



Maria Tilves-Aguilera

September 6, 1964 - June 22, 2012

Maria P. Tilves-Aguilera, passed away on June 22, 2012 at the age of 47 at her home with her husband and two sons by her side after a long battle with cancer. Maria was born and raised in the Chelsea neighborhood of New York City. In 1989, she moved with her husband, Ricardo Aguilera, to the Washington, D.C. area and received her Master's Degree in International Affairs. She pursued her career in government relations until her sons were born. Maria and her family moved to Fairfax, VA. Maria's greatest pride was in raising her two mature and wonderful young men. Maria's grace, charm, and intelligence attracted a large circle of friends. She was loved and admired by her friends and family. She loved to travel and visited Europe, Russia, and most of the United States. Her cancer diagnosis only strengthened her determination to give her family cherished memories. Together, they explored glaciers in Alaska, raised money for cancer awareness, and lived life as fully as possible. Maria's friends and family banded together to help her every step of the way. Maria's family is so grateful to so many for helping her through this difficult disease. Maria is survived by her husband, her sons Alexander and Nicholas, and her loving New York family father - Jose, mother - Josephine, and brother - Joseph Tilves and family. Her life will be celebrated at a funeral mass at Saint Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church on July 12 at 2PM. There will be a reception afterwards. St Mary of Sorrows is at 5222 Sideburn Road Fairfax, VA 22032; (703) 978-4141; www.stmaryofsorrows.org. In lieu of flowers, Maria asked that donations be sent to Life with Cancer at 8411

Pennell St, Fairfax, VA 22031. Donations should be marked in honor of Maria Tilves-Aguilera. Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Maria always had a smile even on those bad days--she fought her cancer with determination and was an example of her faith to all of us. You are in my prayers. May you find comfort through your faith.* ”

Virginia Brown - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I am so sad to have learned of Maria's passing. I have many fond memories of Maria as a young girl and teen; her beautiful long black hair, her cute giggle, and her charitable manner. May the God of all comfort hide her family in His love.* ”

Janet Delaney - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I worked with Maria for years in physical therapy. No matter what challenges were put before her, she always had something positive to focus on. She told the most amazing stories of her journeys over the years and I often reflect on what an inspiration she was. Maria always spoke about the love she had for her family and said that it gave her strength to face each day. She was a beautiful, courageous person and I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with your family.* ”

Daniel Vitug - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM