



Pilar Madera

September 28, 1961 - January 10, 2012

PILAR MADERA went to her creator on January 10, 2012 at home in Fairfax VA after a short fight with cancer at age 50. She was born on September 28, 1961 in Zaragosa, Spain while her father was serving in the Air Force. In 1965 her father retired and returned to San Juan, Puerto Rico with the family where she grew up. While attending Sagrado Corazon University she interned at the Federal Aviation Administration radar center in San Juan. While at the FAA, she met her future and devoted husband of 29 years, Joe. In addition to the FAA, Pilar worked for US Customs, US Justice, IRS and the Post Office. She remained with FAA since 1988 where she rose thru the ranks becoming Director of Administration at FAA headquarters. This was a prediction her husband Joe made to her in 1980. In 1988 she worked for Air France for a year to practice her French. She was fluent in Spanish, English and French. Pilar was a dynamo at work. A skilled, dedicated and loyal employee, she was always proud of the time she dedicated to her agency. She was a skilled tennis player and enjoyed her many adventures thru Europe with her husband and Joey Jr. This culminated with a trip on the British Airways Concorde from JFK to London and back in 1996 with her family. Her life changed for ever when their son Gabriel was born in December 1996. She was a committed and devoted mother to Gabe. He is the sunshine of her heart. Pilar is survived by her husband Joe; sons, Gabriel and Joey Jr.; mother-in-law, Mary; two sisters Maru and Mari; four brothers, Quiquic, Angel, Paco and Carlos and numerous nieces, nephews, coworkers, neighbors and friends. A Celebration

of her life will be held at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax, VA on Friday, January 13, 2012 6:00-8:00 PM and a church service on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, the family request you make donations to Brain Cancer Research at John Hopkins Medical Center. Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ *May God's Grace strengthen you during this difficult time.*

Hope Johnson - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

AN

“ *Dearest Joe and Gabe,*

I am filled with wonderful memories of your beautiful wife and mother. Pilar, as to many, was my friend and mentor. I will always remember what made her smile the brightest; YOU Gabe! {Joe, you ran a close second. :o} } And, I never had the opportunity to thank you in person, but Pilar gave me a gift from you, for my son Ethan, when you were only 7 years old; his first pair of roller blades! So, THANK YOU Gabe. May you have all the comfort and peace that only God can give. (2 Cor. 1:3, 4)

Angella

Angella - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

LL

“ *Dear Joe, Gabe, and Family,*

I am a friend of Caroline Hiban's, and I just wanted to say how very sorry I am for your terrible loss. I have been praying for you all, along with Caroline, since Pilar was diagnosed. She was blessed to have your love while she lived, and your tender care during her illness. May you feel the comforting presence of God during this time of loss.

Lynn Lewis - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

TM

“ *Pilar was a special co-worker and friend. I suppose to meet her for lunch and I really was looking forward to chat with her, as always, about his beloved son Gabriel. I'll miss her. Rest in peace dear Pilar.*

Teresa Matos - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

LG

“ *To Pilar's Family, may our Lord be with you all as you move forward. Pilar will never be far from us for her spirit, her courage and her bravery lives on within and around us. Not only was she a colleague who I worked with but she was my friend and until we meet again may our Lord continue to shine his light for it will never go dark as long as we believe!*

Linda Goldring - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Pilar's passing. She was a force of energy and positive influence on many FAA programs that touched many thousands of people. On behalf of the contractors who had the privilege of working with her, and those of us who got to know her, our prayers go out to her family and many friends and coworkers. God Bless and Peace.*

John Sharp - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

FD

“ *Deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies.*

Fonda Dowl - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM



LM

“ *Pilar,
Thank you for your warm open Heart,Arms,Hugs,contagious
smile,Advise and most important YOU.I will never ever forget you
and will always keep you alive in my thoughts and prayers. And will
look forward till we meet again. R.I.P My friend and i know you will
never leave Joe or Gabes side. You are their ANGEL.
Tiamo Liebra xxxx*

Liebra Malocca - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM



JS

“ *Maria Pilar Madera was my co-worker. She was my friend. She was
a tough and accomplished business woman and a great manager.*

*Pilar is not replaceable by anyone. She was one of the finest kind. I
respected her as a business partner. I trusted her completely. I
loved her as a friend which you do not often find in life. I miss her
every day.*

JTS

John Thomas Staples - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ *TE amo mucho Pilar. Que descanses en paz. Gracias por todos ese
momentos bonitos que pasamos juntos. NUNCA te olvidare.*

January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM