pain. Rest in peace my beloved Ninang. I will hold the beautiful memories you left me close to my heart. Thank you for being the best Godmother and friend one could ever have. Thank you for being mom’s and Tita Chit’s best friend. Thank you for making me part of your family and giving me 5 more sisters. I will miss you! Sending you love and hugs in my dreams and imagining you smiling down ang giggling with us. I love you!

Alia Mansur - October 15, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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“ *Your fellow SCF Board Members purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Teresita Evangelista.*



Your fellow SCF Board Members - October 15, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Teresita Evangelista.*



October 15, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresita Evangelista.*



October 14, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Teresita Evangelista.*



October 14, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *Ninang Tessie is my mom's bestfriend and the godmother that I'm closest to. Growing up, I remember always feeling excited to go to their house on weekends, may it be to eat lunch or spend time with her daughters. When they left for the U.S. and us to Canada, she and my mom kept a constant communication w/c goes for me as well. I am very fortunate that I was able to spend time with her when she attended my wedding. It may be the last time Ninang Tessie, but you are always present in my heart. I love you Ninang Tessie 🥰
Until we meet again 🥰 Tin-tin 🥰*

Anna - October 14, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Teresita Evangelista.



October 14, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Teresita Evangelista.



October 14, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Teresita Evangelista.



October 14, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Everyone at Commercial Metals Company - CMC Rebar purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Teresita Evangelista.



Everyone at Commercial Metals Company - CMC Rebar -
October 13, 2020 at 04:05 PM