



Cynthia D. Britto

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At 87 years of age, Cynthia D. Britto (nee Colaco) was granted her angel wings on December 23, 2020 in Occoquan, Virginia. Her final days were spent among family and friends, who Cynthia had touched throughout her very memorable life.

Cynthia's funeral service will be at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean Virginia, 22101 on Saturday, January 2, 2021 and will commence with the viewing and eulogies from 11:30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. EST (accommodation allowance of up to 250 people) followed by the funeral mass from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. EST. CDC recommended protocols such as social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizing will be observed. Rev. John Melmer will be officiating the funeral mass. In order to have her loved ones across the globe participate in the celebration of her life, the service will be streamed online via <https://livestream.com/stjohnmclean>

Cynthia was born on May 25, 1933 in India. Her parents were John S. Colaco and Letetia D. Colaco. She graduated with a Bachelors in English from St. Agnes College, and thereafter Bachelors in Education from St. Ann's College in Mangalore. Shortly after graduation, she met and married the handsome

and dashing Anselm F. Britto, an officer at Barclays Bank in Kampala, Uganda.

Cynthia was vivacious, vibrant, and not afraid to take on new endeavors. In her life, she achieved gender equality through education and was passionate about empowering others. At St. Joseph's Boy's High School, she was highly acclaimed by the students for being a teacher par excellence. Her spirituality and organizational qualities were recognized, when she was nominated to be the secretary to Pope Paul VI during his visit to Uganda in 1967. This appointment brought her deep spiritual fulfillment. She was a gifted and skilled athlete and easily learnt the sport of field hockey after the birth of her third child. She successfully went on to represent the Ugandan Women's National Hockey team in international tournaments. Her tenacity in the face of adversity was evident by the way she built a joyful and successful life for her family after they were uprooted from Uganda in 1972. To family and friends, Cynthia was admired for her compassion, generous spirit, indefatigable energy, and zest for life. She balanced her career, children, and athletics with grace and determination, while leaving a lasting impact on the lives of people across continents.

Cynthia was one of seven children and is survived by her siblings; Lorna Britto and Sydney Colaco. Her husband Anselm F. Britto, preceded her in death in November 2018. The legacy of her life is celebrated by her four children: Prem G. Britto (Michele), Anil J. Britto (Pia), A. Denis Britto (Carol), Mala A. Britto (Pratap); ten grandchildren: Alope J. Prabhu, Pranoy J. Prabhu, Sonali M. Prabhu, Aneeka T. Britto, Yohann B. Britto, Madeleine M. Britto, Nicholas L.J. Britto, Alexandra C.M. Britto, Dia C. Britto, Olivia M. Britto; her aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Our gratitude is extended to Miller Funeral Home and Crematory in Woodbridge, Virginia for the arrangements made for our dear mother.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a charitable donation to Crest International, which is a Mangalore, India based charity for children suffering from cancer. Information about the charitable organization can be found at CREST International, Inc <https://www.crestinternational.org/>

We appreciate your wishes, prayers and condolences.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 2. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church

Virtual Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM.

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ Cynthia D. Britto

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Hi all members of Britto family:

Deeply saddened to hear about the demise of Mrs Cynthia Britto, my esteemed colleague at St Joseph's Boys' High School & nextdoor neighbour at St Joseph's Staff Quarters for many years. A teacher par excellence, committed & hard working, a devoted wife & a caring mother, she has left an indelible impression on the minds & hearts of all of us & filled our hearts with a deep sense of gratitude for what she had been to us all those years - a great guide, a pillar of support & a wonderful friend. We had kept in touch even after being out of school. As recently as a year or so ago she spoke to us from US. She has been a great support to our family especially during the days of our children growing up. We will always miss her. I can only pray that God gives her eternal peace and bliss. We also pray that God may give courage & strength to Mala, Ajit, Anil ,Prem & their families to bear this great loss.- Charles Noronha, Leena, Preethi & Chetan

Charles Noronha - January 21, 2021 at 08:52 AM

MB

*Thank you so much Charles Leena Preethi and Chetan
Definitely remember the lovely days at the quarters. Thank you for your lovely memories*

Mala Britto - September 15, 2021 at 11:52 PM

MB

*Thank you so much Charles
We do remember those days at St Joseph's and miss mom alot*

Mala Britto - September 15, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JJ

“ Cynthia Britto, mother of my close friend, Prem Britto, was one of the finest ladies I've ever met. She had an incredibly kind heart, tremendous courage and was accomplished on so many levels, to include professionally. I had the HUGE honor to meet her at Prem's house a number of times. She shared stories about her life in India and in Africa and I was in awe of how she lived her life. I remain in awe of the wonderful family she raised and how, through their lives and present and future accomplishments she lives on. God Bless and Keep her. With much love and admiration, Jim Joustra

James G Joustra Jr - January 06, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MC

*“ Meera Colaco lit a candle in memory of
Cynthia D. Britto*



Meera Colaco - January 04, 2021 at 10:37 AM

GG

“ To all the Britto family,
I'm so very sorry to hear of your mum, Cynthia's demise. She was, first a teaching colleague, when I began teaching in St. Joseph's Boy's High School in Bangalore and later became both friend and neighbour when I lived in St. Joseph's staff quarters in Bangalore till I left in 1984 to emigrate with my young family to Melbourne in Australia. When I started teaching at St. Joseph's it was my first job as a young teacher and Cynthia was a great mentor and help and her experience was a great resource for me as a young fledgling teacher at St. Joseph's Boys High School in Bangalore. She was a happy enthusiastic conscientious and motivated person who took great pride in her work. Later as a young bride and a new mum Cynthia helped and encouraged me with my work and home life balance. She was a great example. My heartfelt sympathies are with all of you at this sad time of your loss and I pray that she will find eternal rest and peace in God's loving care. May Perpetual light shine upon her and may the souls of all your dear departed rest in eternal Peace. Amen. Geraldine Gonsalvez née D 'Cruz. 🙏💕🕊️

Geraldine Gonsalvez - January 04, 2021 at 01:09 AM

MB

Thank you Geraldine. Thank you so much for your fond memories of dear Mom
Love. Mala

Mala Britto - January 06, 2021 at 10:27 PM

RM

“ Dearest Anil, Prem, Ajit, and Mala,
Our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of our your courageous mother. We got to know her well during Mala's time in New Orleans and reconnected when Aarti and I moved to the DMV area several years later. She was a strong woman and remember several deep conversations I had with her over the years. Thinking of you all and the extended family during this time.

Regards,
Ryan and Aarti Mascarenhas (in New Orleans)

Ryan Mascarenhas - January 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

MB

Thank you Ryan & Aarti for your kind words.

MALA A BRITTO - January 08, 2021 at 10:39 PM

JF

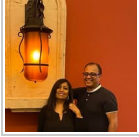
“ Dearest Mala, Prem, Anil, Ajit and all your families, Our heartfelt sympathies on the demise of your dear mother. From the obituary I learned what a dynamic and vivacious woman she was. We have so much to learn from her.
We pray that her soul Rest In Peace and that God strengthen and comfort you all in your loss and grief. With love and prayers,
Joan & Joe Fernandes (Charleston, WV)

Joan Fernandes - January 03, 2021 at 12:01 AM

MB

Joan, thank you for your kind words and payers ,

MALA A BRITTO - January 08, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *condolences and sympathies to Mala, Anil, Ajit and Prem and family.*

Cynthia aunty was such a lovely person with a brilliant smile forever on her face. Her energy was contagious and her words encouraging and inspirational. I am amazed but not surprised at her lifetime achievements. What an amazing woman aunty was and I am lucky Nitin and I got to know and spend time with her in last few years of her life in the US. May her soul Rest In Peace.

Love, prayers and hugs to you all.



Priyali Sengupta - January 02, 2021 at 03:35 PM

MB

Thanks Priyali, Nitin and you were special favorites of hers.

MALA A BRITTO - January 08, 2021 at 10:42 PM

VC

“*Aunty Cynthia has been a guiding light to us all. She was my class teacher and took on the role of parenting me through my schooling life. She taught me almost everything I learnt. I am a better person and successful, because of her.*

Her stories of Africa inspired me to travel and experience 75% the continent. I experienced her stories of Uganda during my numerous trips there.

Through out my childhood, we had so many parties and amazing food. We played cards till the next day dawned on us. She made the best homemade wine in Bangalore and with Yashoda all cooked up a storm.

We were so fortunate to have spent a lot time with her in Occoquan, VA, playing cards, cooking, sharing recipes and listening to stories that never get old.

I am sharing a Photo that we took when we last met her, a few weeks before she passed away.

To my cousins Sanna (Prem), Baba (Anil), Boogie (Ajit) and Mala, your spouses and my nephews and nieces, we offer you our heartfelt condolences on our loss. She was great, inspiring and admirable lady. Her memory will live on forever.

While her mortal remains makes her final journey, we pray for her departed soul to rest in peace in the arms of Uncle Ancy and my Dear Uncle Ashok by her side.



Vishal Currie - January 02, 2021 at 01:04 PM

MB

Thanks Vishal, She felt a closeness to you and your whole family. She often spoken about her fond memories with Rose and Victor

MALA A BRITTO - January 08, 2021 at 10:48 PM

NI

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for the Britto family. Prem, I can see moms strength and resilience in you and your siblings.*

Here's to a life well lived! Rest in Peace.

Nilesh & Sherylann

Nilesh - January 02, 2021 at 12:55 PM

TN

“ *Thinking of you all and praying for Gods comfort, strength and peace as you mourn the loss of your beloved Mom. May her beautiful soul Rest In Peace in the arms of Jesus.*

Aunty Cynthia was a very special person and her radiant smile lit up the room. I know heaven is shines even brighter as Jesus welcomes his newest angel.

Healing hugs and prayers from our family-

Andrew, Tina, Megan and Evelyn



Tina Noronha - January 02, 2021 at 11:57 AM

LI

“ Dearest Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala & families,

Please accept our condolences on the passing of your mum.

We have fond memories of her, especially the time when we visited Mala & Fly in New Orleans, she was just so amazing and looked after us so well. What I admired most about her is her dedication to her family, from what I remember I will never forget the emphasis she put on education, it shows in all her children.

Please accept our deepest condolences. Rest well in the arms of our Lord, aunty!

Sincere condolences,

*Nelson & Liza D'souza
Dubai*

Liza - January 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM

IM

“ Dear Prem and Michelle, Mala and Pratap, Anil and Pia, Ajit and Carol,

I am sorry and saddened to hear that mum passed away and offer sincere condolences.

I have many fond memories of mum and dad during our time in Uganda. I remember, particularly, when she teamed up with the Wild Cats in field hockey against our beloved Kololians. She was a pillar of strength to the family and your success in life is largely due to her sheer determination. She was loving and generous and we see those qualities live through each of you.

Mum and dad were very dear to our family and will always be in our memory.

May her Soul Rest in Peace.

*Love,
Ivan Mascarenhas*

Ivan Mascarenhas - January 02, 2021 at 11:42 AM

SF

“ *Aunty Cynthia, May your soul rest in peace. We will miss you dearly.*

Sherna Fernandes - January 02, 2021 at 11:41 AM

NL

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, & Mala, and the extended Britto family,

Our heartfelt condolences to you at this time of grief. Your Mom was an amazing person with outstanding qualities. She always exuded warmth, kindness, generosity, energy and hospitality, and she enjoyed company of all ages...qualities that she very successfully imparted onto each of her children and grandchildren. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her. We pray for her soul, and for strength for each of you to overcome this loss.

Malika & Nelson Lobo

Nelson Lobo - January 02, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MD

“ Dear Britto Family

Shalini & I are very sorry to hear of Aunty Cynthia's passing. We remember her as a strong, caring and affectionate person always willing to listen and give a helping hand. We especially remember her & Prem helping us with pigling at one of our graduation parties. She was full of life and will be missed.

May she Rest in Peace

Melville & Shalini D'Souza

Melville D'Souza - January 02, 2021 at 11:02 AM

FV

“ Dearest Prem, Anil, Mala & Ajit,

We are very sorry to hear of your Mum's passing. Ajit and myself were classmates in Grade 6 (St. Joseph's) with your mum as my class teacher. Prem and Anil were a few years ahead of us during Fr. D'Costa's days. A lot of fond memories of that period as boarders.

She was the one teacher I was afraid of, so I always made it a point to finish my homework on time. I will always remember her as one who focused very strongly on academics and most of her students benefitted hugely from this. I always remember her yelling at the other boys who called me 'ghost' (my nickname in those days)

I left St. Joseph's in 1977 and thereafter my contact with her waned. I did bump into her and your Dad at Catholic Club (with Freddy Peres) whenever I visited India in the early 80's.

My Dad Lui passed away in Bangalore last year, so its a gradual passing of that generation, but the memories remain.

Aunty Cynthi has left an indelible impression on a lot of people ; A Life Well Lived!!

May her Soul Rest in Peace and may God be with all of you.

Fabian & Iona Vaz

Fabian Vaz - January 02, 2021 at 10:54 AM

AN

“ Dearest Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and family

Praying for your dear mother and family.

Your parents were truly loving and generous in everyway. They loved our family and gave so much unconditionally to everyone that came into their lives, for this we are all so grateful and blessed. we see their love live through each of you.

Thinking and praying for your Mother, may her soul rest in peace

Anil and Sunita Noronha

Anil Noronha - January 02, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Aunty Cynthia. Our deepest condolences to Prem, Anil, Mala, Ajit and the entire Britto family. She was a pillar of strength to the family and was totally devoted to them. We pray for the repose of her soul and that her children and grandchildren have the strength to cope with their loss.

Amy, Michael, Cristina and Matthew

Michael Rebello - January 02, 2021 at 10:50 AM

MM

“ Dearest Prem, Mala, Ajit and Anil:

We were very sorry to hear of dear Cynthia's passing away. She was an amazing person, so full of life with a hearty laugh and her infectious smile touched the hearts of many. Her eagerness to keep in touch with her close family and friends, far or near, young or old, astounded us. Cynthia's caring nature spoke largely when I visited Ancy in hospital when he had his surgery a few years ago. She nursed him lovingly and put him back on his feet in no time. Her positive attitude to life and her drive gave him the strength to live to a ripe old age. Cynthia's goodness of heart and generosity touched many who interacted with her. She had a tremendous zest for life and lived life to the fullest. Family meant a lot to her. Her sound values and virtues were admired by many. Her thoughtfulness, kindness and loving care will live in our hearts forever.

May her dear soul rest in peace.

Yours in grief

Mark & Maya Mathias

Mark Mathias - January 02, 2021 at 09:15 AM

RM

“ *Deepest condolences to the Britto family. Aunty Cynthia was the life of every gathering, a stalwart of the Britto and Colaco family. She made everyone around her feel welcome and loved. Her terrific memory, her unwavering energy, her kindness and her humour made her a person who was a joy to be around at all times. She took life in its stride and worked tirelessly to support her family, friends and near and dear ones. She was always empathetic to other's needs and went out of her way to help anyone in need. Her contagious laughter could lift anybody's spirits, no matter how low.*

We will dearly miss you Aunty, but we will be consoled by the fact that wherever you are you will be lighting the place up and bringing joy and happiness to everyone around.

Prem, Anil, Mala and Ajith, our heart goes out to you in this difficult time. We are praying for all of you.

Love and condolences from Romney, Danny and Mingel

Romney, Daniel, Michael - January 02, 2021 at 07:26 AM

MC

“ *Mushtaq And Cimona lit a candle in memory of Cynthia D. Britto*



Mushtaq and Cimona - January 02, 2021 at 03:33 AM

MT

*Dear Mala, Prem, Ajith and Anil
I have fond memories of your beloved Mother. She was very close to my family. She used to call me from U. S too. As children you have looked after her very well. You are all in our prayers.
Love Marjorie and Ivan Texeira*

Marjorie Texeira - January 02, 2021 at 10:32 AM

CI

“ To the world she was CYNTHIA BRITTO - vivacious, intelligent, all rounder , good friend and gracious personality. She certainly was all this, but beneath this shiny veneer, she was a rare creation with true light and inspiration shining through.. a human being of keen observational powers and a heart that recognised good talents , tastes and potential in everyone she met. To know Cynthia was to love her and cherish her... As she has passed to our Lord's realm, we pray for the eternal repose of her soul and patience and forbearance for her family to bear this irreparable loss.
Standing with the BRITTOS in this hour of grief
Mushtaq, Cimona,Zaid and Zoya.

Cimona - January 02, 2021 at 03:32 AM

AR

“ Auntie Cynthia to us will never be a memory because someone who loved and cherished life as much as she has will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Being as close as she was to my mum Yvonne, she has always been an example, a role model, of how to lead life with passion, grace, humility and joy, never letting any challenge get the better of her. To value family and do everything in your power to make their lives better. To connect with people with openness and curiosity and keep up relationships through decades. To live life generously, to give without thinking twice to the people you love.

She was a pillar of strength and a breath of fresh air, all at once. She didn't just move with the times, she was always ahead of them. Which is why she connected so well with those of us who are her grandkids age.

To me and my wife Rashmi, she was always our favourite aunt.

Auntie Cynthia never rested. So I won't pray that she rests in peace. Instead, I hope that she lights up life beyond the pearly gates the way she did ours, in her own inimitable style. With her charming smile, lots of laughter and a party filled with near and dear ones. May you live it up in heaven auntie.

*To Prem, Anil, Mala and Boogie,
Our sincere condolences to you and your families and may you always be blessed just the way your mum was.*

*From,
Ashwin and Rashmi*

Ashwin Rasquinha - January 02, 2021 at 03:03 AM

PM

“ Dearest Prem and Michelle, Mala and Pratap, Ajit and Carol, Anil and Pia,

We are truly saddened to hear the sad news, and offer Our Heartfelt Condolences, Love and Prayers on the passing of your dearest Mother.

She was the ideal role model to us

- the loving and ever caring

Wife, who literally was the Rock that underpinned your Dad's well being

- the most devoted of Mothers. The driving force behind her 4 children's development, sparing nothing to ensure their ultimate successes as stalwart Professionals.

- the consummate educationalist, who shaped the lives of myriad schoolboys who were fortunate to have been through her tutelage during the many, many years she taught at St. Joseph's

- A good friend and mentor to family and friends, who welcomed all to her house with love and generosity.

She redefined positivity in life, always seeing Rainbows over the horizon and Sunshine ahead. And how this paid off for Her and Her Dear Ones!

God give you and the family, The strength to bear this irreparable loss. She is with Dad enjoying his humor, and in Eternal Bliss.

May her Dear Soul Rest In Peace

Our fond love in grief
Maryanne and Philip

Philip and Maryanne Mathias - January 02, 2021 at 02:51 AM

IR

“ Dear Prem & Michelle, Anil, Ajit, Mala and families,
Kindly accept our condolences.

The last time I visited Bangalore, I came and stayed with you. Your mum made me feel at home. It was like she knew me all her life. Mum went out of her way to drive me to Sujatha's place on Hutchins Road and back exactly 3 years ago today. It was her attitude and generosity as a mother and teacher. May God grant her eternal rest and give you all strength to bear the loss and keeping you all in our prayers.

Ivan (Class of '76), Assunta, Dielle, Naomi, Aaron Rodrigues.

Ivan Rodrigues - January 02, 2021 at 02:44 AM

GM

“ Dearest Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala

Even as we miss Auntie Cynthi's physical presence, I can see her love and strength shine in the beautiful bonds of caring and sharing among you and your families.

It is so heartening to see her spirit of joy and strength in all of you. Even more heartening is to witness her joyful spirit and strength in her grandchildren. In every meal she cooked for them, and in every activity she shared with them, she sprinkled her special brand of love, dedication, cheer and joyous strength.

I will always cherish the love and kindness she bestowed on us.

She taught us to love and live life to the fullest.

May her soul rest in peace as she showers blessings on us from above 🙏

Geetha Menezes - January 02, 2021 at 01:11 AM

MM

“ Prem & Michelle, Mala & Pratap, Ajit & Carol, Anil & Pia, we were shocked to hear that Mom had died. She was so full of life and energy until the very end! Mala and Pratap, you deserve credit for looking after her in the comfort of your home and family. Both Mom and Dad and your siblings thank you for your caring.

Growing up in Kampala, we knew your Dad well and he was one of our favourite “Uncles”. We loved his songs replete with actions – Kutti Donne, in particular. We waited with bated breath for him to return from India with his beautiful bride. Mom did not disappoint. Our family friendship has survived over 60 years and straddled three continents. Our Mom worked with your Dad at Barclays Bank for many years.

The amazing part of our connection is that I would not have met and fallen head over heels for Margaret had it not been for your Mom. In 1977 my parents decided to go visit India to find A Suitable Boy for my sister Muriel and, when asked, I jumped at the invitation to join them as it had been 30+ years since my last visit.

On a side trip to Bangalore, your Mom tagged along with us as we met Eva Vaz, the local Yente. After discussing suitable young men and settling on Christopher Alvares as a potential suitor for Muriel, Eva Vaz turned her gaze on me. No sooner was the name mentioned, Cynthia blurted out that she was not Mervyn’s “type”!❤️ For speaking out of turn, poor Cynthia got a severe tongue lashing from Eva – “matches are made in heaven, and how dare she ...” Once she finished venting, Margaret’s name came up and Cynthia agreed without hesitating!

Cynthia, if you are listening up there, Margaret and I and our progeny thank you for knowing me better than I did!❤️ And for your warm, generous hospitality every time we visited you and Ancy on our many trips to Bangalore. Our children were always captivated by the monkeys that swung from the trees around your house.

We are sure that you and Ancy are smiling at us and drinking to our health along with Mom and Dad, and Aunty Carmen and Uncle Bonny.

Love,

Merv & Margaret Mascarenhas



Mervyn Mascarenhas - January 01, 2021 at 08:22 PM

MC

“ " Share a memory"

Tell me how ..Can she ever be a Memory!! ..when she resides in each moment of my life as the fragrance of my life's knowledge..do I forget her teaching me to cook or cherish lovingly the wine she made ..or proudly remember the times when she stood rocksteady leading and guiding me on.. Yes, mothers are Divinity manifestation in us and am so fortunate to be blessed by 2 mothers 🙏🏻🕉️..

Mother, you can never be a memory for in each breath is your teachings.. Gratitude and thanks simply fade away for you have done beyond that. You have only gone to a well earned sleep, resting after beautifully bringing up your children..but you are eternally embedded in us in Spirit leading us spiritually...Thank you Divine ..Thank you Mother...we are Indeed fortunate and proud to belong to you.. 🙏🏻🕉️🌸👑♂️

Manmohan Chopra - January 01, 2021 at 08:13 PM

CL

“ *Dear Britto family*

Our deepest condolences on the passing of the anchor of the family. We are fortunate to have spent time with A Cynthi more recently and witness her love of life and those around her. She had a special spot for Josephites. A recent memory attached. We cherish her pickle. The Best! Wish you strength Mala Ajit Anil Prem and the rest of the family in celebrating her life and cherishing the memories.

Eliza Colin Natasha Nadia and Nikita Lobo



Colin Lobo - January 01, 2021 at 07:55 PM

NB

“ Dearest Britto's.

Heartfelt condolences from the Bhat's. I have know your family since 1991 and have learned a lot from Aunty. She was an amazing lady, a true go-getter, always energetic with an A plus personality. She was an epitome of what hard-work , strength and success signify. This is evident by how well she has raised her 4 children.

As per Bhagavad Geeta (2:23), the soul never perishes. Only body perishes. The way wind changes direction, soul keeps changing bodies. Salvation is the way to get out from circle of death & life.

SHLOKA :

*nainam chindanti sastrani nainam dahati pavakah
na cainam kledayantyapo na sosayati marutah*

TRANSLATION

The soul can never be cut into pieces by any weapon, nor can he be burnt by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind.

Hari OM.

Megha, Narayana, Pari and Keshav Bhat, GA

NARAYANA BHAT - January 01, 2021 at 02:35 PM

VM

“ Dear Mala and Pratap,
Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother. We remember her fondly when she was here with all of you in New Orleans.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family
Sincerely,
Clarence and Vimala

Vimala Mascarenhas - January 01, 2021 at 02:06 PM

VC

“ Hi Pia, Anil, Aneeka, Yohann and the extended Britto Family,

Our heartfelt condolences on your loss. We were fortunate to have met her during her visits to Ridgefield, CT. She was just such an amazing woman who radiated love and warmth by her presence and what a pleasure it was to talk to her. A quintessential matriarch who built such a beautiful, accomplished and loving family, in an image of herself. Be comforted that she is with the angels now but leaves you all with a treasure of cherished memories.

With our love,

Maya, Hersha, Dev, Kunal, Jai, Aparna and Vimal Chauhan
Ridgefield, CT

Vimal Chauhan - January 01, 2021 at 01:10 PM

YE

“ Our dear
*Prem, Michele, Madeleine, Alexandra and Olivia,
Anil, Pia, Aneeka and Yohann,
Ajit, Carol, Nicholas and Dia,
Mala, Pratap, Alope, Pranoy and Sonali,*

*To live in the hearts of those you love , is not to die. Our dearest
cousin Cynthia, lives in our hearts, and always will.*

*We want to thank God, for her life and that she was a part of ours,
and of our children. Memories crowd our mind- too many- of happy
times spent in her company, her warm hospitality, of the
innumerable ways she showered us all with her love, her caring and
concern, her generosity, where she gave of her time, her expertise,
her affection, of herself, always being there for us, whenever we
needed anything.*

*We will never forget, that it was she who introduced us. Cynthia was
instrumental in making our engagement, wedding and reception, so
joyous and memorable. She has seen our children grow, being
present for every milestone. She was always a loving aunt to
Anisha, Ashwin and later Vivek, Rashmi, Ishaan and Zubin.*

*We admired her zest for life, her energy, enthusiasm and
exuberance, her sporting personality and stylish ways.
Her indomitable spirit and strong will, her passion for teaching, her
strong sense of values and faith, her outreach to the poor and
needy were a source of inspiration. We were in awe of her
resourcefulness and resilience, her courage and cheerfulness, even
in the face of adversity.*

*All of you did make her very proud, and we are sure you will carry
forward her legacy. We are with you, in spirit during this time of grief
and parting. Take solace, knowing that your mum lived life to the
full, and now lives on, in a happier place.*

Yvonne & Errol

Yvonne and Errol - January 01, 2021 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ *Dear Mala, Prem, Anil & Ajit and the families and grandchildren. We will always remember aunt Cy for the practical and dynamic person she was. In moments of crisis, and needless to say she had plenty of them, she was a rock and her strong personality and decision making ability came to the fore. Her focus and vision and support for her children and grandchildren is apparent in the happiness and success you all have today. Aunt Cy lived life to the fullest. May her soul Rest In Peace. Maria, Yannick, Pam & Santos.*

Santis Britto - January 01, 2021 at 10:20 AM

RG

“ *Heartfelt sympathies my dear Mala, Prem, Anil, Ajith and to all your family members. This msg may be slightly late but better late than never and here is something for me to ponder on what your mum had done for me during my BLR days. As auntie Celine used to send me for tuitions to your mums place I was lucky enough because as soon as I entered, more than tuitions classes she served me another round of breakfast at your place this was so that more than the knowledge it was the strength that she wanted me to gain. To walk right up to Germans and back home. Thank you auntie Cynthia, not only for the knowledge and the values, but also the wonderful breakfast every morning at your place. May your soul rest in peace. Till we meet again. Rajiv Goveas*

Rajiv Goveas - January 01, 2021 at 08:38 AM

AL

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and Families,

Our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies from Rich, Ariana and myself on the loss of our dearest Aunty Cynthia. She charmed us with her wit, grit and generosity and will always remain a special person in my life.

May she rest in peace.

Anjali

Anjali Leon - January 01, 2021 at 08:30 AM

AG

“ To my dearest
Mala , Prem , Anil and Ajit and all her dearest fly members ,
With a heavy heart ,
Harry Ranjit Rajiv and myself send our deepest sympathies to all of
you ,
Aunty Cynthy and Uncle Ancy were always a part of our family even
before Aunty married my Uncle Ancy .
She was a woman of substance and was hard working and always
achieved whatever she did in life for her fly , her relatives ,her
neighbours or friends .
She was warm hearted ,loving and caring .
If she loved you , she would give her life for you ,
She was like a guardian angel to my son Rajiv while he was
studying in Bangalore .
Aunty would always visit me even if she came for a day to
Mangalore ,
Her smile , her love and her generosity will never be forgotten
We will miss you dearest Aunty but we know you are in a better
place sending your blessings upon us
Yours in grief
Ann

Anitha Goveas - January 01, 2021 at 07:41 AM

NM

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and your families,

Our deepest condolences to all of you on the loss of your beloved mother.

We've always admired Aunty Cynthia's invincible spirit and her positive energy. She was very proud of what each of you have accomplished and all her conversations would eventually revolve around you , her children and grandchildren and your achievements. Aunty Cynthia lived her life to the full and also had fun. I remember Aunty Cynthia as the rock of your family, she was the glue that bound all of you, her dear children together. Praying for her soul and for strength for each of you her children and grandchildren as you come to terms with her loss .

May her soul rest in peace

*Love and Prayers,
Neville and Christina*

Neville Martis - January 01, 2021 at 07:34 AM

JN

“ U

Jan Noronha - January 01, 2021 at 06:37 AM

NK

“ Dear Prem, Ajay, Ajith and mala. My deepest condolences to you all.

She was an inspiration to me and my guiding light. Helped and supported me. An iron woman who helped everybody with advices, guidance.

May her soul rest in peace

Nita V. Keswani - January 01, 2021 at 03:37 AM

NR

“ Remembering the lovely times we spent with Aunty over the years!
Praying for her soul and for strength for her children and their
families to bear this loss.



Nicole Racadag - January 01, 2021 at 12:58 AM

KP

“ Dearest Mala, Prem, Anil, Ajith and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. Aunty
Cynthia has always led by example and her amazing way of life is a
great pathway for us. Aunty lived her life to the full and also had fun.
Her love knew no boundaries and she had a heart of gold. Aunty will
be surely missed and we pray that Aunty Cynthia rests in eternal
peace. Here's to celebrating Aunty's life! Much love Diya, Mum
Clare, Kavitha and Gerard.

