



Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia

December 3, 2024

On December 3, 2024, at 3:33 p.m., Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia, 63, was unexpectedly called home to be with the Lord—far too soon for us, but in His perfect and divine timing. A loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend, Mylene's infectious warmth and joyful spirit will forever be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mylene was born on July 4, 1961, in Manila, Philippines, the eldest of four siblings. A bright and dedicated student, she majored in Communication Arts at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, Laguna (UPLB), where she met the love of her life and soulmate, Jose "Jel" Garcia, in 1982. Mylene was a proud member of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Sorority, nurturing lifelong bonds with her sisters that far surpassed her college years. The couple immigrated to the United States in 1983, settling in Arlington, Virginia, where they married and started a family of their own.

Mylene shared an extraordinarily close bond with her only child, Michelle Emily—a relationship that was as much a best friendship as it was a mother-daughter connection. From the moment Michelle was born 25 years ago, the two "twins" were inseparable. Mylene approached motherhood with a passion that was both instinctive and all-encompassing. To all who knew them through Michelle's many activities growing up—dance, poetry, and Girl Scouts—it was undeniable that Mylene's greatest joy was being deeply involved in her

daughter's world.

Mylene also found great fulfillment in her role as Family Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Lake Ridge, Virginia, the family's home parish for over 20 years. She cherished the opportunity to guide young people on their spiritual journeys, helping them grow closer to God and to each other. Known for her unwavering kindness and charming nature—even to strangers—Mylene was a treasured member of the parish community. She even served on the planning committee for the parish's annual Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass. For her, this work was more than a job; it was a calling that allowed her to humbly live out her faith and care deeply for others.

Even in death, Mylene's generous spirit lives on. She selflessly gave the gift of life through organ donation, offering recipients who had waited for years a renewed chance at life. She was honored with a Hero's Honor Walk at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge, VA. Mylene's life was a shining example of faith, hope, and love—a testament to what it means to have a true servant's heart.

Mylene was a genuine lover of life and its many simple joys. She adored cooking delicious homemade meals for her family, taking long walks outdoors, visiting Michelle and Andrew's new home in Pittsburgh, and doting on her beloved pets: her cat, Glory, and grandpuppy, Luigi. She cherished every moment spent with the youngest members of the family, lovingly embracing her role as "Lola Mhy" to her niece's and goddaughter's little girls. She never missed an opportunity to write letters or send greeting cards to family and friends—often for holidays, but just as often simply because she was thinking of them. Loving others was her life's vocation.

Mylene is preceded in death by her parents, Fundador Soriano and Virginia

Maluto Adams, and her mother-in-law, Emelina Ragaza Garcia Camp.

She is survived by her loving husband and life partner of 42 years, Jose “Jel” Garcia; her daughter, Michelle Garcia King, and son-in-law, Andrew King; her siblings, Allan Soriano, Juan “Deng” Soriano, and Pearl Solon; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 12807 Valleywood Drive, Lake Ridge, VA 22192.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mylene may be made to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Capital Campaign. Please include “Memorial Opportunity in honor of Mylene Garcia” in the memo line.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
12805 Valleywood Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Sending heartfelt sympathy and love.*

Mike and Melanee Libby



Melanee Libby - December 12, 2024 at 12:59 PM

DE

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family Jose!*

Derrick Stevenson

Derrick - December 11, 2024 at 02:36 PM

LG

“ We first met in 1985. We were different in many ways, however we loved and enjoyed the same things. I found a new best friend in you. I chose you to be godmother of my son Chris in 1991. You had that mother instinct even before you had Michelle in 1999. You were Chris' second mom, the ever present Ninang, who showered him with love and care unconditionally. Thank you for your friendship, the deepest bond I've ever had with anyone in my circle of friends. I miss you, I miss our chats, our shopping escapades, coffee, lunch & dinner dates, celebrating holidays and special occasions together, and most of all, I miss your smile, your infectious laugh, your goofiness when we're together. I wish there's more time to be had with you! I love you, Mhy! Rest in Peace, my best friend.



Lynn Gonzalez - December 11, 2024 at 06:47 AM

AS

Lynn 😊 Thank you so much for being a very good friend and kapamilya to my sister ate Mhy ❤️ You both enjoy each other's company--i appreciate all the wonderful times and blessings you two have nurtured! Kakaiyak ka naman, Lynn. Si Danni, kahit di ko kababata or ka-tropa eh magalang talaga ang kalooban ko sa kanya 🙏
God bless you guys!

Allan M Soriano - December 13, 2024 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ *Dave Ragaza & Aureen Almario purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*



Dave Ragaza & Aureen Almario - December 11, 2024 at 03:13 AM

HA

“ *To Jel and family, In this sorrowful time, Jerry and I would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones in this difficult time. May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. Our most sincere condolences..... Jerome & Helen Alvarez-Hernandez.*

Helen Alvarez-Hernandez - December 10, 2024 at 07:26 PM

PC

“ *Phillip & Charlene Brown in California purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*



Phillip & Charlene Brown in California - December 10, 2024 at 02:48 PM

SH

“ I miss Mylene. . .

~~our conversations

~~her sparkle and enthusiasm for her family and the children at Seton,

~~her abundance of volunteer opportunities if she needed an extra hand,

~~her smile saying hi or when eating the lunch that her husband prepared,

~~her joy during the 2nd grade communion,

~~her helpfulness in using the copy machine to make handouts together,

~~her gift in communication and diligence in FFF administration,

~~her happiness when Michelle was getting married then

~~her even more happiness after Michelle's wedding,

~~her love of sharing the places to visit in the Philippines,

~~her pure enjoyment of caring for and bringing her mother-in-law to Mass,

~~her sweet, sincere, faithful voice answering or calling on the phone

May your soul rest in peace, my friend, Mylene.

