



Vivian Martin

September 10, 1937 - June 10, 2019

Vivian passed away in Orlando Florida on June 10, 2019 at 81 years of age surrounded by her loving family. Vivian was born in Dighton, Massachusetts to Manuel and Rose Evangelho. She grew up on the family farm with her four siblings before making Orlando her home since 1958. For the last 25 years, she worked at Valencia State College in the provost office. She loved working with the faculty and students.

Shortly after retirement she was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia where protein deposits develop in nerve cells in the brain and causes a progressive decline in mental and physical abilities. Despite the decline in her memory, we could see she recognized her family and friends by the brightness in her eyes.

She will be deeply missed by daughters Linda (Tim), Debbie (Kris) and son Michael (John). Her grandchildren Christine, Laura (Gabriel) and Timmy from Orlando, and Justin, Lauren, Morgan and Erin from Lexington. Known as Gigi to her great granddaughters Rose and Tess. Also known as Auntie Vinie to her many nieces and nephews in Massachusetts.

A funeral mass will be held at Church of the Annunciation in Altamonte Springs, Florida on Friday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. with lunch immediately following in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions can be made to Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center. <https://ADRCcares.org/donate>

Events

JUN Memorial Service

10:00AM

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Annunciation Catholic Church

1020 Montgomery Rd., Altamonte Springs, FL, US, 32714

Comments



“ I only found this post today on August 21st. My feelings of emptiness of not seeing my dear friend Vivian for many years have been overcome by tears of joy and the outpouring of love from her family and friends that have been so beautifully expressed! I feel so blessed to have found you again sweet Vivian my memories of you and your young family have always been held close to my heart. It was your love and friendship that encouraged me on the path that brought me into a deeper spiritual relationship with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! What a gift! The many times that I returned to the same place (of retreat); I felt your spirit there and the many times we shared the deepest part of our hearts. I missed you so. I can still close my eyes and see your hands and the smile that brought the light into your eyes. You once told me (during a sad time), that you were afraid you had lost that sparkle, but of course it was still there. I don't think I ever mentioned that it was initially the light in your eyes that I was first drawn into our deep friendship in Christ! That can never be forgotten and you remain forever in my heart and prayers In Christ's love and mine, Peggy



Peggy (Margaret) Farrell - August 21, 2019 at 08:00 AM



“ I will never forget Vivian's kindness and caring attitude. She always had time for me whenever I visited her office to request a room for lectures or a special event. She will be greatly missed.
- June Mair, Valencia College

June Mair - June 30, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Miss Vivian was a mentor and friend. Upon my return to the workforce Miss Vivian was a guiding light with the protocol of Valencia administrative duties. She always had the answer and always smiled as she gave it to you. I loved to talk to her and missed her when she retired. Miss Vivian was beautiful inside and out. My condolences to her family who she talked about with love and pride.

Donna Deitrick

Donna Deitrick - June 28, 2019 at 06:09 AM



“ I started as a student assistant in the Provost office many many years ago and always looked upon Vivian as my mentor. Even after I finished my degree and started working at Valencia she continued to be a major support. She was strong, compassionate and always there for me anytime I needed her throughout the years. I treasure my memories of her.

Mary Jane Jones - June 26, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ Vivian was one of the strongest people I knew and had the privilege of working with towards the end of her professional career. Upon first impression, I could not help but be intimidated by Vivian’s tough exterior and how well she had perfected her craft throughout the years.

However, over the few short years I got to know her, I grew to envy Vivian’s resilient demeanor and often teased how she developed a soft spot for me. It wasn’t until our last encounter that she imparted to me a hand written letter (which I still keep to this day) wherein she wrote “Don’t know exactly why, but I liked you right away...You are well mannered and respectful. You will succeed in life.” If that is in fact true, then I owe part of that success to the inspiration in me for which Vivian served.

I consider myself blessed to have enjoyed Vivian’s company and extend my most genuine condolences to the family for this tremendous loss. The sun shines a little less bright with her absence.



Arqaam Gaffoor - June 19, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ Vivian was so kind to me when I started at Valencia College in 1991. She was the first one to talk with me about life other than work. :) We were both reading Marianne Williamson at the time and shared ideas about what we were reading. She continued to be a bright spot in my day whenever I encountered her for the following many years that we worked together. I know she is with the angels now and brightening their days!

Joyce Romano

Joyce Romano - June 18, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



JN - June 17, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ She always had a smile and kind words for all who spoke with her. She will truly be missed! Susan Stone. former Valencia Nursing Professor

Susan Stone - June 15, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ We are celebrating 47 years of so many wonderful, profound and joy-filled moments with Vivian and with her family. She, Maria and I were like the 3 Musketeers. We were there for each other in everything. We had amazing adventures. We had challenges, misunderstandings, painful times in life, porcupine periods. We shared births, deaths, weddings, divorce, new jobs, new houses, new chapters in life, birthdays, stories, retreats, conferences, concerts, plays, picnics, holidays, game nights, lots of meals, moving, trying to make the world better together. We shared the deepest parts of ourselves, our spiritual life, our dreams, our fears, our thoughts about life —and we enjoyed lots of silly times together.

Vivian was about family, faith, love, loyalty, responsibility, and joy-filled moments in life. She cared deeply about her work which she always tried to do to the absolute best of her ability. Not only did she work at Valencia, she took some classes to improve herself — including Spanish with Maria. Maria would say ‘chica, chica, chica’ when they greeted each other. Even towards the end, when we really didn’t think she knew who we were, Maria would say ‘chica, chica, chica’ and she would smile or reach for her.

We are sad, but also glad she is at peace and in full joy. We will always remember her smile, laughter, and the joy we were privileged to share in so many ways. Our love and friendship will never die. We will love you forever, dear Vivian.



Dawn Liphrott - June 14, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ I met Vivian when I started on Valencia West Campus 22 years ago. Through the years and the decades, Vivian help me book rooms for my office hours, Brain Bowl practices and Supplemental Learning sessions. She was always patient and extremely efficient, in spite of the huge amount of work coming across her desk. Once, some 20 years ago, while leaving my parking spot on campus, I pulled right in front of her moving car! I was just not paying attention and cut her off! Her reaction : a big smile, and I am very sure she could not have time to recognize me. This was worthy of an angel, wasn't it? To this day, when somebody cuts me off, I try to not let my blood boil, and think “be patient and forgiving like Vivian!”

A few years ago Vivian shared about a European trip her son organized. One of the highlights was a visit to the grave of Vivian's brother. He lost his life while fighting the nazis in Normandy. I was very touched to hear Vivian talk about her brother with love and tenderness. She was a young girl when he left the US, and she never saw him again. This story touched me a great deal because it is Vivian, and also because I am French and my mother's side of the family is from Normandy. My two great grandmother's and my grandparents fled Normandy in 1940 when the nazis invaded. They turned back around as Paris fell right away (not enough man left after the 1871 and 1914 wars!)

There was a huge twist to Vivian's trip because they realized they had gone to the wrong cemetery (the grave of a homonym, if I recall well). Her son rented a car at the last minute and managed to drive Vivian to the appropriate cemetery, and resume the rest of their planned trip. What an incredibly beautiful story. And Vivian was reunited with her long lost brother.

After hearing her story, I treated Vivian to several local French restaurants: my own “little” way to say thank you for all the huge sacrifices her family had made.

Forgive my misheveled writing, for i have been crying.

My only comfort is that Vivian's great spirit has a chance to visit the spirit of her brother who perished 75 years ago.

I love you, Mrs.Vivian Martin!

Boris Nguyen

Boris Nguyen - June 14, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Vivian was the first person I met at Valencia, back in 1996. From day one she was always so kind and loving that I always called her my Valencia Godmother. I will always remember her with love. I am so sorry that we have lost such a beautiful angel. My condolences to all the family. I know that God is taking care of her for us. God bless, Gisela Acosta-Carr.

Gisela Acosta-Carr - June 13, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ Vivian and I worked together in the provost office for 10 years. I had just come back from a break from having my twins and last child in 1990. She guided me not only in work but in family situations. She was like a mother to me. I will miss that beautiful smile and her ability to laugh at herself.



“ Grandma visits Lexington



mikejmartin - June 13, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ A very happy day at Laura and Gabe's Wedding



mikejmartin - June 13, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ Siblings



mikejmartin - June 13, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ Best Friends for 45 years!



mikejmartin - June 13, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ Vivian was always helpful and professional in her work in the Administrative Office at the West Campus of Valencia. I remember her for her friendly smile and her ability to get things done. I am sending sympathy to her family and friends. Bless you.

Michele McArdle - June 13, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ We love our Mama and GiGi



Laura Ramirez - June 13, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ There will be sweetie peppers in heaven for you, Vivian!!

Pat Lee - June 13, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Vivian was such a sweetheart. She would leave little sticky notes for me on my desk when she would work sometimes in the counseling office. Remember that big V she signed them with.

Charlotte - June 18, 2019 at 12:39 PM