Kavitha prabhu - December 31, 2020 at 11:40 PM

VF

“ Dear Mala, Ajit, Anil, Prem and family,
It is with great sadness I heard of the passing of my godmother
Aunty Cynthy. I was fortunate enough to see her celebrate her 85th
birthday in Toronto at Muriel Alvares' home sadly just a few days
after my mother and her good friend Carmen passed in 2018.
Attached is a photo at her party with my brother Alan.
I fondly remember Aunty from our days in Uganda as someone who
was full of life and laughter. She took great interest & would
regularly ask mom and dad for updates on my progress after we
moved to Canada. Reading all the wonderful tributes here comes as
no surprise as she genuinely touched many.
Thinking of you all during this difficult time.
Vernon Fernandes



Vernon Fernandes - December 31, 2020 at 02:56 PM

RK

“ Dear Prem, Michele, Anil, Pia, Ajit, Carol, Pratap, Mala and family,

Our heartfelt condolences to you all as you grieve the loss of your dear Mom/ Nana. Aunty Cynthia was very special to us. We grew up hearing about her hockey skills and athletic prowess, but were lucky to have experienced her delicious cooking, tasty pickles and warm hospitality. I remember waiting outside Pais Villa - perhaps 8 years or so ago and getting ready to get into cars to drive to Dad's farm in Bannerghatta. It was then that Aunty Cynthia drove her car and came into the compound. She rolled down her glass and asked my Dad (Wilfy) if she would drive or if there is place for her in another car. There was room in other cars going and Aunty Cynthia got down, her sneakers on and ready to enjoy family lunch on a farm. She was 80 years old then, but felt like a 20 year old! I remember saying I want to be like her when I'm 80! We've always admired Aunty Cynthia's invincible spirit and her positive energy. A role model for all of us. The smile on this picture says it all!

Sending you all healing prayers and comforting thoughts. We will miss Aunty Cynthy dearly. Forever loved.



Romilla Karnati - December 31, 2020 at 12:30 PM

GS

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and families,

Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences on the passing away of mum. She was a great inspiration to all of you and it was really nice you were able to spend time with her at Thanksgiving.

*Love,
Gavin, Tania, Craig and Giselle.*

Gavin Soares - December 31, 2020 at 12:28 PM

“ My dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala, spouses, children and extended families,

We are all saddened to hear about aunty Cynthi. Our condolences to the entire Britto family.

The Britto and Mendonza families have had a close relationship for almost 5 decades and I was fortunate to have known Aunty Cynthi for all my life. I will miss her zest for life, our long conversations and her infectious energy that impacted me and many others positively.

My earliest memories of the Britto household were the Birthday parties and visits where there was always an extensive Mangalorean cuisine spread supplemented with her homemade wine and ginger preserve. On her annual visits to the US, she'd look me up and ensure she mailed over her newest batch of mixed vegetable pickle. Even on our last visit to see her in Jan 2020, she gave us a jar of her brinjal pickle. She was the perfect hostess always ready to invite you over for a meal and her love for those around her showed in her cooking.

She was a steadfast friend to my parents over the years. She was always ready to help, and I'll forever be grateful for the love and empathy she showed my Father in his final days. Together, the Brittos and my parents loved their Sunday evening getaways to the Catholic club for a game of housie with their friends and post-game catch-ups. My mother continued to have weekly conversations with Aunty till the very end and she misses her friend deeply.

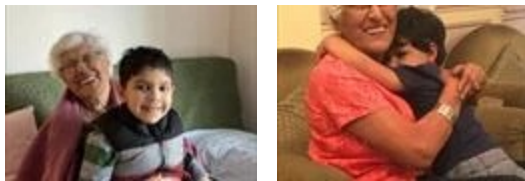
She prioritized her family, and especially the children upon returning to Bangalore from Uganda. My mother tells me what a devoted mother Aunty was to her children and the hard work she endured to ensure you were all successful. She is very proud of what each of you have accomplished! I also saw first-hand how she took such good care of Uncle Ancy till the end.

Over the last two decades, she found a new love for travel and enjoyed her trips to new destinations. She would share with me details of her trips during our conversations.

The Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu said, "We shape clay into a pot, but it is the emptiness inside that holds what we want". In Aunty Cynthia's passing, while we mourn the loss of her physical presence, let us celebrate her legacy that lives on in the numerous people she touched in her illustrious life.

*With love,
Rohan and the Mendonza family*

PS: Attaching a couple of pics of our older son Nishk with his "nana"



Rohan Mendonza - December 31, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TO

“ Our heartfelt sympathies to the family. RIP Aunty Cynthia.
Tony, Cynthia, Naomi and Adrian.

Tony - December 31, 2020 at 11:51 AM

AD

“ My dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and families,
I am supplementing my previous message to you with a few words
of tribute to Aunty Cynthia.

*As you rightly said, she has earned her Angel wings. For several
decades, she was the seven star matriarch of the Britto family.*

*A devoted wife- who motivated uncle Ancy to live life to the fullest to
the very end.*

*A doting mother who devoted her life to her four children so they
would realize their full potential.*

*A beloved teacher and educator who for decades inspired a couple
generations of students.*

*A sincere, steadfast friend to those she considered worthy of her
love. Her protective mantle was always around you 🙏*

*A perfect hostess. There was always room at her Inn and food on
her table. A patient listener, she always had an amusing story to
regale you. You left her cozy home feeling loved and appreciated
😍*

*Her cooking skills were legendary. Jams, Jellies, pickles , wines and
Christmas cakes. She was a pro. Her authentic Mangalorean
cuisine interspersed with some one of a kind specials were a cut
above the rest. Even at 80, she would take down recipes and try
new dishes!*

*A most generous Christian - Aunty Cynthia showered family and
friends with love, recipes and gifts. Her generosity to the less
fortunate was what touched me the most. She always paid them
generously. With her maid, she shared her repertoire of recipes.
The man Friday who took care of uncle, she willingly trained to
make her famous pickles and wines, so he could supplement his
income.*

She even did the marketing for him.

*Jesus has surely welcomed her into the heavenly abode saying
"what you did for the least of your brethren, you did for me"*

*Till we meet again dearest aunty Cynthia. Our fondest love and
appreciation.*

P.S

*During these modern times of retirement homes and homes for the
aged, Thank you Mala and Pratap for your steadfast love and care
of this great lady to the very end. Whenever I spoke to her she
mentioned your super care and love. She was happy to spend her
last couple years amidst her four beloved children and families.*

With all of you in thought and prayer 🙏

amrith dsouza - December 31, 2020 at 09:48 AM

SV

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajith and Mala,

We are so sad to hear about Mom. She was an amazing person in all ways and words cannot express how grateful we are to her and for the many lives she has touched. Our first encounter with her was when we lived in Victoria Layout. She was already so welcoming and made all that yummy food for us. She was always such a happy person and her smile said it all. She was a great CHER and loved by all her students at St Joseph's. Her authentic Manglorean food, pickles, wines and ginger preserves left everlasting tastes. Always ready to help anyone no matter what time of the day or night it was, she was always there for everyone. Her love for her family and her children was endless.

Aunty we will miss you dearly.

Anil, Prem, Ajith and Mala and your dear families: Our heartfelt sympathies are with you during this most difficult time in your lives.

May she Rest In Peace 🙏

Sandra , Linette and Sheila Menezes US

Ashley Menezes, Bangalore

Sandra Vaz - December 31, 2020 at 08:06 AM

GA

“ Dear Prem and Michelle, Anil and Pia, Ajit and Carol, Mala and Pratap,
Rose and I send you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother Cynthia. We remember Cynthi as friendly, full of life, always willing to listen and help others and a great cook. Her mixed pickle was to die for and this was just one of the many other culinary delights we were privileged to experience. May happy memories sustain you all at this difficult time as well as the whole Britto family.
Love to all of you,
Gerard and Rose.



