



Maria Teresa Murphy

November 25, 2023

Maria Teresa Murphy, 68, of Cranston, transitioned to her heavenly home peacefully on Saturday, November 25th at Kent Residency in Warwick. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Kevin Joseph Murphy and mother of Darren Joseph Murphy.

Born in San Salvador, El Salvador, she was the youngest beloved daughter of the late Candida Perez. Sponsored by her older brother Joseph Luna, she immigrated to the United States on the bi-centennial birthday of the country, July 4th 1976. She met her husband before she could speak English in Hollywood, California.

She was a loyal long-time employee at General Motors, fueling her love for technology. This love evolved into her love of airplanes. She moved to Rhode Island in 1984 and graduated from East Coast Aero Tech, subsequently working in the airline industry for many years. She became famously known for being able to tell what type of airplane was going over head based on the noise alone. Part of her ashes will be spread at the airport, outside the fence at the spot that she always sat, watching the planes take off for hours.

She also will be missed by her five older sisters, Chely Maceda, Amanda Luna, Mercedes Luna, Carolina Salmeron, and Blanca Murphy. Most of all, they will miss the long late night chats that she would have with each of them

over the years, speaking in rapid Spanish. She had a zest for life that was infectious, always lighting up every room she walked into.

She also was a loving mother to her cats Pretty Girl, Shamrock, Midnight and Clover. She only fed them the best wet food money could buy. Part of her ashes will be spread in the yard where they are all buried.

In that vein, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Providence Animal Rescue League (parl.org).

A Committal Service will be held Wednesday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m. at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Please plan to meet in the administration parking lot no later than 11:15 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

301 South County Trail (Route 2)
Exeter, RI 02822

Previous Events

Committal Service

DEC 6. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kate Raina lit a candle in memory of Maria Teresa Murphy*



Kate Raina - December 05, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *So sad to learn this news. Dear Tere was always so kind and supportive to me. I remember once we stayed with her and Kevin and she made black beans to go with our eggs in the morning. At first I thought I wouldn't like that, but it was delicious, a great combination. She was also so kind to my children and great with babies. Much love to Kevin and Darren, I'm so sorry for your loss ~*

Kate Raina - December 05, 2023 at 10:16 PM

TM

“ When I was 6 or 7 years old we got to spend the day with her. We were visiting from El Salvador. I didn't know more than a handful of words in English. She had to work and left us with uncle Kevin for a while. He was so nice to take us fishing. We were on the back seat of that gorgeous Cadillac convertible. I didn't know how to ask my uncle I was dying to go to the bathroom, so I pee right where I was seated. The only good thing was that nobody notice it, at least not that I knew. I'm sorry uncle Kevin! Now I'm realizing that I finally can apologize to you in English.

That night I slept at her apartment where I had my very first experience with a cat. The cat jumped on the bed as soon as she lays on it. It was purring laying on her legs. I will always remember her being so energetic, talking a lot, and calling me as “my love” instead of with my name. I never thought I was ever going to see her calm, but cats had that effect on her. I will never forget that day. I still have that scene on my mind as fresh as the soft feeling of the cat hair on my hands. Only a few days ago she said to me “I love you too my love” and I can't be happier! Love you too, Tia Tere!!!

Tania Miller - December 05, 2023 at 02:18 AM

MR

Tere, you were my sister in law, but more importantly my friend. So many memories, so many laughs...I will miss you forever, but I know you are at peace...until I see you again,I love you...fly with the angels....💕

Maureen Roy - December 05, 2023 at 02:23 PM

MF

“ My deepest sympathy to my brother Kevin and my nephew Darren. Tere will be missed and her memory held deep within our hearts.

Mary Foley - November 30, 2023 at 10:21 PM

BM

“ I miss my little sister, Tere, terribly. When I find myself crying I think of what she would say to me, “come on Blanchie, no more crying. You’ve cried enough. You gotta feel fine because no one will do it for you.” She was always so strong and positive. I love you hermanita...



Blanca Murphy - November 30, 2023 at 06:58 PM

IM

Yo tengo grandes recuerdos con mi prima Tere. Nos reíamos mucho cuando llegaba a visitarnos y nos mecíamos en una hamaca hasta cansarnos o listos para tomar atol de elote. I miss her a lot

Irma Marín - November 30, 2023 at 08:39 PM