



## Eneida "Melanie" Sierra

December 21, 1947 - July 26, 2024

Eneida "Melanie" Sierra passed away peacefully on July 26, 2024 in Media, PA at the age of 76. Born in Cayey, Puerto Rico in 1947 to Norberto Sierra and Sixta Alsina, Melanie was the only daughter among four siblings. She graduated from Escuela Superior de Cayey in 1966 and came to the Philadelphia area in 1973 to seek new opportunities for herself and her daughter, Iris. Melanie became very involved as a leader in the local Puerto Rican community, even serving as Grand Marshal of the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade in 1980, chosen as a positive role model and representative for single mothers in the city.

Through the years Melanie worked as an Administrative Assistant for a variety of local employers, including the School District of Philadelphia and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She lived in many areas of the city including south, north, greater northeast, and west Philadelphia as well as the suburb of Narberth. This connection to the city made Melanie an avid follower of the hometown sports teams, especially the Phillies. She loved watching baseball games, sewing, playing mahjong, and she had the greenest thumb ever seen. But her greatest love was her grandchildren to whom she was affectionately known as "Lala". She was a fun-loving and mischievous grandmother who helped her grandchildren cheat at board games, sneak desserts, and stay up past bedtime.

Melanie will always be remembered for her strength and resilience to triumph over many hardships, as well as for the strong bond between her as a single mother and her only child. She is survived by her beloved daughter Iris Melendez and son-in-law Hank Adamczyk of Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren Dylan and Mia Adamczyk; brothers Gilberto, Luis, and Angel Sierra. She was preceded in death by her grandson Nathaniel Adamczyk.

An open house will be held on August 18, 2024 from 2:00-4:30 at 6400 Church Rd, Phila PA 19151 for those wishing to visit the family and express condolences.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory/honor of Eneida Melanie Sierra to the Nathaniel Adamczyk Fund at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Checks made out to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation can be mailed to P.O. Box 781352, Philadelphia, PA 19178-1352. Please remember to write in memory/honor of Eneida Melanie Sierra on the memo line of the check.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We had a fun time Christmas shopping in downtown Phila. about 3-4 years ago. I never knew she was sick. Could someone tell me the cause of her passing? It was truly a shock. She seemed so healthy and vibrant.

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“ Melanie was a lovely and interesting person and a champion mah jong player. My deepest sympathy to her family. She will be missed

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**Agnes Howkins** - September 05, 2024 at 09:30 PM