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Synthia Calderon Scanu joined the many angels who awaited her in heaven on January 8, 2021. Though she said she did not want to go because of “you”, she also said she was ready. Mami Synthia, as she was known to her children, grandchildren, and countless others she “adopted”, was a born April 2, 1951 in the island of Puerto Rico. She married young and moved to Chicago, Illinois, where she worked for an insurance company and had her first child, Lizy. When she could no longer stand the bitter cold and the distance, she returned to her native island, where Sindy and Omar were born.

Synthia was by all accounts a woman ahead of her time. Early in life, her work at an airline inspired her to launch one of the first travel agencies in Puerto Rico. As the owner, she planned the vacations and business travels of many. She journeyed to many countries, some of which became her personal favorites: Brazil –a place to which she felt eternally connected - and Italy - where she lived for many years and finally learned to be a housewife to Adriano and stay-at-home mom to Omar. There, she also learned to cook delicious Italian dishes, which we all enjoyed once she returned to the United States. Her love of the kitchen predated her time in Italy, and she actually owned more than one restaurant in her lifetime. If you loved her food it made her happy and if you clapped for the chef she felt ecstatic!

Her life in the United States was yet another journey which took her to Florida, Georgia, and Texas. In Florida she set up her second travel agency, Journeys International and later worked as a Marketing Manager and Event Coordinator for Ramada Inn helping plan conventions, weddings, and other special events. In Houston, Texas she worked at Gucci, where she broke sales records because she never judged a book by its cover and greeted and treated everyone who walked through the door with love, respect, and kindness.

During her business adventures, Synthia managed more than one apartment complex and a national bank. From 1998 to 2018, she helped establish the mass torts department at the law firms



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of Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels Matthews & Friend and later at Matthews & Associates, where she worked together with Lizy, who was in her eyes “the number one lawyer”. There, she managed and helped thousands of clients and touched countless of her colleagues’ lives. She gave, advice, counsel, and prayer to anyone in distress, often writing the name of that person on a small sticky note and taping it to the beautiful Angel she kept in her office. She prayed for everyone - even those who were not so nice!

In 2016, Sindy graduated from law school and rightly so also earned the title of “number one lawyer”, as given by Mami Synthia. Unplanned, but perfectly timed, late in her career Mami Synthia helped Sindy establish and manage a successful law and immigration practice. Together with Sindy, Mami Synthia stepped foot in many courtrooms, airports, hotels, and conventions, all while they helped hundreds of clients find refuge and asylum in the United States. Mami Synthia felt fortunate – blessed – to have had the opportunity to travel frequently with Sindy, as her favorite travel companion. Mrs. Scanu – as she is known at the Santiago Law Firm - was passionate about her work. She genuinely loved the legal team and the clients, and they genuinely loved her.

Mami Synthia was creative and artistic. She loved music, painting, dancing. Her creative talents and people skills, she passed on to Omar. He is a model, a DJ, an actor in commercials and movies, a self-taught musician, and a painter – and she his number one cheerleader! When Omar became a real estate agent, Mami Synthia bestowed upon him the inevitable title of “number one real estate agent” and was immensely proud when that very title was awarded to him multiple times by independent sources, as she knew all of her cheering had done him some good!

Mami Synthia was her children’s #1 fan and made no secret of it. She was also a friend, a rock and an anchor to many. She was loved and will be missed by everyone whose lives she touched during her 69 years on earth: her children- Iveliz “Lizy” Santiago, Synthia “Sindy” Santiago, and Omar “Omarcito” Scanu), her grandchildren (Jesus “Jesse” Montalvo (1989-2003), Joefenech “Joey” Montalvo (29), Eric Esteban Cardenas (27), Victoria Cecilia Salazar (15), Isabella “Izzy” Montes de Oca (14), Elise Juliette Montes de Oca (13), Andres Alexander Montes de Oca (11), Elyanna Sofia Salazar (8), and Claire Alexandra Scanu (4), her Italian love and partner, Adriano Scanu, her loyal Sheltie, Lucca, her siblings, Antonio Calderon Ponce, and her little sister, Brenda Ortiz Ponce. She will also be missed by her children-in-law, Manuel Montes de Oca (Lizy), Douglas Salazar (Sindy), and Crystal Golden Scanu (Omar), countless “adopted” siblings, children, grandchildren and friends. She was predeceased by her mother, Georgina Ponce Ramos (1933-1995), father, Antonio



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Calderon Hernandez (1925-1984), step-father, Saturnino Ortiz Lanzo (1908-1991), who raised her, brother, Sergio Sosa Ponce (1953-2016), and grandson, Jesus “Jesse” Montalvo Santiago (1989-2003), .

Mami Synthia loved languages – if someone ever asked if she spoke English she would proudly say: “I speak five languages”- though she mastered three: Spanish, Italian, and English - she was definitely multilingual. She loved to read and was an avid note taker – some of the notes she left behind gave us insight into her thoughts, and for that we are thankful. She loved science and the laboratory some call “the kitchen” and made cooking together an enjoyable part of many dinner parties! Mami Synthia loved good wine and good food. She introduced us to pinot grigio, prosecco, good pasta and seafood paella. She also loved God. She lived life to its fullest, but one day at a time. Synthia’s family will gather on January 20, 2021 to celebrate her life (visitation from 9:00 – 10:00, service from 10:00 to 11:00). Friends and colleagues are invited to join the family to share their memories of Synthia during an outdoor dove releasing ceremony at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland, Texas at 10:45 a.m. on January 20, 2021.

If you would like to join us via live stream please click on the following link:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/45833>

Synthia Calderón Scanu se unió a los muchos ángeles que la esperaban en el cielo el 8 de enero de 2021. Aunque dijo “no quiero irme por ustedes”, también dijo “pero estoy lista”. Mami Synthia, como era conocida por sus hijos, nietos, e innumerables otros que “adoptó”, nació el 2 de abril de 1951 en la isla de Puerto Rico. Se casó joven y se mudó a Chicago, Illinois, donde trabajó en la oficina de un doctor por un breve tiempo y tuvo su primer hija, Lizy. Cuando ya no podía soportar el frío y la distancia, regresó a su isla natal, donde nacieron Sindy y Omar.

Synthia era por todas las cuentas una mujer adelantada a su tiempo. Al principio de su vida, su trabajo en una aerolínea la inspiró a lanzar una de las primeras agencias de viajes en Puerto Rico. Como propietaria, planeó las vacaciones y los viajes de negocios de muchos. Viajó a diferentes países, algunos de los cuales se convirtieron en sus favoritos: Brasil -un lugar al que se sentía eternamente conectada- e Italia, donde vivió durante muchos años junto con Adriano y Omar y finalmente aprendió a ser ama de casa. Allí, también aprendió a cocinar los deliciosos platos italianos, de los cuales todos disfrutamos una vez que regresó a los Estados Unidos. Su amor por la cocina existió antes de su época en Italia; ella fue dueña de más de un restaurante en su vida. Si te gustaba su comida eso la hacía feliz y si aplaudiste por ella, “el chef” se sentía extasiada!



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Su vida en los Estados Unidos fue otro viaje que la llevó a Florida, Georgia y Texas. En Florida creó su segunda agencia de viajes, Journeys International y más tarde trabajó como Gerente de Marketing y Coordinador de Eventos para Ramada Inn ayudando a planificar convenciones, bodas y otros eventos especiales. En Houston, Texas, trabajó en Gucci, donde batió récords de ventas porque nunca juzgó un libro por su portada y saludó y trató a todos los que entraron por la puerta con amor, respeto y amabilidad.

Durante sus aventuras de negocios, Synthia administró más de un complejo de apartamentos y un banco nacional. De 1998 a 2018, ayudó a establecer el departamento de agravios de masas en los bufetes de abogados de Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels Matthews & Friend y más tarde en Matthews & Associates, donde trabajó con Lizzy, que en sus ojos era "el abogado número uno". Allí, gestionó y ayudó a miles de clientes y tocó la vida de innumerables de sus colegas. Ella dio, consejo y oración a muchos a menudo escribiendo el nombre de esa persona en una papelito que pegaba al hermoso ángel que guardaba en su oficina. ¡Ella oraba por todos, incluso por aquellos que no eran tan amables!

