



Elizabeth Christine Berry Veramendi

September 12, 1953 - June 29, 2013

Elizabeth “Liz” C. Berry Veramendi of Waldorf, MD died on June 29, 2013 at the Waldorf Center Genesis Healthcare at the age of 59.

She was a retired Lt. Commander with the United States Navy, having served world-wide for 22 years and 6 years with the Federal Government service. She was also a member of St. Peters Catholic Church in Waldorf, MD. Prior to serving in the Navy, she attended ASU, Oxford University, and George Washington University where she earned an M.A. Degree and then became an elementary and middle school teacher with the Virginia Beach Public School System. She was considered for the NASA Teacher in Space Program and was a Torchbearer for the 1996 Olympics. She was screened by Hollywood for appearances in soap operas and was a long-time supporter of the Red Cross. She loved teaching, music (she was a good guitarist), sports, photography, and was a renowned artist. She loved the beach, traveling, birds, and especially dolphins. She loved her pets Odie, Snoopy, Buster, Cadria, and Max.

Daughter of the late Robert Ernest Berry and the late Saide Melekoglu Berry. She is survived by her one adopted son, Alexander Aiden Berry Veramendi; one brother, Robert E. Berry, Jr.; one sister, Barbara Berry; two uncles, Ali and Ahmet Melekoglu; two nieces, Jennifer Brooks and Tara Berry; and two nephews, Michael and Robert Berry III.

Visitation on Friday, July 5, 2013 from 11AM-12PM with Mass of Christian Burial at 12PM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 3320 St. Peter's Drive, Waldorf, MD 20601. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, MD.

Memorials to American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Suite 550, Chicago, IL 60631.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Memorial Gardens

3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.
Waldorf, MD 20601
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
3320 St. Peter's Drive
Waldorf, MD 20601

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
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Waldorf, MD 20601

Burial

JUL 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Christine Berry Veramendi

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Elizabeth Christine Berry Veramendi

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ When I think of Liz Veramendi, I am reminded that she was always earnestly and sincerely interested in me. She was a mentor, a teacher, and a driven woman with such a genuine passion to assist others in reaching their goals. Her words and actions have, and will continue to, live on. I was blessed to have known her and worked beside her at NAS Pt. Mugu, CA. I will continue to smile when I think of her - she was a beautiful person! May our Lord bless and keep those she loved the most.

Lory Cross

Lory Cross - July 08, 2013 at 11:21 AM



“ God Bless Liz, Barbara & Family. I had the privilege if serving with her in the Navy and calling her dear friend! Love you Liz! Thanks for you and until we meet again...

M J Cervantes - July 07, 2013 at 12:08 AM

GJ

“ Liz was such an enthusiastic, energetic, and passionate person. She rejoiced in her friends' every achievements. She thoroughly loved and enjoyed the company of her pets and especially children. I am so thankful that she was able to fulfill her lifelong dream of having a child - Alexander. And that he will be raised with a sibling – something she wanted for him. I'm so glad that I have so many fond memories of with Liz. I will forever remember her lovingly.

Gretchen Jonas - July 06, 2013 at 01:01 PM

SW

“ As I read Liz's obituary and looked at the photos and memorabilia at her service, I realized that while we were friends there was a lot I didn't know about her. It occurred to me that by and large, Liz rarely talked about herself and her accomplishments. The one great accomplishment that she was ALWAYS ready to talk about, however, was Alexander. I think I was one of the first people she told when she got word that Alexander had been born and that she was to pick him up in just a few days. Her excitement was palpable! Afterward, seeing her with him was almost magical; I know I've never seen anyone as smitten with a baby as Liz was with Alexander.

Even when Liz was very ill she always asked about me and my husband, Val, and wanted to know what was going on with us. She was a wonderful listener. If she ever had a "pity party" for her situation, I never saw it. At her funeral Mass, the Monsignor talked about how Liz handled her illness with grace. He could not have described her more accurately.

Given everything, what a wonderful lesson we can take from Liz's example: Care about others more than you care about yourself, love someone with ALL your heart and soul, and be gracious when life takes a turn you never saw coming.

With love and fond memories,
Sandy Wadsworth

Sandy Wadsworth - July 06, 2013 at 05:59 AM

GJ

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Gretchen Jonas - July 05, 2013 at 03:17 PM

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Gretchen Jonas - July 05, 2013 at 03:13 PM

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Gretchen Jonas - July 05, 2013 at 02:57 PM

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Gretchen Jonas - July 05, 2013 at 02:54 PM



Samantha Caldwell

“ I only knew Liz through my sister. I am sorry for her family's and friends' loss. Her life touched many.



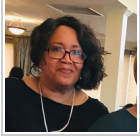
Samantha Caldwell - July 05, 2013 at 11:42 AM

WJ

“ With deepest sympathy/ Sharon, Kim, Laura, and Jack purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth Christine Berry Veramendi.



