



## Maria Paz Matawaran

January 24, 1960 - May 12, 2023

Maria Paz Matawaran, 63, peacefully went home in the arms of Jesus on Friday May 12, 2023. She battled cancer for 4 and a half years. Maria Paz was born in Morong, Rizal Philippines on January 24, 1960 to the late Julio and Esperanza Dolores. Maria is survived by her husband, Edgardo Matawaran, and their sons Edward (Claire) and Phillip. Maria is also survived by her siblings Eranio (Susan) Dolores, Patria (Paul) McElroy, Benneth Lakilak, Faustino (Edna) Dolores, Eugene (Catherine) Dolores, Gilbert Dolores, Julius (Myla) Dolores; her late siblings Lillian Sarmiento and Estella San Juan; and several loving nieces and nephews. Maria was a devoted employee at the St. Petersburg Times. Maria loved shopping, cooking and spending quality time with her extended family and friends. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her loving family.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday May 27, 2023 with a gathering from 9AM to 10AM and the service starting at 10AM. Inurnment of ashes at a later date with immediate family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAY 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory (Formerly R. Lee Williams & Son) - St. Petersburg Chapel

3530 49th Street N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33710

<http://DeGusipe.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory R. Lee Williams Chapel

3530 49th St N

St. Petersburg, FL 33710

(727) 527-1177

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# Tribute Wall

VG

“ I will always remember Maria with her kindness and always willing to help you.



Virginia Gibdon - May 29, 2023 at 07:35 PM

SK

“ Condolences to the family. I'm so happy to have known Maria. She was funny, kind helpful and an absolute joy to work with. She had a calm nature and was rarely flustered by anything. I missed her presence these last several years and am so sorry for your loss, but grateful to know she is at peace.

Sharon K - May 26, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.

May 24, 2023 at 06:24 PM

JC

“ I will always remember Maria for her faith, love of family, kindness, patience, good humor, and of course her delicious food. We are all blessed to have known her. She'll be waiting for you in heaven with open arms.



Jules Combs - May 24, 2023 at 06:16 PM

MA

“ *May Anstett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maria Paz Matawaran.*



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**May Anstett** - May 24, 2023 at 12:28 PM

LH

“ *Love and Light, Grace Hamilton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.*

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**Love and Light, Grace Hamilton** - May 24, 2023 at 11:04 AM

CS

“ *Cindy Pickett, Times staffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.*

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**Cindy Pickett, Times staffer** - May 23, 2023 at 05:25 PM

TF

“ *The Gallaty Family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.*

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**The Gallaty Family** - May 23, 2023 at 03:30 PM

GR

“ Maria was always one of the special ones and the world is a better place for her having been here. She always had a smile and a kind word and I will miss her terribly.



Greta - May 23, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ I very much enjoyed working with Maria. It was also very nice to be able to have someone who had similar thoughts when our sons were in school together. She was always a bright ray of sunshine and I will miss her.

May 23, 2023 at 01:28 PM

L(

“ Lara Gumz (co-worker) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.

Lara Gumz (co-worker) - May 23, 2023 at 01:25 PM

PS

“ Maria was truly the best shopper ever! She would tell me where the latest and greatest shopping deals were. Kohls' deals were king. She had the greatest love for family, her's as well as your family. Miss you much, Pat Stubbins



Patricia Stubbins - May 23, 2023 at 01:20 PM

TT

“ Tampa Bay Times purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Maria Paz Matawaran.



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**Tampa Bay Times** - May 23, 2023 at 12:51 PM

TT

“ Tampa Bay Times planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.

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**Tampa Bay Times** - May 23, 2023 at 12:51 PM

DD

“ Dave LaBell, William Deacon planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.

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**Dave LaBell, William Deacon** - May 23, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.

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May 23, 2023 at 12:03 PM

JT

“ Janeen, Kathy, Pauline-TB Times planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Paz Matawaran.

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**Janeen, Kathy, Pauline-TB Times** - May 23, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KG

“ Kimberly Goudreau purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Maria Paz Matawaran.



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**Kimberly Goudreau** - May 23, 2023 at 12:02 PM

NK

“ I miss Maria's laughter and smile, which is probably what she is doing now, in heaven.



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**Nancy Krainz** - May 23, 2023 at 11:59 AM

DA

“ Maria was such a wonderful person. She always had a smile and cheered everyone at work. She had a wall full of pictures of everyone's kids. I will miss her.

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**David** - May 23, 2023 at 11:35 AM

CT

“ Cindy Pugh (co-worker from Times) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Maria Paz Matawaran.



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**Cindy Pugh (co-worker from Times)** - May 22, 2023 at 01:41 PM

CJ

“ To the family of Maria Paz Matawaran, The news of her passing sadden me deeply. I am extremely sorry for your loss. Maria was a wonderful person and I will miss working with her.



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**Carolyn Johnson** - May 22, 2023 at 10:06 AM

CP

“ Cindy Pugh lit a candle in memory of Maria Paz Matawaran



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**Cindy Pugh** - May 22, 2023 at 09:05 AM

PB

“ Maria was one of a kind. She was a joy to work with, talk to and just an all around good person and I've thought about her everyday since she left. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. May she rest now be at peace.



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**Pauline Brockman** - May 22, 2023 at 08:18 AM