



Bernadette Mendoza Viray

December 5, 1949 - March 7, 2018

Bernadette Mendoza Viray, known as Bernadette to his family and friends, passed away peacefully into God's welcoming arms, at the age of 68, with family by her side on March 7, 2018 at 8:28 PM in Hackensack, New Jersey. She is survived by her Mom, devoted children, Cherrie and Reshelle, her sons-in-law, Alexander and Paul, sisters, Bella, Bot, Pen, Marlin, brother, Alex, grandchildren, Matthew, Martin, Miguel, Ethan and Enzo and is preceded by her father and beloved husband, Rudy.

Bernadette was born on December 5, 1949 in Manila, Philippines. As a young widow, she started and built her life engaging in business of buying and selling homes and jewelries. With hard work and determination, she was able to provide a wonderful life for her children. She sent Cherrie and Reshelle to college in one of the best and prestigious universities in the Philippines, De La Salle University. Cherrie graduated as a nurse and Reshelle, a physical therapist. She later migrated to the United States to help raise her grandchildren, Ethan and Enzo. Bernadette was loved for her being easy to get along with personality, known for her willingness and drive to do everything, admired for her many talents and was a highly respected member of the Christian community. In the end, she had shown tremendous courage, strength, perseverance, resilience and the ability to accept everything that came her way. Her love for our Lord and Saviour was endless.

Family, friends and acquaintances, whose lives Bernadette touched, are welcome to attend a viewing at Hennessey Heights Funeral Home Chapel located at 232 Kipp Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Her body will be shipped to the Philippines for a 3-day final viewing to be held at the La Funeraria Paz in Metro Manila, Philippines.

It is with deep regret and sadness that we mourn the passing of a beautiful and amazing human being, my beloved sister in Christ, Sister Bernadette. I must admit that I wasn't ready to give her to our Lord. I was hoping and praying for a miracle and there is still pain in my heart. But I guess, I just have to learn to accept the fact that she won't be around anymore. We fervently prayed for her and clung to hope that she would fully recover, but

God is an All Knowing God, who knows what is best for her. He did not want her to suffer anymore. She will be missed by everybody who truly loves her, but please find comfort in knowing that she is now with her Creator in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father, fully healed, no more pain and suffering, but rather experiencing everlasting peace and joy.

The first time I met Sis. Bernadette, we immediately clicked and got along very well because we're both Christians, we're both fully devoted followers of Christ and have knowledge of the scriptures. She was a widow at an early age. Her beloved husband died of heart attack in his mid-forties. As a young single mother, that didn't stop her from putting her daughters to school to finish college. She was such a firm believer in the value of education. That was her greatest accomplishment and pride, to be able to see eldest daughter, Cherrie, be a nurse and Reshelle, a physical therapist. We are reminded of the tremendous love she had for her children, grandchildren, her mom, whom she talked about more often, who just turned 100 years old, her siblings, all her loved ones, including her friends, which she had a lot in the Philippines and most importantly her love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Not only was she a devoted mother, she was a great grandma to Matthew, Miguel and Martin, who she helped raise and become the best they can be, including Ethan and Enzo. She also treated AJ and Alexa as if they were her own. She talked lovingly about all her grandchildren. She would tell me about how Enzo would affectionately take care of her in and out of the house. We would see Enzo hold and guide her every time she was out. Enzo would ask her if she wanted the TV turned on and Enzo would keep her company and they would watch the Filipino channel together. Likewise, he was proud of Ethan of his skills in cooking. She would tell me all the delicious dishes he had tried and tested. I would hear endless stories about Matthew, who I think was her favorite, Miguel, the good looking one and she would tell me which girlfriend she would and not approve of, and of course, Martin, the responsible one. He also told me about AJ, how she would always cook Beef Steak because AJ liked it so much. She marveled at how Alexa had grown and how lucky Alex is for having a daughter, who graduated Valedictorian. She was a religious person, making God her No. 1 priority. She was also hardworking. She multi-tasked and knew how to do so much and kept herself occupied all the time. She would do the laundry, cook, feed the kids, clean the house and even do gardening. Every now and then, just to unwind and have a change of scenery, she would go back to the Philippines. She grew very close to the members of God's Flock Christian Ministry, and considered them her extended family because she said she felt welcomed and loved there. The last time she went to the Philippines, she told me to make sure Reshelle and family attend church there. I said I would try. During the last few months, she had lived in constant uncertainty, but I remember how courageous and strong she had been, with never a word of complaint. We

recalled how bleak the doctor's prognosis was and yet she reflected on the marvelous journey she had taken since then, accepting every surgery she was scheduled to have, defying the doctor's pronouncements and beating the odds, with God's grace. Sister, that to me says a lot about your character. You had demonstrated and shown tremendous courage, strength, perseverance and resilience. It was a very impressive testament as to who you were, how your character was molded by hope, prayers, unwavering faith and trust in God that helped you tremendously to face life because you were bringing back all glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our sufferings and sorrows can become special times in which we become more aware of our need for God. It is in the hard and difficult times that we often experience God's grace, God's love, God's mercy. May I remind everyone that you never need to bear your own cross alone. "Come to me all of you, who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." That's what our Lord says in Matthew 11:28.

Sis. Bernadette, I am profoundly sad at your passing and I will certainly miss you. You had been kind to me. I will miss all the wonderful moments we had shared, the long conversations we had. You will always remain special and I will always remember you with love. Occasions won't be the same without you. But your beautiful memories will sustain and comfort everyone just as I'm comforted knowing how lucky and blessed I had been to have known such a lovely person, who I valued, cherished and loved so much. But as all good things in life, some things do come to an end and we are left to deal with the worst part, the grieving part. And that's okay, Sister.

My tribute will not be complete if I don't talk about her daughter, Reshelle. She was always there for her Mom as far as her medical needs were concerned, dropping work commitments and making sure that all her needs were met. She took good care of her like a loving, devoted daughter would. Cherrie and Reshelle, your mother had been blessed with the most supportive family, the most devoted friends the most precious gifts and talents. She had come to know God in a much personal and most comforting way. She had grown much closer to all of us in a way that has given her a richer appreciation of the family she was a part of. She had garnered so much support and encouragement from a number of friends she had made, both near and far, that it humbles her to be the recipient of so much love and caring. No matter what happens in life, please know that you will never be alone, never without us, who truly care about you and love you, never without God's presence, never without God's love. We will be there for you and you will all continue to be in our thoughts prayers.

To all those who prayed, sent flowers, texts and emails, and to all those who are gathered

here tonight to pay their last respect to a woman full of character and life, but left this world too soon, thank you all so much. She lived an amazing life even though it was short. She was 68 years old. She's deeply grateful to all of you for the love, support, encouragement and prayers you have bestowed on her. The concern, love and affection you all had given her are priceless I would like to thank all of you on her behalf and to lift all of you in prayer that God may reward you in a manner that only He knows best to do. She told me that she would hold a thanksgiving party and cook for all of you as her way of saying how she appreciated all your love, support, concerns and prayers. And I told her I would help. My family and I will forever be grateful to have known her in this life. We love her very much.

Events

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Hennessey Heights Funeral Home & Cremation Service
232 Kipp Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, US, 07604

MAR **Service** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ Our deepest condolences Reshelle, Cherrie and family. Tita Bernadette is in heaven now right next to her late husband, no more suffering completely at peace. May we treasure all her memories and wishes. She will be missed but not forgotten. We're so sorry for your loss. God bless and may she Rest In Peace.



Rick & Kristina Bernabe - March 28, 2018 at 05:59 PM



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Evelyn Bernabe - March 28, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ We are gathered here today in memory of my mom, BERNADETTE VIRAY. My mom passed away last Wednesday, March 7th. It's hard to say goodbye! We wish we had more time and perhaps that during the time we had, we had spent more of it together. We wish that she had not lost her life to illness, that things could have been different for her and for us. Her life had many obstacles and she struggled with her illness for more than 2 years, but everything my mom went through, she managed to keep her priorities straight and she remained her focus. While we know that she is at peace now and that her struggles are at end, there is pain and sadness. Even though she's gone, the way she touched our hearts will remain and I ask to keep her memories alive by sharing them with me and one another.

*** I'm gonna miss my mom so much. She has done so many things for me. I'm gonna miss her every morning when we always talk in the kitchen while I'm getting ready for work. I'm gonna miss her OCD when it comes to cleaning the house, she's such a clean freak. She cleans every corner of my house. She always makes sure our house is dust and clutter free. I'm gonna miss her cooking. She cooks for us and she makes sure we always have food for work and kid's food are ready when they get home from school. I'm gonna miss when I get home, all our clothes are washed and folded. She wants to do as much as she can at home so I don't have to do it as she always thinks I'm tired from work and she just wants me to rest. My mom loves gardening. She took great pride in her flowers and plants. She's very patient, hardworking and caring for them as she is for me and my family** Without my mom, I'm not a PT. She's the one who encouraged me to take this profession. She sent me and my sister to good college universities in the Phils. by herself as I lost my dad early and mom was on her own.***

I've learned a lot from my mom. She's a business minded person and she taught me how to invest and to do business in Real Estate and jewelries. ***

And last of all, she taught me how to be closer to God. I have a book that she gave me 14 years ago on my bday and it's always been in my drawer in my bedroom. The title of the book is "The Purpose Driven Life". I never had a chance to read it yet. Before she left for the Phils. last Dec., she took it out from my drawer and put it on my bedside table. There's a message that she wrote on the book and it says, "Dearest Reshelle, it's my prayer that as you read this book you will know God's purpose in your life. God richly bless you not only on your bday but all the days of your life. Love mommy."***

Mommy, I know you're in better place now where there's no pain and no sickness. I know you can't wait to be with daddy. It's time to say goodbye mommy. I love you and I'm gonna miss you so much! God bless you!