Gerard and Rose Aranha - December 30, 2020 at 08:53 PM

RC

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala,

We would like to express our deepest condolences following the recent passing of Aunty Cynthia.

She had such an enthusiasm for life and sense of fun and we have many fond memories of talking with her and laughing with her.

She will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time.

Elvira, Rovina and Rovel Colaco

Rovel Colaco - December 30, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DR

“ Dear Ajith, Mala, Anil, Prem and the entire Britto family,

Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing on of Cynthia aunty.

My first contact with her was on the Christmas eve of 1983 at your residence at Victoria layout. Such an awesome lady who lived a full life with so much love, affection, always caring and full of joy.

The confidence she gave you all to go out and conquer this world and the value system not only she preached but practiced throughout her life saw each one of you to be not only so successful in your careers but also make a huge difference to uplift the world around you.

I was extremely impressed when she drove Ajith from Frazer town to our house in Jayanagar in her car less than a decade back and said I was a hockey champion and it was a piece of cake to drive in the Bangalore traffic.

May God bless her soul to attain Sadgathi and reach the divine source.

Sujatha and Dr Girish Rao

Dr S Girish Rao - December 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM

AF

“ Thank you Prem for keeping in touch & letting us know of your mum’s passing. Both your parents were generous and kind to me and my family when we were in Uganda. Our parents were the best of friends and neighbours in Kampala. When we were in Jinja we often stayed at your place and vice versa. Your mother made a trip to Toronto in 2018 to see my mum but she passed away on the day she arrived. My brother Vernon and I were fortunate to meet your mother and share many stories of our childhood. Vernon was her godchild and always remembered her with great affection. I spoke to her on the phone a couple of times when she was at Mala’s home...Aunt Cynthia as she was known to us was the same friendly, feisty lady I knew, taking great pleasure in telling me how she could still match her grandkids at Scrabble! Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala....you probably have vague to non existent memories of us as you were much younger. However, my recollections are crystal clear, and as I reflect, I realize how fortunate I was to have your parents in my life. They encouraged, supported and above all loved us. May your parents enjoy eternal peace knowing they raised a wonderful family and touched the lives of so many people in their lifetime.
Alan Fernandes

Alan Fernandes - December 30, 2020 at 11:09 AM

SD

“ Dear Prem, Ajit, Anil and Mala,

Aunty Cynthia was an incredibly large hearted person and had such an indelible role in our familys life from looking after us in Victoria Layout to being my 6th standard Geography teacher extraordinaire, and then never forgetting my Birthday every year. She will always remain an inspiration to me and my family.

My deepest condolences to all of you. I hope all the great memories of her bring you peace.

Sanjay D'Souza

Sanjay D'Souza - December 30, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *I met this Angel before Prem came down to India. She gave me tasty snacks and plum cake. During Prem's visit it was beer and wine which she dug out from somewhere. I used to visit her to help with a few things. An incredible lady. Indeed Milady*

Kathiravan Pethi - December 30, 2020 at 10:33 AM

WD

“ *Our families have known each other for over six decades with our children growing up together. We cherish fond memories of those times.*

Our deepest condolences to Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and families. May Dear Cynthia's Soul Rest in Peace.

Love & prayers.

Aunty Winny, Ray, Don, Ken & Lin

Winny Dsouza - December 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM

ED

“ Eric N Reena Dsouza lit a candle in memory of Cynthia D. Britto



Eric n Reena Dsouza - December 30, 2020 at 10:29 AM

RS

“ We first came across Cynthia in 2016. What struck us was her liveliness and zest for life, she was living life to full. Kiran and Ravinder

Ravinder Singh - December 30, 2020 at 10:25 AM

OC

“ Dear Prem & Michele, Anil & Pia, Ajit& Carol, Mala & Pratap and grandchildren,

With a sad heart, I recall Cynthia as a person with a large heart, generous and always helpful. A smile, she had, that was almost contagious. Her lively disposition brightened many a sad soul. We miss Cynthia but take consolation that she has gone to a better place.

We share your grief and pray that God may give you fortitude to bear this loss. May her soul rest in peace.

Olvy & Vera

Olvy & Vera Colaco - December 30, 2020 at 09:59 AM

ML

“ *From Meena Lasrado*
Dear Prem , Anil , , Ajit , Mala & families,

Our condolences to you on the sad irreparable loss of your dear Mother Cynthie . We shared fond association with her, as your Dad was a double first cousin to my parents Jossie & Rittie Rebello. She was a strong pillar of support to her family & like a candle flame that kept glowing through the wind.

*" Those we love don't go away ,
They walk besides us every day,
Unseen , unheard, but always near -
Loved, missed and always Dear "*

*Sharing your grief ,
Meena & George Lasrado
Bangalore*

Meena Lasrado - December 30, 2020 at 08:43 AM



Charlotte Afonso

“ *Dearest Prem/Michele, Anil/Pia, Ajit/Carol, Mala/Pratap and all the grandkids*

Our heartfelt condolences to each and everyone of you. My favorite memories of your mom and dad were when we would come over to St. Joseph's quarters for a robust game of cricket or just chill and chat. Your parents were so welcoming. Your mom was a lovely lady who was a great mom, teacher, chef, entrepreneur and of course a wonderful loving grandmother.

In this moment of grief we remember the many moments of happiness and treasured memories she has created for each and everyone of you.

May she and your dad Rest In Peace knowing fully that their earthly work has been accomplished and that they can proudly look over each and everyone of you.

*With our condolences
Charlotte, Delano, Ariana, Aidan and Andrian*

Charlotte Afonso - December 30, 2020 at 07:15 AM

MM

“ *I often visualise Cynthia sitting in the old Staff room of St. Joseph's Boys' High School in the 90s and speaking in shudh Konkini a language (those days a dialect) we both enjoyed. She would often tell me that certain terms could never be translated from konkini to any other language, she was proud of her terminology, which more often than not made me giggle.*

Muriel Menezes - December 30, 2020 at 06:35 AM

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala and your respective families

Please accept our heartfelt and sincere condolences, on the sad demise of your dearest Mother. In her passing away, we feel we have lost our own !! Such was our regard / respect, for her in life !!

Your Mum was undoubtedly, the back bone of your wonderful family, with outstanding qualities like simplicity, unlimited capacity, infectious smile, overflowing affection, yummy cuisine, ever helpful nature, bubbling energy, liveliness, being humane, practical and above all a God fearing person. I fondly recall the occasion, just before we left B'lore to a friend's Coffee Estate, your Mum surprised us with a freshly baked home-made cake, to be cut at the Estate, for our friend's B'day. Such was her passion, to reach out to her children and their friends, despite her extremely busy schedules.

With all of us in different parts of the world, it was difficult to meet often, but I do recall a visit to your home in Frazer Town, when Prem and family were in town. Had the good fortune to meet your Parents too. A couple of pictures taken during this visit in July 2007, has been shared on this platform.

Each of you will feel the great irreparable loss, of a darling Mother. But you will have the satisfaction of having done, whatever was humanly possible, to ensure she was always cheerful and comfortable. No stone was left unturned and you ensured she lived like a Queen, right to the very end.

When a life is taken away, we can never question why, but we do need to thank God, for all the years he has blessed us, with the presence of your Mum in this world. We now have one more person in heaven above, to intercede for all of us. May her soul Rest in Peace !!

With each of you in grief !!