Abundant blessings upon Mylene's family. . .

With love, Stacy Hillegas

Stacy Hillegas - December 10, 2024 at 11:31 AM

LF

“ Gel, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mhy. She and I shared a special bond during our pregnancies, a time filled with hope and anticipation. Her warmth and reassuring words stayed with me as we both prepared to welcome our daughters, Michelle and Rachel, who are just one month apart.



Mhy's kindness and encouragement during that season of life will always hold a special place in my heart. May you and your family find comfort in the love and memories she leaves behind. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Lissa and Glenn Foster

Lissa Yvette Foster - December 10, 2024 at 10:33 AM

CH

“ Christine H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.

Christine H. - December 10, 2024 at 12:05 AM

CW

“ Cindy Zimmerman And Aaron Watts lit a candle in memory of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia



Cindy Zimmerman and Aaron Watts - December 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CW

We will never forget Myh. She was a wonderful through her while life and we feel blessed to have known her when our children were little and needed her caring touch 💜

Cindy Zimmerman and Aaron Watts - December 09, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.

December 09, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



December 09, 2024 at 05:05 PM

MC

“ Much Love - Lessie, Ralph and Cheyenne purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



Much Love - Lessie, Ralph and Cheyenne - December 09, 2024 at 11:46 AM

AM

“ Dear Jose "Jel", Michelle, Andrew, Allan Soriano, Juan "Deng" Soriano and Pearl Solon.

. Mylene was a gift from God to all she met. She gave of herself so many times, without expecting to get anything in return.

She was a shining light for our Lord.

She loved working with the children, and they loved her. She gave her all in everything she did. A Gem for Vacation Bible School

We meet many along our way in life., but only a few stay in our hearts forever.

Mylene you are that person. Missing you and your smiling face.

Love and hugs to you and your family. Rest in Peace my Friend

Ann Signore Muench

Ann S Muench - December 09, 2024 at 11:06 AM

AS

Ann. Thank you for your touching words and thoughts. It comforts my heart and soul in this time of uncertainty.

-Allan Soriano

Allan M Soriano - December 09, 2024 at 04:49 PM

AM

Thank you Allan , I talk from my heart, she was a gift from god. blessing. Ann Muench, I worked with her in Vacation bible School. As a Volunteer.

Ann S Muench - December 12, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*



December 09, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *From (our) childhood to adult lives under one roof as siblings--ate Mhy S Garcia, never failed me and the rest of the world to deeply feel, understand the most challenging stages of life and all its essence. She's such a very compassionate soul. Never submitted herself to hatred. Everywhere, her kindness, her sincere humility, her mere presence is enough to save the day.*

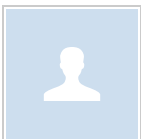


Allan M Soriano - December 09, 2024 at 03:58 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*

December 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*



December 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM



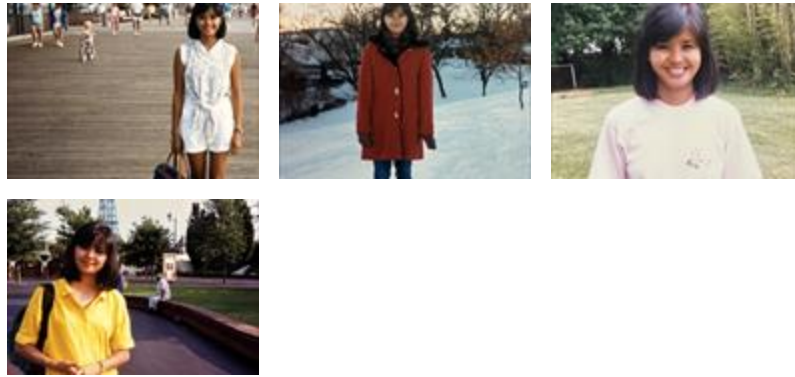
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



December 08, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ *Mhy, age 26 in 1987.*



Michelle Garcia King - December 08, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ *Gladys Martinez purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*



Gladys Martinez - December 08, 2024 at 05:04 PM

FF

“ From Michalski families purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



From Michalski families - December 08, 2024 at 04:01 PM

MW

“ You gave my daughter 4 cookies 2 weeks ago at church and we had a great convo about Simbang Gabi event planning. Thank you for always being so warm and kind! You will be greatly missed!



Maria Wagner - December 08, 2024 at 03:45 PM



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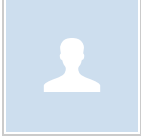
December 08, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



December 08, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mylene Soriano Garcia.

December 07, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



December 07, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



December 07, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ APO Theta AA No. America purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



APO Theta AA No. America - December 07, 2024 at 01:02 PM

WF

“ With Love, the Karpinski Family purchased the Sereene Retreat for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



With Love, the Karpinski Family - December 07, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jane Moreno - December 06, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JM

Thank you for our lunch dates. We love you !!!

Jane Moreno - December 06, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mylene Soriano Garcia.

December 06, 2024 at 07:31 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.



December 06, 2024 at 07:31 AM

ER

“ *Eric, Laarni, Jake, & Matt Ragaza purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mylene "Mhy" Soriano Garcia.*



Eric, Laarni, Jake, & Matt Ragaza - December 05, 2024 at 07:29 PM