



Laurenda Joyce Arcos

June 1, 1956 - November 26, 2022

Laurenda Joyce Arcos, 66, Miami, FL resident, died Nov. 26, 2022, at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC, after a long illness.

Laurenda was born June 1, 1956, in Syracuse, NY, to Michael and Joyce (Murray) Debottis, the third of six children. As a child, she survived an open-heart surgery procedure, and paid that forward by becoming a registered, pediatric nurse for the entirety of her professional career. She was retired from Miami Children's Hospital. She is a graduate of SUNY Upstate Medical University.

But perhaps the most important part of her life story began in high school when as a foreign exchange student in Ecuador, she fell in love with Juan "Pancho" Arcos. As teens, she and Juan formed a lifetime bond that brought them 46 years of a happy marriage and three children.

Besides her husband, she leaves behind their children, Joyce Ashley Marie Arcos of Charlottesville, VA; Michael Gustavo Arcos of New Orleans, LA; Joseph Francisco Arcos and

daughter in-law Amy Arcos of Durham, NC; grandchildren, Thomas Gustavo Arcos and Wesley David Arcos; siblings, William Butler, Valerie Butler Townsend and Joseph Debottis; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Laurenda had a passion for giving love and affirmation to those who needed it most — when they needed it most. Many in their south Florida community considered Laurenda their second mother. Laurenda was a lively and vibrant woman who embraced life, even as she struggled daily with her health. She and Juan traveled to Durham to make sure she could spend one last Halloween with their grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will take place 11:30 am Saturday, February 18, 2023 in Saint Louis Catholic Church, 7270 SW 120 St. Pinecrest, FL 33156. Celebrating the mass will be Fr. Pedro Toledo. Reception in the Family Center: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

Saint Louis Catholic Church
7270 SW 120 St.
Pinecrest, FL 33156

Reception

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