Peter Pais and family

Peter Pais - December 30, 2020 at 05:40 AM

JA

“ DEAREST PREM, ANIL, AJIT AND MALA AND ALL YOUR SPOUCES AND CHILDREN, AUNTY CYNTHY A VIBRANT MOTHER FRIEND AND A LOVELY COMPANION TO THE FAMILY , FRIEND AND CHILDREN. NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH HER . GOOD COOK , ALWAYS A SMILE AND NO PATIENTS AND WANTED THINGS DONE INSTANTLY WITH A REAL SHARP MIND AND WIT. AUNTY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND SHE WILL BE AN EXANPLE TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AND AN INSPIRATION. JER SIBLINGS SHALL BE BLESSED A HUNDRED FOLD FOR LOOKING AFTER THEIR MOTHER. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. LOTS OF LOVE , JOE ALBUQUERQUE AND MUNNIE, JOANNE & ANGIE AND DANIEL JOIN ME.

Joe Albuquerque - December 30, 2020 at 04:33 AM

AM

“ Aunty Cynthia,

*A force of nature, yet gentle as the breeze,
So efficient and affectionate,
Always putting everyone at ease.*

*To me, she was a part of our family,
Present on every occasion,
She was at my birth, birthdays, sacraments,
My wedding and visited after the birth of my boys,
With her I've shared little pleasures, like chocolate Easter eggs
Which every year she'd buy me, our own little tradition,
That brought me so much joy.*

*She always brimmed with energy,
Nothing could keep her down,
I cannot think of an instance
When she didn't have a full-hearted smile on her face,
Seldom have I seen her frown.*

*She has always been there for us
So generous with her gifts, her love and her time,
Whether she was travelling or in Bangalore,
She always found time to chat,
To share snippets of her life, or find out what was happening in mine.*

*I cannot fathom a world without her,
Her indomitable spirit, her big heart
Her brilliant mind,
She was a rare being, and I was blessed
To be touched by her life
She will always be a treasure,
And I hope, abiding peace
She now finds.*

You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure A

Cynthia.

- Anisha, Vivek, Ishaan and Zubin

Anisha Menezes - December 30, 2020 at 01:36 AM

MA

“ *Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala*
Sincere condolences, our prayers and thoughts are with you at this
difficult moment,
Kavita and Mark

Mark Almeida - December 30, 2020 at 01:27 AM

IC

“ *Dearest Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala,*
Please accept my heart condolences on the passing of your dear
Mother. May God grant you strength to overcome this great void in
your lives.
My thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace.
Love, Ivor.

Ivor Colaco - December 30, 2020 at 12:51 AM



Dear Ajit and Mala

Please accept our heartfelt condolences and may her good soul rest in
peace
Ananth, veena, nihal and dhyan

Ananth Pai - December 30, 2020 at 02:12 AM

MC

" Share a memory"

Tell me how ..Can she ever be a Memory!! ..when she resides in each moment of my life as the fragrance of my life's knowledge..do I forget her teaching me to cook or cherish lovingly the wine she made ..or proudly remember the times when she stood rocksteady leading and guiding me on.. Yes, mothers are Divinity manifestation in us and am so fortunate to be blessed by 2 mothers 🙏🌸

Mother, you can never be a memory for in each breath is your teachings.. Gratitude and thanks simply fade away for you have done beyond that. You have only gone to well earned sleep, resting after beautifully bringing up your children..but eternally embedded in us in Spirit leading us spiritually...Thank you Divine ..Thank you Mother...🙏



Manmohan Chopra - December 30, 2020 at 06:40 AM

PP

“ 2 files added to the album B'lore Visit July 2007



Peter Pais - December 30, 2020 at 12:31 AM

MA

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala, and family, I am at a loss for words to express my sadness at the loss of a very dear family friend, Cynthia Britto, as she was fondly referred to. I take some comfort in that although we lived continents apart, I was able to celebrate her 85th birthday (a month later, June 25, 2018) in Toronto with a group of her former Kololians (Uganda) Women's Hockey Team and her godchild, Vernon Fernandes, thanks to Mala's efforts to orchestrate a whirlwind visit to Vernon, British Columbia, and Toronto, Ontario. Cynthia was in her element at the surprise party at being re-united after 45 years, which took her back to her most cherished time in Uganda. Please take solace that Mom and Grandma left us two days before Christmas as our dear Lord wished her a pain-free and truly blessed Christmas with Ancy and her dearly beloved departed family and friends. She was a remarkably spirited and competent woman who worked extremely hard to produce four outstanding and successful children

Muriel Alvares - December 30, 2020 at 12:01 AM

AS

“ A kind, ever-cheerful, lovely person. Aunt Cynthia, you will be missed.
Our sympathies to the bereaved.

Ashu - December 29, 2020 at 11:50 PM

AP

“ Dear Prem,
Saddened to hear of the passing on of dear Aunty Cynthia . She is free from discomfort , is with her beloved n is at peace with Our Lord.
Our Heartfelt condolences to you Prem, Michelle n fly, .Please convey our condolences to your siblings n their families. May Aunty's soul rest In peace..
Know that no words can ease the pain that you are going through.
Praying that the Lord in His way shall grant each one of you the courage and strength to bear the great loss of a very dear parent.....
With our love n prayers
Nicky.n Anne

Anne ferris Prabhu - December 29, 2020 at 11:46 PM

JR

“ Condolences to all the Britto family. Aunty Cynthia was a pillar of support for all, not just her family. She will always evince fond memories from all of us. God Bless



Joseph Rasquinha - December 29, 2020 at 11:16 PM

PP

“ Dear Mala,Ajit, Anil, Prem and family, we are heartbroken to hear the sad news about you mom. We remember her fondly . Every time we met her she was pleasant and loving. Losing a parent is very painful and difficult. We send our our condolences to you all. We pray to God to give you strength and comfort during this difficult time . We pray for your mom's soul to Rest In Peace. Our prayers are with you, Pauline and Pushpa

Pauline and Pushparajan - December 29, 2020 at 11:01 PM

AN

“ Sorry to hear of aunty Cynthia passing on.. Our heartfelt condolences to the family.. Her beautiful smile and loving ways will always remain in our  .. May her soul rest in peace

Annette Mohan Neha and Nishad - December 29, 2020 at 10:46 PM

BF

“ Our condolences to the Britto siblings on the death of their dear mother. May the almighty God bless you all and give you all strength to bear the loss of your dear one. May aunty's soul RIP.

Bryan Ferrao - December 29, 2020 at 10:36 PM

“ A tribute to our dearest Aunty Cynthia!

In life we loved you dearly, In death we love you still. In our heart you hold a place, That no one could ever fill. We always felt like we had our paternal grandparents in uncle Ancy and aunty Cynthia. The love and care was just no different. With open arms and a house to stay they were there for us and her 4th son, dad especially during his surgery and recuperating days. Be it 2 pm or am aunty would be upbeat to drive us to the hospital, airport or the medical store she was so proactive to see that everyone around was okay and taken care off. From picking me up from the bus station at 5 in the morning to driving mum all the way twice to the airport and back only because she left a bag there auntyyy Cynthia was one great Wonder Woman. When in Blore during my internships I would miss my fish the most and one call to aunty, with my favourite bombil (Bombay duck) and a table of her best dishes I would see.... A very hard working woman she was, proud of her 4 children she always stood for her family and friends till the very end. She would tell us stories and relations of the family which she had known at the tip of her fingers, always smiling and a brave daring lady we always looked up to.

I remember when dad passed away she was the first one to call me and only said this, “No matter when the funeral is my girl, I will be there tomorrow morning to be with you’ll and help.” and she turned up early next morning with her older sister, this touched our hearts and knew that age was just a number and love was her best friend. From the past 2 years being in the US not a single time went by when we spoke to her that she said, “I would love to come back but I can’t my dear, you’ll come see me here.” and would always become emotional. A wife who took care and kept uncle on his feet till the very end she never gave up and never let anyone do too, a pillar of strength she was to many she knew and an inspirational role model to many too. We will surely miss her and her love and warmth every time we pass Stephens road. We will miss her voice, her thoughts and prayers, but believe she’s looking upon us everyday. Condolences to the Brittos and Colacos’ May her soul RIP! ❤️

Jan Noronha - December 29, 2020 at 10:32 PM

VS

“ *My dear and respected teacher Mrs Britto was a notably one of the best teaching faculty we had and was extremely loving. I had the joy of an out station school trip along with her and on this trips I got to know her a lot better. She had wonderful experiences of travel in Africa and needless to say each moment was a wonderful learning experience. She will be dearly missed.*

RIP

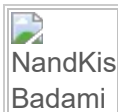


Vicky Sahgal - December 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

SN

“ *Dear Mala, Prem, Anil and Ajit
Our sincere condolences. Your Mom was a remarkable lady who achieved much and asked for little. We will always remember that upbeat attitude and big smile even when she faced serious medical problems. Our prayers are with you all*
Steve and Sandy Noronha

Steve and Sandy Noronha - December 29, 2020 at 09:09 PM



Dear Prem, Ajit, Anil and Mala

*Our heartfelt condolences to you and your loved ones.
We have been beneficiaries of your dear Mom's affection and hospitality during your Victoria layout days in Bangalore.
She truly was a remarkable lady with great grit, determination and resilience!*

We pray that she Rests in Peace!

May God grant you all the strength to bear this irreparable loss!

May her blessings always be upon your families!



Nand kishore and Sudha Badami

NandKishore Badami - December 29, 2020 at 09:31 PM

AR

“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences on the passing away of Aunt Cynthia. She was truly a tower of strength for her Family and will be sorely missed by her Children, Grandchildren and all her relatives as well as all who came in contact with her and her warm and gregarious nature.

We pray for the peaceful repose of her Soul and for the Family members, especially her Children whose lives she moulded so successfully playing an integral part in their life stories and successes. May God Almighty grant them the courage to bear the irreparable loss .

Our most special prayers are for solace to Anil, Pia, Aneeka and Yohann.

Yours in sorrow,

David, Rayana, Didar and Kabir

A David Rebello - December 29, 2020 at 09:07 PM

AL

“ Dear Prem, Mala and the family,
Our deepest condolences to the family. Your mother was an amazing lady . She taught our three sons who remember her with great respect and affection.

May she rest in eternal peace.

Aloma and David Lobo and family

Aloma Lobo - December 29, 2020 at 08:46 PM

PC

“ Dear Mala, Anil, Prem and Ajit,
My deepest condolences. Shocked to hear about Cynthia who was
such a dynamic and affectionate lady. May her soul Rest In Peace-
Meena Colaco, Chennai

Philomena Colaco - December 29, 2020 at 08:32 PM

AN

“ Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit, Mala & Family members,
Our hearts are saddened on the loss of your dear Mother. Please
accept our sincere condolences. May her soul Rest In Peace as we
pray to God to strengthen each of you in your bereavement.

*The Britto family has been very close to us in good times and in
bad. The love and support shown by Uncle Ancy & A Cynthia to our
families is commendable. Always eager and happy to lend a helping
hand with a smile.*

*Recently when we were in India we invited A Cynthia to join us on a
holiday in Sakleshpur.*

*We are so glad she came along and we made some memories to
treasure.*

A couple of pictures to remember a great lady!

Arun & Lolita Noronha



arun c and Lolita Noronha - December 29, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RA

“ *Aunty n uncle....*

We all grew up in The Staff Quarters..

God has his plans for each n every one..

*The Brittos,the Japan's,the Andrades and the
Brishans.*

*Our parents have Done their Best..and now are in the love n care of
The Almighty Lord.*

I'm sure they will b having a Great Reunion in Heaven.

My Respect to all who have Departed.

They all were legends in their own ways.

Love n Respect to Aunty n Uncle.



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SA

“ *To the best of my knowledge she truly lived the life she envisioned
for herself and that is nothing short of inspirational.*

-Sachit.

sachit - December 29, 2020 at 05:14 PM

GB

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Britto family. The passing of your beloved Mom must be a great struggle fir all of you to cope with but now you have your very own guardian angel to protect snd bless each of you.

I'm so blessed to have known A.Cynthia for many years and having to learn a new card game from her. A. Cynthia was such a loving person who cared so much for all her children and grandchildren. May you RIP Dearest A. Cynthia.

Glenda Bastian - December 29, 2020 at 12:42 PM

DJ

*My heartfelt condolences to Britto family at the passing of your beloved mother. May her soul rest in peace.
Dr.Jay*

Dr. Jay - December 29, 2020 at 06:21 PM

GR

“ Dearest Prem, Anil, Ajit n Mala, and your families

Heartfelt condolences on Cynthy's passing. She was a wonderful strong and capable woman with a great sense of humour. She will be missed very much.

*Love and prayers,
Grenzil Colaco, Shaun, Sharon n families*

Grenzil - December 29, 2020 at 12:36 PM

AS

*Dear Prem, Anil, Ajit and Mala,
Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Aunty Cynthia.
The loss of your guide and protector is immense
We pray that you are granted the strength to overcome it and that you
may always find peace in your memories of her.
Warm regards,
Andrew and Jean Saldanha*

Andrew Saldanha - December 29, 2020 at 10:13 PM

RK

“ *She was a very strong woman with a smile for everybody. She was
around the park every morning and would be laughing and chatting
with all her friends. We will miss you Cher!!!*

Rohan Kamath - December 29, 2020 at 09:23 AM

EN

*Cynthia was an exemplary embodiment of a good wife, a wonderful
Mother, a great teacher, in short, an extraordinary person.
May God grant solace to her grieving family and may her soul rest
safely in the arms of Jesus.*

Elsie Noronha - December 29, 2020 at 10:33 AM

KK

Dear Ajit.

*Aunty was a very strong and loving person. Have very fond memories
of her. She was always smiling and left a lasting feeling of warmth - the
sign of a great teacher and human. May her soul rest in peace.*

Kapil Krishan - December 29, 2020 at 07:50 PM

TM

Dearest Prem, Anil, Ajith & Mala along with the grieving Family,

Latha, Anshu, Anoka and I extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to you all, on the loss of your beloved Mother, Grandmother and a loving Aunt to us cousins.

She was so much, to so many, for so long, that words fail me and this space won't permit a deserving and complete sharing of all that she meant, to so many of us.

It must have all started in the warmth of Mangalore and seem to have ended in the early winter of Virginia but for someone like her, it is not the end but just a beginning of a new chapter of a celebrated life that will, one day take us all, to that magical place where we will all be reunited. Aunt Cynthia, epitomized our parental generation of Mothers who gave their all for our better tomorrows.

I am reminded of Robert Frost's: The Woods are Lovely, Dark and Deep; But I have Promises to Keep and Miles to go before I Sleep, Miles to go before I Sleep...Aunt Cynthia kept her promises in a life of Celebration and Joy and it is for us to go the miles and keep the promises.

Finally and fittingly, Proverbs 31 from the Bible says it all:

The Wife of Noble Character:

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

19 In her hand she holds the distaff

*and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
20 She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
22 She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
26 She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
29 "Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

Stay strong, Prem, Anil, Ajith and Mala, it is a irreplaceable loss but the consolation is that she is in a much better place where she awaits us, along with our beloved Faithful Departed.

Tony Martis - January 01, 2021 at 12:23 PM

RH

*Dearest Mala, Ajit, Anil, Prem and families:
Very sorry to hear about Mummy. Have no words to express what an amazing lady she was. I always learn't so much from her everytime I just called to say hello. Will surely miss her ❤️
Love Rosita and Georges*

Rosita Van Van Houdt - January 02, 2021 at 11:31 AM