



## Virginia Tarraza

June 24, 1930 - May 1, 2022

Virginia (Rosario) Tarraza passed away unexpectedly at home on May 1, 2022, she was 91. A native of Bayamon Puerto Rico, Virginia was born June 24, 1930 to the late Juan and Benita Rosario. She is also predeceased by her four siblings, Katalina, Ignacio, Ismael, and Gregoria.

Virginia met her future husband and love of her life, Hector Tarraza Sr. when she was in fifth grade. They married in 1953 when Hector returned from the Korean war. She became a dutiful army wife, traveled throughout the US and around the world for 21 years of service before returning to Puerto Rico settling in San Juan.

Virginia remained in Puerto Rico until 2017 when she moved to Maine following Puerto Rico's devastation from hurricane Maria. She had survived many hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters however hurricane Maria, left her without electricity for several months with minimal supplies. Despite this, Virginia never complained, willingly shared her resources including the sole neighborhood generator with her neighbors and friends making sure everyone had food and provisions to survive. Virginia always cared for others when in need, hurricane Maria was no different.

Lack of resources, along with her age and failing health ultimately brought her to Maine where she resided with her son Dr. Hector Tarraza and her granddaughter Taylor who became her devoted caretaker. She spent these last years of her life as a bright light in the lives of so many, becoming the adopted "Abuela" to extended family, and friends. She loved teaching the children Spanish and reminding all of us of her times of Christmas in Hawaii with her patented recitation of "Mele Kalikimaka" (Merry Christmas in Hawaiian).

Virginia loved life, beautifying her home with elaborate gardens and treasures, and gifting to others. She loved to dance and sing; she was always the life of the party. The week prior to her death she celebrated at a family party singing Happy Birthday in Spanish to her dear friend Paula DeCain.

Virginia leaves behind her two sons Hector Jr. of Westbrook, ME, Carlos of Phil, PA, grandchildren JoAnn Tarraza and her husband Randu Dominuez of the Dominican Republic, Fr William Tarraza, OFM-Cap, of Boston MA, Taylor Tarraza of Westbrook ME, brother in law Jorge Tarraza of Puerto Rico, great grandchild Raduan Dominguez, of Dominican Republic, many nieces, nephews and friends in Puerto Rico, and her beloved friends and family in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Also, the family would like to thank Dr. Eleni Nackos, her nurses and staff who took special care of her during her cancer treatment, in Virginia's words "they made me a queen".

A funeral mass will be celebrated by her grandson Fr William Tarraza on June 4 at 11 am at St Bartholomew's church in Cape Elizabeth ME. Burial will be at a later date in the (military) National Cemetery of Puerto Rico where she will be laid to rest with her husband.

In lieu of flowers donations in her honor to the recently dedicated CMMC Cancer Care Center.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Bartholomew Church  
8 Two Lights Rd.  
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

# Tribute Wall

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“ A “Mother’s Love” burns like an eternal flame....forever lighting the lives of those that she has touched and loved. The Tarraza family has been Blessed to have such a shining example of love & kindness....which exudes in her family....always empathetic & giving of themselves to others—what a tribute to you Virginia!! May you rest in eternal peace...💕💕

Nancy Thompson - May 25 at 02:16 PM

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“ Mami was a wonderful grandma and mother to me. I have so many great memories that I will cherish forever. This was the last picture of me and her in Nov 2019 before the pandemic which I was not allowed to travel or go anywhere for over two years. I was planning on seeing her over the summer but unfortunately God had other plans for her. May her legacy live on amongst her family and May she always be remembered as a kind, caring soul that loved life and her family. Jo Ann



Jo Ann Tarraza - May 23 at 04:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Tarraza.



May 23 at 03:59 PM

“ *What a beautiful woman always wearing a smile and such beautiful soft skin. A beacon of , love, happiness and beauty. She was so proud of Fr William her grandson and her loving granddaughter and caretaker Taylor who was ever so loyal to the bitter end. Virginia carried God in her heart and was beyond proud of her dear son Dr Hector .. she would beam with a glisten in her eyes when she spoke of him. Marianne was always there for her for which Virginia was ever so grateful always including her in all the various breadth of family gatherings. My heart is heavy to see her rise up to the heavens ... yet she will be at peace and dance with Hector Sr in the heavens. God Bless you all at this most difficult time. She will be at rest guided by the angels to her final resting place. I was fortunate to care for when she first arrived to the States after the hurricane, and honor and privilege I will forever treasure. God Bless you all and know you are very much loved at this difficult time. It's always tough to lose a Mom and Grandma suddenly no matter what the age. Love you all,*  
*Dr Sheila Pinette*

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**Dr Sheila Pinette** - May 23 at 03:51 PM