



Socorro Po Manomaivat

March 20, 1943 - December 18, 2020

Dr. Socorro Po Manomaivat, age 77 years, passed away on December 18, 2020 at AdventHealth Celebration surrounded by her family. Socorro was born on March 20, 1943 in Calamba, Philippines, the daughter of Jose and Maria (Lim) Po. She resided in Poughkeepsie, New York for over three decades before moving to Colleyville, Texas and most recently, Winter Garden, Florida. She is survived by her son Jason Manomaivat, her daughter-in-law Thao Le and her granddaughter and best friend, Hannah Manomaivat.

A devout Catholic, Socorro was a retired physician who trained in surgery and practiced emergency medicine in her earlier years. An avid world traveler, she volunteered for medical missions in Africa and South America helping the poorest of the poor. She was a loving and devoted mother to her only son, Jason, and later in life a loving and devoted grandmother to her best friend, Hannah. Despite being physically weakened by chronic illness, she was a person of strength and virtue who we all looked up to with deep admiration.

Socorro will be most remembered for her unconditional love for her family, for showing us the importance of overcoming adversity, and for her compassion and generosity in helping the sick, the poor and the lonely. She has indelibly left her handprint on the hearts of the people who knew her. Each of us is truly blessed to have had her in our lives. We will never forget her and will miss her dearly.

Socorro's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at AdventHealth Celebration for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Socorro's memory to Doctors Without Borders, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030. Online donations can be made via the link <https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/onetime.cfm>

Socorro's family invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her memory.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
5125 South Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32819

Tribute Wall

SA

“ 3decades ago I met Aunt Socorro when she visited Bangkok. We spent few days for shopping and sight seeing. Each time I met her in a short period but I felt that she was a kind and generous person. She will be missed forever. May her soul rest in peace
Pook

Sivaporn Apornsuwan - December 30, 2020 at 08:41 AM

LL

“ I had the privilege of meeting and knowing Socorro for the past four years. We started off simply as next door neighbors and quickly became friends. During that time, I valued her kindness, love of family and her strong resolve. She was a person slight in stature but possessed a strong, unwavering spirit. She also had a kind and gentle heart and adored children, most of all her sweet Hannah. My children also enjoyed going to her house to visit. I remember on one occasion she gave my son (aged 3 at the time) a box of chocolates and he asked me if Socorro could be his grandma too. Socorro was also a woman of great intellect who liked a good debate and would always offer her opinion. I appreciated our discussions which would run the gamut, from medicine to law to whatever was going on in the neighborhood, but, first and foremost, Socorro enjoyed speaking about her family. In fact, the first time we sat down together and talked at her kitchen table, Socorro told me all all about Jason and Thao and their accomplishments and current business. The pride in her eyes was undeniable. Of course, she also told me all about Hannah and how smart and clever she was. She was a devoted mother and grandmother with a pious connection to the Lord with a generous heart and a beautiful soul. Socorro soars In heaven with the angels now.

Leanne Lispi - December 28, 2020 at 10:36 PM

SD

“ I am very sorry to the loss of this wonderful person, Socorro. She and I have been friends since our elementary school days in the Philippines. We continued our contacts in the USA. She is compassionate, ready to help always with kindness and generosity. I considered her a sweet good hearted person and I cherished her dear dear friendship.

Sonia Dy

sonia dy - December 28, 2020 at 10:24 PM

MA

“ I have known Socorro, whom we all called Baby, since childhood, as we were neighbors growing up back in the Philippines. She and my late sister Dely were especially close friends, being the same age and classmates in grammar school.

Baby was friendly, caring, and treated Dely and me as if we were all sisters. A religious person, she and Dely taught me the ways of Catholicism when I was eight years old, which I continue to practice today. All of us were roommates for four years during our college years in the Philippines, and in 1977, Baby stayed with us in New York while waiting for her residency acceptance.

Over the years, we kept in touch. We spoke frequently over the phone and sometimes by e-mail. Being both in the medical field, we also kept track of each other's health, routinely going over our test results. After Dely passed away several years ago, our friendship grew even closer, and Baby helped me through the grief of losing Dely. We attended her wedding as well as her son's wedding.

I last saw Baby at my own son's wedding, and I was delighted and happy to see her then. She was always telling me about her granddaughter, Hannah, saying how she loved her very much and that she was her pride and joy.

I'm definitely going to miss her. Although I lost a friend, she will always be in my heart. I know for sure that she is now very happy to see

her family in heaven.

Marita Ang

Marita - December 28, 2020 at 02:27 PM

JC

“ *I have worked with Dr. Po for many years now and it has been a pleasure knowing her. While petite and soft spoken, she was always very strong and determined. She always handled herself professionally, but at the same time was a kind and generous person. My condolences to Jason and his wife and all of their family.*

Jack Cina

Jack Cina - December 28, 2020 at 10:20 AM

MU

“ *I met Socorro when she was going to Daily Mass at Good Shepherd. She went to Eucharistic Adoration, and she would pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day. For Socorro her faith and her family were the focus of her life. She was a generous person, and she often expressed a desire to help the poor of this world. Because of her chronic illness, she unfortunately suffered a great deal. But I remember how happy she was at the wedding of Jason and Thao. She wore an elegant white suit, and she was even dancing! More recently, I can imagine the joy that her granddaughter, Hannah, brought to her! May she be in the loving arms of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Maria Upperman - December 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JM

“ Years ago my husband suffered a serious spine injury. Socorro put him in touch with a renowned spine surgeon in New York City. She also prevented him from embarking on some surgery at a local hospital that would have permanently disabled him. As a result my husband was able to walk again and even go back to work. He owes his recovery to Socorro to whom he will always be grateful.