“ Dear Reshelle & Family,

With our deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow!

Gary, Sherlee & the Pupa Family



Gary & the Pupa Family - March 24, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my aunty Tita Beth . I will be comforted by our memories and our love which is very much alive. I am so grateful I was able to see you on Lola's 100th birthday, I can't believe that you are gone. But the sweet memories will be still in my heart.

One day we will see each other in a much better place.



Leah Kroes - March 22, 2018 at 03:04 PM



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Evelyn Bernabe - March 22, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Hi Reshelle,

Hope you and family are coping well, kamusta ka na, thinking of you!

Sis. Rina



Rina Salazar - March 20, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear the sad news although my prayers the past few days have been for God to welcome Bernadette home and for a peaceful transition from this world to heaven. Well that's done now. Please extend our condolences to Reshelle and family. I only met Bernadette once but it was obvious that she was a classy and dignified lady and brought up her children well and Reshelle is a testament to that kind of upbringing. You know the saying "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree." Again I'm sorry for your loss. I know you two have become close.

Elizabeth Policarpio - March 15, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ Tita Evelyn,

What a beautiful, touching and well written Eulogy for Sis. Bernadette! This is the story of her life and her journey that she would have wanted to testify to us, giving glory to God.

Thank you for sharing it on her behalf.
God bless your heart

Stella Keyser Maniago - March 15, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Dear Reshelle,

My deep sympathy on your loss. I know and feel how it is to lose a loved one. We also know that God's ways are higher than our ways. Let us take comfort in the thought that your beloved mom is now in a place where there is no more pain, no more tears. Sis. Bernadette is now in heaven with our most loving God. My prayers are for you, Alex, your sister and your Mom's siblings that you will all be able to overcome this temporary sadness. God bless.

Love,

Tita Adele Quisumbing

Adele Quisumbing - March 15, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to Reshelle and family during this difficult time. I admire her mom Bernadette for her courage to fight till the very end. May she rest in peace with our Almighty God. Coincidentally my daughter in law's mom also died from brain tumor a few years ago.

Catherine Dona - March 15, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ Please accept our sincerest condolences. Bernadette Viray will be included in our prayers.

It was good to catch up with you today but sad to hear the news about the demise of Reshelle's Mom.

Looking forward to receiving their address from you.

Warmest love and regards to you and your family.

Rey, Nydia and family



Rey, Nydia & family - March 12, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ Dear Reshelle,
Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved mother Bernadette. May the good Lord comfort her with His great love.
Father in heaven, let your holy angels transport the soul of Bernadette into your kingdom of radiant light, eternal joy and perfect peace. Amen.
May her departed soul Rest In Peace.

With our heartfelt Condolences,
Uncle Exequiel & Auntie Leilani Dela Cruz



Exequiel & Leilani de la Cruz - March 12, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Mendoza Viray family. May Bernadette rest in peace and her memory live on...



Eddie Bernabe - March 12, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ I just want to remind you of the comforting words from the late Pastor Billy Graham that those who are in Christ to depart from our earthly body is just to get to a new address. It's their greater gain to be with their Maker. Praying for comfort for the bereaved family.

Pastor Cesar Pasinio - March 12, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your dearest Mom. We have only met Bernadette once but she left a lasting impression as a gracious, gentle and dignified human being. We have prayed for her ever since my sister Evelyn informed us of her illness. We will continue to pray for her even when we know that she is now wrapped in God's loving embrace. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the pain of your loss ease, and it will, in time.



Elizabeth Policarpio - March 12, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ I would like to honor Mom Bernadette, my mother-in-law and to say goodbye to her. Let me start by talking about my personal relationship with her. When she arrived here, we welcomed her with open arms. Sometimes in other families, it's not a smooth transition, but I made my best effort to welcome her and make her feel at home. Honestly, I am a biggest Mama's boy and I have a close relationship with my own Mom. But genuinely, she had become my second Mom. I actually called her Mom, more so than my own Mom. It was my pleasure to be of service to her as my Mom taught me to always treat the elders with total respect. I always helped her with household chores. She always wanted grocery supplies for cooking. She was always worried that we would run out of meats, fruits and vegetables. I will miss those moments of running errands to Costco, H-Mart and Shoprite.

When she came back from the Philippines after her first two surgeries, she was not well and was in debilitating pain, but she never complained. I asked her how she felt about the upcoming surgery and her response was she was ready and was not afraid if that was what our Lord wanted.

Mom was a Christian, who had a big heart. She had so much trust that she would lend money to people, who were in need, back home in the Philippines, and she never complained if she didn't get her money back. She always put her trust in the Lord. As you know, I am a Catholic and in the beginning, I was not open to Christianity, but now, I am so glad that I softened my stance on it. Thanks to my brother, Rick, for introducing us to the family of Christian faith. In doing so, I was able to make my mother-in-law happy in that church surrounding, which made her whole as a person.

Mom loved her daughters so much. As a single Mom, she never stopped providing for them. Her husband suffered an unforeseen heart attack at the age of 47. She had a business buying and selling homes and jewelries. She was able to buy a house in the Philippines, had a driver and a maid. She had put her two daughters thru college, Cherrie, with a Nursing degree and guided Reshelle to be a physical therapist and my wife will be eternally grateful for that. She prepared food for lunch for Reshelle and Cherrie to be brought to work and she did it every single day. She was a loving mother and a great grandmother. She took care of Cherrie's kids, Matthew, Miguel and Martin, when they were young, whom she was very fond of. I will be forever grateful as she looked after Ethan and Enzo, our own children. She would cook brown rice for AJ, and sometimes folded his clothes and washed his plates. She would also make sure to make extra Fresh Lumpia with brown garlic sauce with extra fried garlic for Alexa, one of my daughter's favorite. I am sure all grandchildren will remember her in the best light.

Mom, I will always love you. Your daughters will miss you. You all shared the same passion for shopping designer brands. I'm fortunate to have witnessed your wonderful relationship. Memories are part of our lives and that is how it will be in my heart. I will always remember you with the love and beautiful memories you had given our family, relatives and friends. Enjoy your time with the Lord in eternity in His heavenly Kingdom. The pain, headaches and sufferings are over. You will finally see your husband and our Lord. It was always my pleasure to be of service to you and be

there for you even in your last breath. I will miss you and I love you.

Alex Bernabe - March 12, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ We are deeply saddened for the loss of your beloved mom.. May you find comfort in many wonderful memories you have of your time with her..Our heartfelt condolences to Reschelle, Cherrie and the entire Viray family.. Love from Auntie Precy, Uncle Danny and family



Auntie Precy, Uncle Danny & family - March 10, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ Janette Tantoco lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Mendoza Viray



Janette Tantoco - March 10, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Viray family. May you find comfort in knowing that your loved one is now at peace with the Lord. My prayers are with you all.

Janette Tantoco - March 10, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Evelyn Bernabe lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Mendoza Viray



Evelyn Bernabe - March 10, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ It is with deep regret and profound sadness that we mourn the passing of a remarkable woman, a beautiful and amazing human being, my beloved sister in Christ, Sis. Bernadette. Sister Bernadette, who I affectionately called Sister, is so special. She was dearly close to me and I love her so much. She endured five surgeries and each time she never complained. It is with a heavy heart we had to surrender her fate to our ever compassionate God with His merciful love. She's now with her Creator, resting in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father, experiencing everlasting peace and joy. At sad times, we look for ways to find the good to lift our spirits and so I would like to celebrate a life well-lived and a woman well-loved by so many, and that's including me and my family. She was one awesome, loving lady and I feel content to honor and respect her in a special way I know how. She was a religious Christian, whose love for God was endless. She was a great mother and grandma to her daughters and her grandkids. They all meant a lot to her. She led her life as nearly perfect as it could be, making God her No. 1 priority. She was someone you would like to be your friend because she was that person who would stand by you when you needed somebody to be there. You could feel the warmth and some sort of belongingness all at once. I'm truly blessed to have known her in my life and to have a beautiful memory of such a kind soul and this will live on and comes with all the love that my heart can hold. Sister, I will surely miss you and I will always remember you with love.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her Mom; her daughters Cherrie & Reshelle; her sisters, Bella, Bot, Pen, Marlin; her brother Alex; and all her loved ones and we join family, relatives and friends in praying for the eternal repose of her soul.

Evelyn Bernabe - March 10, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ Sherlee Bernabe lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Mendoza Viray



Sherlee Bernabe - March 10, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Tita Bernadette was a great mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend to everyone she knew. She loved her family very much as she always cooked and also took great care of her daughters and grandchildren. She was also a devoted Christian woman who loved the Lord. I was saddened to hear about her passing. It won't be the same without you but I know you are in a better place now. I love you and miss you. May you rest in peace.

To the Viray family and her loved ones, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. My deepest condolences go out to everyone. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Sherlee

Sherlee Bernabe - March 10, 2018 at 02:47 PM



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Andrew Nimmo - March 10, 2018 at 01:16 PM