



Maria McCormick

May 24, 1937 - July 18, 2021

Maria McCormick, 84, patron of the arts; formerly of Argentina, Mt. Vernon, VA, and Chicago; passed away July 18, 2021, at home in Miami, FL.

Maria del Carmen Garcia-Diaz del Castillo was born May 24, 1937 in rural Argentina. She sought education and travel. Diplomatic ties led to the love of her life, James Peter McCormick, to whom she was married from 1975 until his passing in 1987. The couple was generous in their lives, particularly towards the Headlands Indian Health Career Program, and sponsoring a symposium at Rush University on Clinical Philosophy.

Maria will be remembered as a spiritual seeker known for grand gestures. She was creative, giving, and of intense luminosity.

Adored aunt of Blair (Todd) Maus and Lisa (David) Meaney of Wyoming. Great-aunt of Chauncey and Peter Maus and Case, Calum, and Reeve Meaney.

Preceded in death by husband J. Peter McCormick, parents Ernesto Garcia-Diaz & Raquel del Castillo, sister-in-law Charlotte D. McCormick, and also by her two beloved Samoyeds, Nikita and Nicholas.

Family gathered June, 2022 at Chicago's Graceland Cemetery, where she

was buried on the McCormick Family plot.

Arrangements entrusted to Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Saddened to hear her passing. Unfortunately her handlers did not share any details nor allowed anyone to be near her until it was too late, they gave her dog away to someone who didn't even know her. So many unfortunate and unjust things happened with the handler. Her kindness, her forgiving soul, her wisdom-transcends everything. Her memory lives on, and it will always live on with everyone who actually loved and knew her.*

Nuni - July 21, 2025 at 06:17 PM

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“ *I am so saddened to learn of Pelusa's passing— I had no idea. I was out of the country for many years and tried to look her up when I returned, and was trying again when I found this. Pelusa and I were in a play together at GALA and I have the most wonderful memories of her—her wit, her warmth, and also her wisdom. Everyone adored her. May her memory be a blessing. Sarah Monnerat*

Sarah Monnerat - July 15, 2023 at 06:04 PM

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“ *I loved Maria. I had not know she was gone til recently. So cool, witty, game faced, intelligent, classy, huge heart, funny as hell, could cuss like a sailor if necessary..in 4 different laguages..incl Swahili....love, love, loved Maria. Like a favorite auntie. We spent many hours together, sometimes just watching TV. She taught me SO so much. I'll never forget all the knowledge and all the stories!! Absolutely amazing woman, I will see her again one day in heaven. ♡ Love Nikoletta Maria Christodoulaki...aka Josephina?¿ LOL ♡*

Nicole Christ - November 30, 2022 at 02:47 PM

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“ We did not know of Pelusa's passing over a year ago. We are deeply saddened. We were long time friends and she was the godmother of my first child Octavio, having been present at his birth. I feel terrible that we were not in touch for so many years. I have too many wonderful memories of her from her days on stage with Teatro Doble in 1975 and at GALA and the many things we shared over the years. May she rest in peace. We will always miss her. Hugo, Rebecca and the Medrano family send all our love.

Rebecca - November 29, 2022 at 06:54 PM