Jeanette Marciano - December 27, 2020 at 08:48 PM

MY

“ My admiration for Socorro Po (Her maiden name) started during Her Freshman Year in Medical School at Far Eastern University (FEU) in the Philippines, where She was " The Most Brilliant Student" in my sister's Class. Every time they had exams, my sister gave me Socorro's test paper that I used to guide me check on Her classmates test papers cuz She always got the perfect score 100%. My sister admired Her for Her brilliance and great determination to become a doctor.

Most especially for being humble and poised even though She was the top in Her class.

To this date, my sister still speaks highly about Socorro for Her down to earth personality and generous deeds to all mankind.

Five years after that We personally met in Socorro's province, CALAMBA, Laguna through our dearest friend, DELY ANG, who happens to be their neighbor then. But now they're together in the Heavenly Mansion of our Lord, where they're Resting In Peace 🙏 We got acquainted then before she came to the States and met again when we came to America but we live here in the South while they lived up North. This is why it was brief but sweet. We did connect through Verizon and/or ATT.

She will be an inspiration to so many people for Her legacy. All Her Charitable Acts to UNICEF, including African Missions and aids to the Philippines through The Carolina Medical Mission to name a few.


She was someone who cares. A helpful and generous one. She has so much goodness in Her and did touched so many lives that truly made a big difference in the lives of their ungrateful nieces and nephews, whom Socorro and her older sister, Anita, gave financial support to enable them to finish College then. Ungrateful because they forgot the people behind their successes and that's sad!!! Unbelievable???

As a lady, She was very pious with great religious beliefs. An

amazing mother, mother-in-law and a dear grandmother to Her dearest Hannah. She was a lovely and decent lady and I'm grateful for the little precious time we personally shared together since we lived far apart from each other, specially during this time of uncertainty. (COVID 19).

Her passing around Christmas time was PERFECT cuz She was such a gift to Her family and friends. REST IN PEACE SOCORRO!!!



We will surely miss You !!!! 

Mina, Patrick and Family

Mina and Patrick Yang - December 27, 2020 at 04:26 PM

HL

“ *I just wanted to add a footnote to my sister Florence’s story of Socorro’s encounter with the intruder. Socorro had also relayed the incident to me when I drove her to our home. Not only was she intrepid in the face of a knife-wielding man, but she also had the nerve to demand that he close the passenger car door when exiting! She was fierce and principled, a woman of deep faith who was generous in helping others. May she be at peace in heaven.*

Helena Lai

Helena Lai - December 27, 2020 at 01:36 AM

FL

“ I met Socorro when she was an intern in Surgery at the New York Infirmary (Hospital) in Manhattan. I was working there just before entering medical school, and I was impressed that an Asian woman was in the demanding field of Surgery. She became a mentor to me, and we became friends and stayed in touch over the years. We attended each other's weddings and the weddings of our children. I will always remember the scary story of how she was almost robbed. While in her car, stopped at a red light, a man flung open the unlocked passenger car door and demanded her pocket book. I do not recall whether he had a weapon or not, but Socorro held on tightly to her handbag, shouted and stared him down and demanded that he leave the car, and he did! That took courage, fortitude and determination. Socorro continued to show those qualities throughout her life.

There was a time when Socorro went into the convent to become a nun, but God had other plans for her to serve Him in the secular world. She also spent some time in Dr. Albert Schweitzer's Hospital in Africa. Throughout her life, she had an unshakeable faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. It was this devout faith that carried her through many trials.

She was a wonderful friend and was generous to a fault. During the summers, my husband and I took roadtrips in our van, and as we planned to travel down the East Coast, Socorro offered her condominium overlooking the Atlantic Ocean to stay for a few days in the middle of our trip. Our 3 children loved the homey atmosphere and the balcony view of the beach and the ocean vista.

When Jason was dating Thao, she told me that she really liked Thao and felt that she would be a good match for Jason. She was thrilled when Hannah came along, and I am so happy that she spent her last years relishing her role as a grandmother.

Socorro has left an indelible mark on our lives -- for me it was her value of friendship, her kindness, generosity, compassion, resilience and love for her family, and also her enduring faith in our Lord. May she rest in the eternal peace that she rightfully deserves.

Florence Lau

Florence Lau - December 24, 2020 at 01:35 AM

AP

“ *From Adelma Piñga Dy Pico*

Extending my heartfelt condolence to the family. I'm sure she's now happy and in a peaceful place. Soc, as I call her was my seatmate in medical school. She was a generous, caring, thoughtful and a loving friend.

Adelma Piñga Dy Pico - December 23, 2020 at 10:50 PM

GD

“ *Socorro is a dear friend. She has been a companion in prayer since I was in high school, after first meeting Socorro after Daily Mass at Good Shepherd. I think one of the greatest gifts you can give someone is to accompany them through life, through the hopes, joys, struggles, and everything in between. I am so thankful for the deep love that Socorro showed in conversation, letters, and emails we shared through the years. We truly prayed for each other through many transitions in life. Socorro was for me a reflection of the love in the heart of Jesus. I was very inspired by the way she persevered through some very difficult medical challenges. Through the years, one of the constant themes of her letters is her deep love for her family. What a gift that is! I miss her and am so thankful for her life.*

Greg Dunn - December 23, 2020 at 11:33 AM

TW

“💕 Our heartfelt condolences to Jason and family for the loss of his beloved mother, mother-in-law to Thao and grandmother to Hannah. Socorro was a kind and generous person. She is now dancing with the Heavenly Angels.
Find the brightest star in the sky and Socorro will always be smiling down at you! Rest in Peace, Socorro with Love!💕

The Woos - December 23, 2020 at 08:43 AM