With deepest sympathy/ Sharon, Kim, Laura, and Jack - July 05, 2013 at 07:25 AM



“ Liz:
*I'll miss our conversations about what we "did" in high school;
I'll miss our dance down the halls of ONI to the song from the TV
show "The Monkeys";
I'll miss your enthusiasm and joy on the birth of your baby boy;
I'll miss our conversations about "men" - 'nuf said;
But most of all I'll miss your smile, strength, and constant optimism.
We'll all miss you but the LORD has you now and I know you're at
peace.
Val Pettus-Johnson*

Val Johnson - July 04, 2013 at 07:46 PM

DB

“ *Barbara and Robert, my deepest condolences. There are no words
that can ease your pain, but please know that we love you very
much. Liz and you fought hard but the Lord had other plans for her.
May she rest in peace and meet us all on the other side. My best
wishes for you and thank you for taking such good care of her. With
love, your cousin Debbie*

Debbie Berry - July 04, 2013 at 05:20 PM

HB

“ *Liz was one of the sweetest people I know! Every time she would
see me she would ask how my boys were. We ran into her multiple
times in Waldorf and she would talk to the boys and ask my oldest
how he was doing in school. She will be missed by so many! It was
a pleasure working with her!*

Heather Bivens - July 03, 2013 at 07:11 PM

JS

“ Liz is a great women who took us "younglings" under her wing at the Navy facility in Suitland. I could always hear Liz in the morning say "Hey guy good morning!" with a huge smile on her face! She was always a welcoming voice throughout the day! Her chipper attitude, her go-to spirit, and her amicable personality made work more enjoyable and at times entertaining. Her sea stories for sure drew much attention!

Liz you will be missed but never ever forgotten. Fair Winds and Following Seas my friend. Your shipmates at ONI will miss you.....

Justin Sinclair - July 03, 2013 at 12:34 PM

PA

“ Liz was a great Lady, friend and co-worker. She would come in to RMO and say "how r ya" with a NY accent. She lived life to the fullest and cherished every moment of it.

Barbara know that you were her rock and that you took excellent care of her. Until we meet again.....

Pam - July 03, 2013 at 11:00 AM

HN

“ Barbara, sorry for your loss. There is nothing any of us can say that will ease your pain but Liz is finally at rest with no pain.

Helen Nesmith - July 03, 2013 at 09:39 AM

RL

“ Liz you will be missed. On behalf of the entire OPNAV N1 family we salute you for your many years of dedicated service to our country. You were an exemplary civil servant and served admirable in all your various duties. It was a pleasure working with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this very difficult time. May the Lord bless you always.

Richard Linton - July 02, 2013 at 08:12 PM

CK

“ Liz was a very hard driver. When we worked together, she knew how things should be and would fight to ensure everything was done correctly. She knew her Navy regs and could quote them. She was proud of her Navy career and loved her country. She exhibited the best qualities of a Naval officer. She had another side also. She had a very dry sense of humor. We would joke in Weight Watchers and laugh till we cried. one time when I drove her to the treatment and we came out to the parking lot, I could not find my car. I had to put her in the parking lot attendant booth so she could sit down. She was very weak. The attendant and I walked all over the parking lot looking for my car. Liz waved the cars into the parking lot like a pro. She said it was the easiest job she had in years. It was like an "I LOVE LUCY" moment. We laughed all the way home. When I drove her to her treatments, we would talk about Alex, and how much he was growing and how much she loved him. She wanted so much to be a mom. God bless him. I know he will be told all about Liz. Now she is an angel watching over all of us. She was a true fighter and she fought the good fight, took every treatment, hoped for the very best. We all did. Liz, we will never forget you. You were extraordinary. You were a La Reine one of a kind. I'll see you on the other side. Love always, Colleen

Colleen Kirk - July 02, 2013 at 05:14 PM

VI

“ Liz was a super nice lady, I knew her from work. she was always pleasant and offered a smile.. Thoughts and prayers to the family.



vickie - July 02, 2013 at 05:12 PM

DN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Liz entire family. I worked with Liz at ONI for many years, she was a special person and always wanted to help in anyway to support ONI and the RSSO worldwide program. She will truly be missed.... God bless.

Debbie Nibbe

Debbie Nibbe - July 02, 2013 at 04:45 PM

MP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this really sad time. I am one of the Eucharistic Ministers from Our Lady Help of Christians Church who gave her communion every Sunday morning. She was such a nice person and I would sit and talk with her for awhile during my visits. She loved her little boy and was so proud of him and would show me all the things he had made for her. I will miss her.



Mary Pruitt - July 01, 2013 at 09:36 PM

FD

Mary,

Thank you for bringing Jesus to her. We often wondered if Liz was able to receive the Blessed Sacrament. We believe those visits gave her the strength to bear her cross and the faith that Alexander would be well cared for by such loving Godparents and Godsister. We will miss her too. Frank and Debbie Sablan

Frank and Debbie - July 03, 2013 at 09:10 AM