



## Luis Mossesgeld Santisteban

October 8, 1933 - April 22, 2015

Luis Mossesgeld Santisteban passed away on April 22, 2015. He was born October 8, 1933 in Manila, Philippines and moved to the United States in 1971, where he settled in the northern Virginia area.

Family was the most important thing to Luis and he was a devoted husband to his wife, Nydia, for 48 years and loving father to Antonio (Tony), Guia, and Maria Rosa (Marot). He was a proud grandfather to Christina, Christopher, Luke, Austin, Ila, and Maita and was great grandfather to Mikey. Luis was preceded in death by his sister Teresita and is survived by his brother José Antonio.

His family was central in his life and he enjoyed showing his children the world through extensive traveling to Europe and Asia, and made sure they were able to receive the best education possible. Their success was always a priority. His desire to help them succeed extended to the many young professionals he encouraged and mentored early in their careers who went on to successful careers. Luis maintained very close friendships with everyone he helped throughout his life.

Music was his greatest passion. He shared his beautiful tenor in operas performed with his uncle, musical productions at St. Paul's College in the Philippines, and as a member of several church choirs. He also sang at many

weddings, including those of his son and daughter, where he was accompanied by his sister Teresita playing the organ, Luis also loved food, and nothing made him happier than sharing a delicious meal with the people he loved. These gatherings always included singing - Luis was known to break into song as the spirit moved him.

Luis loved life and when you ask those who knew him what they remember most about him, the answer is always the same - his laughter and his singing.

Luis was a devout Roman Catholic and an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville, VA, where he served as a wedding volunteer and usher and sang in the choir.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 A.M., on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Rd., Gainesville, VA. A short visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the church. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation in his memory to Holy Trinity to support the many ministries they provide to the community.

Condolences may be left at [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **28**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HG

“ Luis was my friend who happened to be my Supervisor at Fannie Mae. He was a kind, disciplined Gentleman of great integrity. I loved Luis and I'm sure he loved me too! He never took himself too seriously fully understanding the requirements of caring for mankind no matter the walk of life. I can see him gesturing to me as he would recall a song that made his heart smile. He was tickled with delight as he would share with me GOD's goodness! You see we both shared the love of CHRIST! Catholic and Baptist is what we are serving the same LORD!

Luis and his lovely wife Nydia came to my wedding more than 36 years ago. Their gift a Bible, was one of the greatest gifts given. I celebrate with the Santisteban family .. Patriarch Luis.., as he rests in the arms of our heavenly Father. I can only imagine Luis saying..

Don't weep for me ...I did as I was told  
My reward is HEAVEN Where the streets are paved with gold,  
Every day is Sunday because the Sabbath has no end. Hallelujah  
glory Angels sing always to the King.

I will see you when you get here. We've really never part, I said good bye to those earthly shores but to you never. You are forever in my heart💕



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Helen Grymes - June 07, 2015 at 05:01 PM

RM

“ May God give comfort to the bereaved family of Tito Luis. Sincerest condolences on your loss. God bless you all! - Rica Mossesgeld-Masakayan, Philippines



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**Rica Mossesgeld-Masakayan** - May 05, 2015 at 06:33 PM

HC

“ The neighborhood has lost a ray of sunshine. Luis' smile lit up the room and his presence will be sorely missed. Our prayers go out to Nydia and his children and dear grandchildren. Heather and Barry Cohen

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**Heather and Barry Cohen** - April 28, 2015 at 09:01 AM

AL

“ I first met Luis many years ago on work assignments. Although we represented rival employers reacting to common issues, Luis was always respectful, courteous and open-minded toward the "enemy" (I'm sure he never saw me in that light). This "collaborative" capacity led to friendship which was ultimately further cemented by his son Tony marrying my daughter Annie (this was never part of our business negotiations). This alliance produced two beautiful grandchildren who became the occasion for Christine and I to see more of Luis and Nydia in family events. We may not see Luis anymore but I'm sure he'll be there watching over his darling grandchildren. Rest in peace, my friend. Till we meet again.

*Albert LeQuang, Ashburn, VA*

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**Albert LeQuang** - April 27, 2015 at 09:32 PM

RD

“ Rhona Davis lit a candle in memory of Luis Mossesgeld Santisteban



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**Rhona Davis** - April 27, 2015 at 02:49 PM

FA

“ I worked at Fannie with Luis. Such a kind man with a heart as big as anything. He and another Fannie Maer would tease me but I knew it was all on fun. Willing to help anyone but his biggest asset was he was always nice. He will be missed. My prayers for him and his family.

*Faith Morlan*

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**faith** - April 27, 2015 at 12:27 PM

PO

“ I came to know Luis socially as a resident in the Regency community and always welcomed seeing him after church on Saturday night. He gave me an opportunity to practice my Spanish. At one of the Regency performances, he thrilled the audience with his singing a wonderful rendition of "Granada". His words captivated the audience. He embodied kindness and had a gentle manner about him which I admired. It will be hard to forget him; but knowing he is with the angels and he is probably teaching the angels the song "Granada", This will be my final memory of Luis Mossesgeld Santisteban. Adios Mi Amigo Bueno. Mike Olejarz April 26, 2015.

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**Paula and Mike Olejarz** - April 26, 2015 at 07:55 PM

AA

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Nydia and family. A wonderful neighbor, he will be missed. Carol and Richard Aarhus

Aarhuses - April 26, 2015 at 07:35 PM

HS

“ A wonderful, welcoming and caring man. Our prayers are with the family. Sam and Laura Samorian

Harold Samorian - April 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

GA

“ Gigi Barrera Abong lit a candle in memory of Luis Mossesgeld Santisteban



Gigi Barrera Abong - April 26, 2015 at 02:13 PM

GA

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Gigi Barrera Abong - April 26, 2015 at 01:46 PM

SG

Luis was a wonderful neighbor. He always showed such enthusiasm when we saw him. It seemed to him that everyone he met were very important to him. He was such a good husband giving his wife much loving care. We will miss you!

Sharon and Roger Goodson - April 26, 2015 at 05:08 PM

MJ

*A fantastic and caring man. He always helped out at masses no matter the day. He loved to help. A great man. He is in very good company now.*

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**MJL** - April 26, 2015 at 07:01 PM

RD

*He was a beautiful person and a true gentleman. He carried himself with grace.*

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**Rhona I. Davis** - April 28, 2015 at 08:10 AM

HC

*A ray of sunshine has been lost in our neighborhood. Our prayers go out to Nydia, his children and grandchildren. Luis was a warm, caring person and devoted to his family and the Lord. We will miss him.  
Heather and Barry Cohen*

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**Heather and Barry Cohen** - April 28, 2015 at 09:06 AM