



Sonia Prado Kjergaard

March 1, 1953 - December 8, 2020

Sonia Prado Kjergaard, age 67, passed away on December 8, 2020, at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 1, 1953 to the late Nora Sanchez and Tomas Prado, Jr. of Puerto Rico.

Sonia moved to Springfield in the late 1970's and began to work as a teacher at Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical High School, from which she was retired. She worked with bi-lingual students and took extreme pride in her work. She touched her students' lives and gave them much encouragement. Sonia was such an extraordinarily gifted and accomplished woman, who graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and obtained her master's degree in her field. Sonia's talents go beyond the pale. Not only was she an outstanding teacher, but she could sing, play the guitar, draw, paint, write calligraphy and could create the most beautiful arts and crafts. She was also a wonderful photographer, who had the innate ability to capture the essence of her subjects. She was a true artist, in every sense of the word. Sonia was a ray of sunshine to all who knew her. Her laugh was infectious and she knew how to make things fun. She was generous and kind. She loved life and most importantly of all, she had strived to be the best teacher she could possibly be and took enormous pride in what she did. We know this world is a little less brilliant without her in it, but the wonderful memories we

have of her will bring us comfort and most assuredly make us smile.

Sonia is survived by her brother, Ricardo Prado and his partner Lily, niece, Brenda, nephew, Ricardo Jr., great-nieces, Veronika and Victoria; her aunt and uncle, Nydia and Louis along with her cousins, Diana and Evelyn and countless others who loved her and whose lives she touched.

For those who wish memorial contributions in her name may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. For expressions of sympathy please visit www.nefcc.net

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“ *My sincere condolences to Sonia’s family. A former colleague from Putnam.*

Phillip Dowgiert - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ *It was a pleasure and an honor meeting you. Rest In Peace Great Human Being and an outstanding teacher.*

Dr José H & Aurie Irizarry - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ *I remember Sonia as a very friendly teacher at Putnam, where I also taught. She was a delight to share life with and I’m saddened to hear of her passing. She was one of those who would brighten up your days. I miss you, Sonia.*

Tom Mitchell - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of Sonia. Sonia was such a nice lady and a pleasure to work with in the school system. I was so sorry to read of her passing.*

Nadine Payne - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ *Sonia was an exceptional person, talented, creative, warm and caring. Above all she was a marvelous teacher. I am pleased and honored to have called her a colleague and a close friend. I will miss her dearly.*

FRED CARRIER - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM