



## Wilhelmina Tucay Busby

August 26, 1949 - February 21, 2016

On February 21, 2016, as her breast cancer metastasized and invaded her brain, Wilhelmina Tucay Busby transcended from this corporeal world at the age of 66.

Her soul began her journey on August 26, 1949 at Ft. William McKinley in the Philippines, where she was brought to this world by B. Gen Domingo and Leonor Tucay. She graduated in 1974 with a degree in Industrial Pharmacy from the University of the Philippines. With it she came to the US to work on clinical drug studies for gaining FDA approval until she retired in 2015 to become a host on Airbnb.

She departs us now to join her parents, leaving among us her former husband, Philip F. Busby Jr.; her son, Philip James; and her daughters Gemma, and Nicole; along with her brothers, nieces and nephews, and their children.

While her spirit lives on forever, her body will be entombed on Thursday, February 25th at 2pm at Wake Memorial Park, 7002 Green Hope School Rd, Cary, NC. A Memorial mass for Willie will be held at 11 AM April 1st at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, Cary.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Matthew 6:21 and send donations to the

Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Foundation; or to Gemma Leonor Tucay Busby  
Third Party Special Needs Trust 8000  
Attn Lisa Myers, Suntrust, 411 Fayetteville St Ste 108, Raleigh NC 27601

Condolences may be made to [www.wakefuneral.com](http://www.wakefuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd  
Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 465-0888  
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery  
7002 Green Hope School Rd  
Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 465-0888  
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

## Reception

FEB 25. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaeltcary.org/>

## Funeral Mass

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APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaeltcary.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Nicole Busby** - April 02, 2016 at 08:14 PM

DD

“ I am just hearing about the sad news of Willie's passing. She was always the life of the party and she knew how to make us laugh. She was extremely intelligent and I learned a lot about being a Mom from her. Even though I met her years before I ever became a Mom when I worked at PPD. As single Moms go, she was one of the best! Always loving her children and making sure they had what they needed, and she always did it with a pleasant smile. I will never forget her! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Sincerely,  
Davetta Dunlap

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**Davetta Dunlap** - March 04, 2016 at 03:12 PM



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**Nicole Busby** - February 28, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Julie Zimmerman** - February 25, 2016 at 06:53 PM



*Thought I would share. From a 2009 dance party.*

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**Julie Zimmerman** - February 25, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilhelmina Tucay Busby.*



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February 25, 2016 at 09:16 AM

LG

“ First please accept my most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Willie B. I am so very sorry for your loss. Willie was practically the first person I met when I moved to Durham NC in 1991. Her bright smile and kind gestures always helped me feel better when times were tough on the job at PPD. We shared many a meal and talked about everything from travel to her love of fainting goats and flowers. Such a bright light can never be completely extinguished! Though my heart is heavy, I trust she will continue to travel through the cosmos and shower love on those left behind. Rest in Peace lovely lady ❤️  
Laura Gibowski



Laura Gibowski - February 25, 2016 at 04:32 AM

DB

“ Debbi, Mike & Maggy, and Matt Bell purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Wilhelmina Tucay Busby.



Debbi, Mike & Maggy, and Matt Bell - February 25, 2016 at 04:30 AM

RL

“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to Willie's family and friends. I worked with Willie at Novella for the the last few years before she retired, and while I never met her face to face, her positive attitude and friendly demeanor were always obvious even through phone conversations and email. She was a bright light and will be missed.

Rebecca Light - February 25, 2016 at 12:48 AM

PH

“ *Willie was one of my closest friends. I will miss her encouraging advice, her great stories and her overall positive outlook on life. A memory that I will cherish is a trip we took to the state fair grounds to buy azaleas one summer. We spent hours reading about all the different types of azaleas and picking out the perfect azaleas for our gardens. All the azaleas that I picked that day are still alive and well in my back yard and will remind me of her friendship for a long time.* ”

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**Peggy Hastie** - February 24, 2016 at 10:39 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Wilhelmina Tucay Busby.* ”



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February 24, 2016 at 10:14 PM

YI

“ *Yuhuan Xie, Yi Liu, and Robert T. Isaacs purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Wilhelmina Tucay Busby.* ”



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**Yuhuan Xie, Yi Liu, and Robert T. Isaacs** - February 24, 2016  
at 09:04 PM

YU

“ We rented one room at Willi's place for a few months in 2007 but we become lifelong friends since. Willi took us in as if we are part of her family. We shared stories about journeys we took as immigrants in a foreign land, single mothers but independent professionals, and divorced wife who still genuinely care about our ex-husband..We will always remember her as a kind, caring, energetic, positive, and strong person.

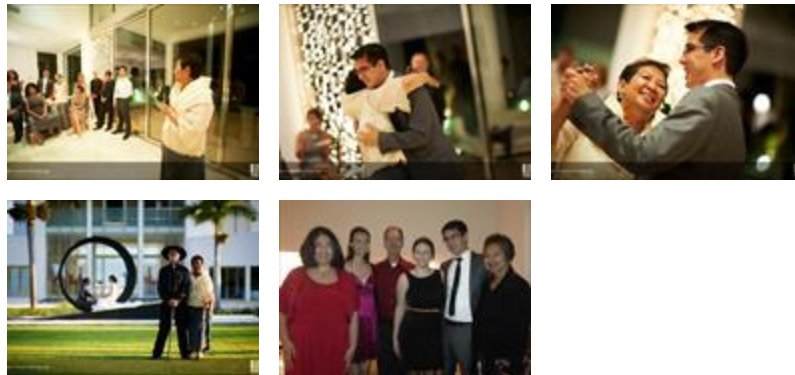
*Yuhuan and Yi*

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**Yuhuan** - February 24, 2016 at 08:49 PM

CA

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Carlee** - February 24, 2016 at 01:12 PM

CG

“ Willie has been a work friend for many years, and the first thing I think of when remembering Willie is her big grin. She was always chuckling over something, as if she had some hilarious secret. Her creativity was boundless, and we were constantly amused and amazed by her costumes, decorations, and her enthusiasm for celebrations. She always led the way in finding the joy in life, and we at Novella will never forget our Willie.

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**Cindy Glass** - February 24, 2016 at 11:48 AM

PP

“ I visited Minnie in her home when her mom and dad were still alive. That weekend is still vivid in my memory. She toured me in her garden--she loved roses. She prepared a meal for the group and it was a pleasant weekend for everyone. Minnie was easy to get along with and she was always smiling. Minnie will be missed. Rest in peace! May the angels meet you and bring you to heavenly glory!



Pauline Velasco Pompei - February 24, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilhelmina Tucay Busby.



February 24, 2016 at 02:07 AM



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Nicole Busby - February 23, 2016 at 11:23 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Christi Clark - February 23, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Rosey James - February 23, 2016 at 07:03 PM

JZ

“ *My deepest condolences to Willie's family and friends. I worked with her at Novella for a number of years and shared a love of dance. I remember when our daughters were at same dance studio together. It saddens me to know her light is gone from the world. But I'll always remember her Halloween costumes. Her cube decorating. And how she was always so light and bright, fun to be around, and upbeat. You are greatly missed my friend.*

Julie Zimmerman - February 23, 2016 at 01:05 PM

LP

“Minnie and I became very close friends since we saw each other again last year's at our GSS Valentine Party. Since then we spent time together a lot going places, eating out, shopping and talk about 3 to 4 times during the day. She was the sister I always wished to have. Sweet, thoughtful, generous and always sharing her thoughts and ideas. I will surely miss her. I loved you, Minnie.

linda phillips - February 23, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wilhelmina Tucay Busby.



February 23, 2016 at 11:44 AM

DM

“My deepest sympathy goes to you for the loss of Willie. I worked with her at Novella for many years and she was one of the nicest people I have ever met. One of my favorite memories of her was when she decorated her cube at Halloween as a cave and came dressed up like a cave woman. She always had a smile on her face and I will always remember her.

Debbie Moore - February 23, 2016 at 11:16 AM

JT

“I have loved Minnie for so many years from our first meeting in the Philippines to the farm in North Carolina to this very day. She was always ready to listen & laugh--the best sister-in-law anyone could hope for. So glad we had Thanksgiving. Rest in peace Minniegirl❤️

Janet Tucay - February 23, 2016 at 11:12 AM

KH

“Willie was so funny and thoughtful and kind. She and I shared a love of farm life (particularly goats) and humor--I kept a little plastic goat she got me on my desk for a very long time. I will never forget her sharing some of her thoughts on recovering from breast cancer with me. Rather than putting the emphasis on her suffering, she found some risqué and frankly hilarious insights to share. She was one of a kind, and I will miss her. The world was a better place with her in it. Godspeed, Willie.

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**Kellie Hamilton** - February 23, 2016 at 07:45 AM