



Fabiola S. Brown

July 26, 1945 - June 12, 2015

Fabiola Brown lost her valiant fight against pancreatic cancer on June 12, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luis and Rosa Sarmiento. Fabiola is survived by her devoted husband, Charles; daughter Tracy and son Keith. She leaves behind sisters, Amparo and Martha Sarmiento; and brother, Pedro Sarmiento. Having grandchildren late in life, Kai Brown, Byrony Warner and Kaleigh Hockett were the love of her life. Her brothers-in-law Howard Brown (Lynn), Rafael Colmenares (Amparo), sister in law, Martha Pacheco, nephews Douglas and Stephen Brown, Claudio and Fernando Motley, nieces Natalia and Sonia Sarmiento, Andrea Narranjo Benavides and Irene Carrete all survive her.

Fabiola emigrated to the United States from her native Colombia at age 20. She embraced her new homeland and its rich customs and traditions. Fabiola learned English and was employed at New York Hospital in White Plains, NY as an accounting clerk. Her sports junkie husband dragged her to all the sports venues in the NYC area. In 1977 she, Charles and infant Tracy left New York for Albuquerque. Fabiola was a kindergarden teacher at Sunset Mesa School. She converted to Judaism and was actively involved at Congregation Albert and was co-president of the Sisterhood with her dear friend, Xena Finkelstein.

Pulmonary fibrosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and cancer all impeded her last 23 years but her fighting spirit, and will to live, was an inspiration to all who knew her.

The family wishes to thank Presbyterian and UNM Cancer Center doctors for their care. We also thank the talented caregivers from On Point Home Healthcare and Gentiva Hospice for their devotion in her last months. Finally we need to recognize a special friend in her life, Maureen Anderson. Your friendship and devotion meant a lot to all of us. A Funeral Service will be held at Congregation Albert, 3800 Louisiana NE on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., with entombment immediately following at Sunset Memorial Park, 924 Menaul NE. In lieu of flower, donations can be made to University of New Mexico Cancer Center www.nmcancercenter.org or Congregation Albert, www.congregationalbert.org/donate-sp-741

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **17**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Congregation Albert
3800 Louisiana Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I often wonder how different my life would be if my Tia, Tio, Tracy, and Keith had not welcomed us to their home when we moved to the U.S. At the time, I was too young to comprehend the magnitude of their gesture, but I now realize that their hospitality was the crucial first step for me and my family to achieve the American Dream. Tia and Tio gave me and my family a wonderful opportunity and our gratitude is unmeasurable.

I remember that Tia would always treat me and my sister as her own offspring. We were always included on family camping trips, given gifts during Hanukkah, and forced to eat our vegetables before leaving the dinner table. Tia's love and support did not diminish as the years passed. I recall when Tia and Tio made the trip to Tucson to help me move into my first dorm as a college freshman. We even broke the rules and snuck Tia's guardian, Fly, into my new room.

I always appreciated Tia's sense of humor, and even though we heard the same joke on numerous occasions, her enthusiasm and giddy smile always made everyone laugh time and time again. My memories of Tia will never fade. Her generosity, love, and kindness will always serve as a reminder to be caring and supportive of others.

Sonia Sarmiento - June 17, 2015 at 01:50 AM

NS

“It was a true honor and privilege to call Tia Fabiola my aunt. Tía, tío, Keith and Tracy opened their hearts and home when my mom, sister and I arrived to the U.S. from Colombia, and forever changed our lives. For that I can never thank her enough. Tia has been and always will be an amazing inspiration and a true image of a strong, independent woman who does not give up. Her valor, willingness to fight and never back down are traits she has passed down. I have amazing memories of Tia doing my hair for all my school dances, doing my make up for prom, and encouraging me to apply to Standord even though I was pretty sure I wouldn't get in, but telling me it didn't matter because all that mattered was that I tried. Tia always believed in me and always supported my choices. She has taught me that you have to fight for what you want and she has demonstrated that until the end. Sacrifices must be made but they are worth while if you are pursuing your passion. Her love and legacy have touched every life she has been a part of. Although she is no longer physically with us, her legacy continues to live in each of us.

Tia, no hay palabras que pueden expresar la gratitud y respeto que siento por usted. Gracias por su amor, su apoyo, sus palabras consoladoras, sus consejos y su sonrisa. Se que siempre la tendré a mi lado, cuidándome y guiándome a ser la mujer que la haría orgullosa. La quiero hoy y siempre.

Natalia Sarmiento - June 16, 2015 at 11:18 PM

JB

“Charlie, How Paul and I loved the time we spent with the two of you in Gatlinburg, TN. a few years back. I remember on the ride there that Fab was not feeling well. We had to pull off the road several times for her to exit the car. Each time she returned saying how beautiful the night was or the scenery. As we walked around Gatlinburg, she was taking photos of all the beautiful flowers and one would never have suspected that she was not feeling well. She had a patience and gentleness about her that I admired. As I knew her, and as we talked, she was always upbeat and positive. We also had such a great time with Tracy and Keith at Keith's Bar Mitzvah. She will be greatly missed, but her love will be with you always. She leaves behind 2 beautiful children and 3 grandchildren that will continue to give you meaning in your life. God Bless, With Love, Paul and Joan

Joan Berg - June 16, 2015 at 07:41 PM

JA

“Anna and I truly enjoyed when Fabiola and Charles came to visit us in New York. And, we had a wonderful luncheon at the Half Moon Restaurant on the Hudson.

James - June 16, 2015 at 03:13 PM

JA

“ 4 files added to the album Friends



James & Anna - June 16, 2015 at 03:10 PM

JP

“ I had the extreme pleasure of knowing Fabiola and Charles for many years. My last memory is of sharing a special moment with Fabiola in March. She shared pictures of her beautiful children and grandchildren. Although she was recovering from surgery, nothing could keep her from lighting up as we looked at each picture of her lovely family. That's how Fabiola will always be remembered: a loving mother, wife, grandmother and friend. My condolences and love go to the Brown family in this time of sorrow. Let the love she leaves you with serve as a light to guide you through your grief.

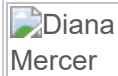
Jeanette Paiz - June 16, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Fabiola S. Brown.



June 16, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ *Fabiola you taught our family what is important in our short lives, friends,family,fellowship and love for God. Your presence will always be with us in the life of your Son. Our prayers for your family, Diana & Gary*

Diana Mercer - June 16, 2015 at 06:26 AM

ML

“ *We always enjoyed Fabiola's company along with her better half, Charles. Having dinner or being at a baseball game meant a lot to both Aaron and I. We wished we met both of them sooner. Prayers and Hugs, Marilyn Lafer*

marilyn Lafer - June 16, 2015 at 03:34 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Fabiola S. Brown.*



June 15, 2015 at 07:55 PM

LB

“ *Tracy, I never met your mother, nor you either yet, but I know the difference the two of you have made in Joey's life. We are very fond of Joey, as he can tell you. The joy he has in his life with you and Bryony and your family has been wonderful to see. It is obvious how rich his life is now. Thank you. Our hearts are with you now and always. So is our love.*

Laura and Sam Beckham - June 15, 2015 at 06:49 PM

AV

“ We will always treasure the god times we had together....from the first time met in White Plains... our first kitten came from her cat's litter ... to the fun we had in Las Vegas and for the many times we met at various occasions both in New York and in Albuquerque.....Fabiola was always friendly and outgoing....LONG LIVE THE GOOD MEMORIES..... lots of love James, Tania & Anna

Anna H. Vikki - June 15, 2015 at 06:21 PM

MP

“ received our must sincere condolences, we love Fabiola very much and we are going to miss her , but our memories of her will be with us for ever, Love Andy,Mariella and Skye

mariella paiz - June 15, 2015 at 06:20 PM

TG

“ Tus amigas: Golden girls group purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Fabiola S. Brown.



Tus amigas: Golden girls group - June 15, 2015 at 05:18 PM

XM

“ Fabiola always will be in our hearts.Loving wife, mother and grandmother. She always willing to help and support to those who need it around her.Great example of fighting woman and inspiration for many of us. God bless you and Rest in peace.
Xenia Martin. Oswaldo Nino, Laura.

xenia Martin - June 14, 2015 at 11:40 PM

DC

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

David Cruz - June 14, 2015 at 01:58 PM