En 2016, Sindy se graduó de la escuela de derecho y, con razón, también ganó el título de "abogado número uno", dado por Mami Synthia. Imprevisto, pero perfectamente cronometrado, al final de su carrera Mami Synthia ayudó a Sindy a establecer y administrar una exitosa práctica de derecho e inmigración. Junto con Sindy, Mami Synthia pisó muchos tribunales, aeropuertos, hoteles y convenciones, todo mientras ayudaban a cientos de clientes a encontrar refugio y asilo en los Estados Unidos. Mami Synthia se sintió afortunada – bendita – de haber tenido la oportunidad de viajar con frecuencia con Sindy, su compañera de viaje favorita. La Sra. Scanu, como se la conoce en el bufete de abogados de Santiago, era una apasionada de su trabajo. Ella realmente amaba al equipo legal y a los clientes, y todos ellos la amaban también a ella. Mami Synthia fue creativa y artística. Le encantaba la música, la pintura, el baile. Sus talentos creativos y don de habilidades sociales, le transmitió a Omar. El es modelo, DJ, un actor de películas y comerciales, músico (autodidacto) y pintor, ¡y Mami Synthia fue y será su animadora número uno! Cuando Omar se convirtió en un agente de bienes raíces, Mami Synthia le otorgó el título inevitable de "agente de bienes raíces número uno". Luego sintió un gran orgullo cuando ese mismo título le fue otorgado varias veces por fuentes independiente pues supo que todos sus porras y aplausos le hicieron bien a Omar!

Mami Synthia era la fanática #1 de sus hijos – sin apenarse, además de ser su una gran amiga, una roca y un ancla para muchos. Fue amada y será extrañada por todas las personas que tocó durante



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sus 69 años en la tierra: sus hijos- Iveliz "Lizy" Santiago, Synthia "Sindy" Santiago, y Omar "Omarcito" Scanu, sus nietos (Jesús "Jesse" Montalvo (1989-2003), Joefenech "Joey" Montalvo (29), Eric Esteban Cárdenas (27), Victoria Cecilia Salazar (15), Isabella "Izzy" Montes de Oca (14), Elise Juliette Montes de Oca (13), Andrés Alexander Montes de Oca (11), Elyanna Sofia Salazar (8) y Claire Alexandra Scanu (4), su amor y compañero, Adriano Scanu, su leal Sheltie, Lucca, sus hermanos, Antonio Calderón Ponce, y su hermana pequeña, Brenda Ortiz Ponce. También será extrañada por sus hijos-políticos, Manuel Montes de Oca (Lizy), Douglas Salazar (Sindy), y Crystal Golden Scanu (Omar), innumerables hermanos "adoptados", hijos, nietos y amigos. Fue precedida por su madre, Georgina Ponce Ramos (1933-1995), padre, Antonio Calderón Hernández (1925-1984), su padrastro quien la crio, Saturnino Ortiz Lanzo (1908-1991) hermano, Sergio Sosa Ponce (1953-2016), y nieto, Jesús "Jesse" Montalvo Santiago (1989-2003).

A Mami Synthia le encantaban los idiomas - si alguien alguna vez le preguntaba si hablaba inglés, decía con orgullo: "Hablo cinco idiomas"- aunque dominaba tres: español, italiano e inglés, ella era definitivamente multilinguista. Le encantaba leer y era una ávida toma de notas – algunas de las notas que dejó atrás nos dieron una idea de sus pensamientos, y por ellas estamos agradecidos. Le encantaba la ciencia y el laboratorio algunos llaman "la cocina" y cocinar juntos fue una parte agradable de muchas cenas! Mami Synthia amaba el buen vino y la buena comida. Ella nos introdujo al pinot grigio, el prosecco, la buena pasta y paella de mariscos. Ella también amaba a Dios. Vivió la vida al máximo, y un día a la vez. La familia de Synthia se reunirá el 20 de enero de 2021 para celebrar su vida (Visita de 9:00 a.m. a 10:00 a.m. y servicio de 10:00 a 11:00 a.m.). Amigos y colegas están invitados a compartir con la familia sus recuerdos de Synthia durante una ceremonia al aire libre de lanzamiento de paloma al aire libre en SouthPark Funeral Home en Pearland, Texas a las 10:45 a.m.

Si desea unirse a nosotros a través de la transmisión en vivo por favor haga clic en el siguiente enlace: <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/45833>




Events


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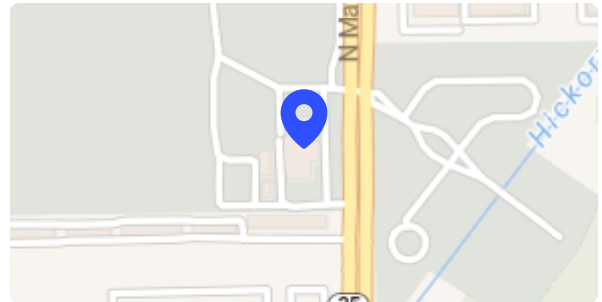
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, January 20, 2021


 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT


 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

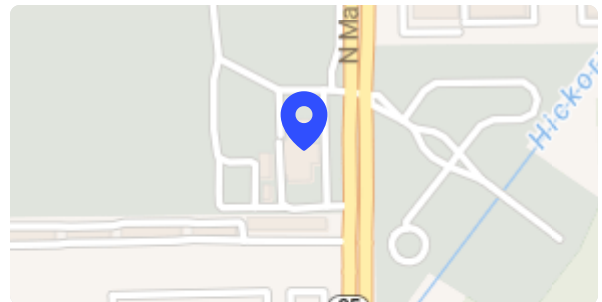


Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, January 20, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581





Tribute Wall

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MS

Marisol Salazar shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Mami Synthia was a beautiful, kind hearted woman whom I had the pleasure of meeting at Abraham & Watkins back in April of 2001, and we then moved on to Matthews & Associates. She loved everyone and treated many as their very own. Thank you for teaching me to always think positive. Thank you for the many many word of encouragement and prayers throughout my difficult years. We shared so much together... so many secrets, laughs, tears, and prayers. She will be missed by many - our huntgroup2 will always remember mami Synthia. She will forever be in my heart! QEPD mami Synthia. Our guardian angel..

January 20 at 7:47 AM

RR

Rica Rinosa-Rios posted:

Synthia always had a great smile and so warm & welcoming! I remember chatting with her in the M&A kitchen and she would tell me about her weekend & chatted about her travels in Italy She was very proud of her children and grandkids. Everyone adored because it didn't matter who she talked to she was always so sweet and kind to everyone! You will truly be missed by all! May you rest in Peace Synthia. My condolences to the family especially Lizy, Sindy and Joey.

January 20 at 7:43 AM

SA

Shawni Alexander posted:

I was hoping to make it there in person but luckily was able to join on line. I will always cherish my memories with SYNTHIA. The most beautiful, caring and loving friend that I was blessed to know. Synthia was a rare diamond, her beauty sparkled even if her light was a little dim. She always walked in love and was the perfect example of a Christian. She loved the Lord and never once doubted her faith. She spoke so highly of her kids and they meant the world to her. She was so proud of their accomplishments. We were both Sheltie lovers, our dogs were so special to us We laughed a lot, we prayed together and I thank God we stayed in touch after I moved away. I was also blessed to enjoy her fabulous cooking. A true chef, no doubt. I will remember all of our lunch dates and how we always had such positive conversations. We always said we'd get together again and she always told me that my NY loft awaits for me to stay again. Until we meet again my dear sweet beautiful friend, I will miss you always. Shawni

January 20 at 7:27 AM



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Jesse Cardenas shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Thank you for the gift you have bestowed upon me; Mami Synthia gave me the gift of unconditional love for our family; she showed me that family comes first and that we must show that love to our loved ones, here, now. It amazes me how this simple act can transform one's relationship with others; she had unconditional love with no strings attached with her kids and that made me do the same with my son. I will cherish our last time together and be forever grateful to have been a part of your life, May your spirit always accompany us forever ❤️👤 Jesse Cardenas

January 20 at 7:05 AM



Yvonne Ortega posted:

So many great memories spending time together! Her cooking was so wonderful, her laughter was contagious! Always asking about Scotty, and just a generous person! Love you Mama Synthia!

January 20 at 7:03 AM



Jesse Cardenas lit a candle in honor of Synthia.

Your spirit will live within us forever 👤❤️



January 20 at 6:58 AM



Jesse Cardenas lit a candle in honor of Synthia.



January 20 at 6:54 AM



Yosvani Bachiller lit a candle in honor of Synthia.

La llevare siempre en mi corazon



January 20 at 5:39 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Scanu family.



January 20 at 4:10 AM



Sandra Dean shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



My dear Synthia, my friend , my mentor. You took me under your wings like your own . You taught me so much . I admired your strength and love you gave to all. You were always classy and on point beautiful inside out! How I miss you and your laughter your joyous soul. I will never forget you ! You will always be in my heart. I love you Synthia I always did since I met you. Fly high my friend. Till we meet again . Love always , Sandra Dean .

January 19 at 3:26 PM



Marisol Salazar shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 20 at 7:47 AM





Jesse Cardenas shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 20 at 7:05 AM





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Sandra Dean shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 19 at 3:26 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Synthia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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