

"Remember me with smiles and laughter,  
for that is how I will remember you all.  
If you can only remember me with tears,  
then don't remember me at all."

- LAURA INGLES WILDER



The family of Imelda Fabio Barnachea would like to express thanks to those who share with our grief during this hour of bereavement. We acknowledge all expressions of love and all acts of kindness at the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you.



Honoured to serve the family of Imelda Fabio Barnachea  
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*Lovingly Remembered*



*Imelda Fabio Barnachea*

11.11.1970 - 05.31.2019

## *Celebrating the life of Imelda*

Barnachea, Imelda Fabio age 48, died peacefully at St. Michael's Health Centre Palliative Care Unit on May 31, 2019 after years of bravely fighting Cancer.

Mimie, as she is fondly called by her family and friends, was born on November 11, 1970 in Jolo Solu Philippines and was preceded in death by her father, Juanito Barnachea at a young age. Mimie obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1994 and in 1999, her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from the Philippines.

Mimie was deeply loved by her one and only sister, Zenaida Barnachea Maningo, whom she helped raise while her mom worked overseas to support them after their father's untimely death.

She started her career as a high school teacher in 2001 and touched the lives of many of her students with her passion for teaching and learning. Mimie was blessed with three beautiful daughters from her 1st marriage; Dawn Alexis, Kimberly Mae and Nicole Arn. She later raised her daughters as a single mom with pride and joy and did the best that she could and as humanly as possible.

In 2008, she eloped with her one great love, Andoni, and became a proud mother to her only son, Ian Clarence. Her friends and family who knew their love story can all agree that Mimie's love is the kind of love that lives on....

Her unconditional love for family compelled her to migrate to Canada in 2012 seeking a brighter future for her children. Her tenacity rewarded her with family reunification as Canadian Permanent Residents in 2016. Although her two daughters stayed behind in the Philippines, both had successfully completed their post Secondary Education; One with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management and is soon to welcome Mimie's first granddaughter; the other, had recently become a Registered Pharmacist... BOTH made her so proud and accomplished as a mother. Nicole Arn, a living replica of her mother's charm, whom she was able to bring to Canada, is graduating from Winston Churchill High School Class 2019; had inherited her mother's passion to care for the seniors; and together with the youngest child, Ian Clarence, became her mother's immeasurable source of joy and pride during her last days.

Mimie, with her gentle heart and genuine love for others was an invaluable member of the nursing staff at Adaptacare Personal Care Homes, and was often highly spoken of by the senior residents under her care.

Mimie lived a full life as an amazing mother who loved to bake and sing karaoke to her heart's content. Her altruism made her a source of inspiration to her many friends and family.

But most of all she loved her family more than anything and is known for her formidable strength in the face of adversity that served those who loved her well. She will be sorely missed and forever in our hearts.

Mimie is survived by her mother, Lindy Fabio Jansen, sister Zenaida Barnachea Maningo, common law partner Andoni Escasinas, children: Dawn Alexis, Kimberly Mae, Nicole Arn and Ian Clarence.

Cornerstone Funeral Home  
2800 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, AB  
Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Emcees - Carl Abellana & Kate June Ybanez

Open Mic - Those in attendance are welcome to share a story of Imelda

### Musical Selections

Thanks to You by Tyler Collins  
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) by Chris Tomlin  
'Till Death Do Us Part by White Lion  
Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now by Starship  
You Are My Sunshine by Kina Grannis

### Reception

Family and friends are invited to further share this day  
in the Cornerstone Funeral Home Reception Room

## LAST REQUEST

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in;  
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win;  
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best;  
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less;  
Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do;  
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due,  
Please don't give flowers, or talk in real hushed tones;  
Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home;  
Don't talk about what I could have been, it's over and it's done  
Just see to all my family's needs, especially my little ones  
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint;  
I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paints;  
Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark;  
In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart;  
Don't just remember the good times, but remember all the bad;  
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad;  
But if you must do something, then I have one request.  
Forgive me for the wrong I've done, and with the love that's left.  
Thank God for my soul's resting,  
Thank God for I've been blessed,  
Thank God for all who loved me  
Praise God who loved me best.