



Leticia Alma Mercado Blundon

March 1, 1955 - May 15, 2023

On May 15, 2023, our Lettie, our Warrior Queen, concluded her four year battle against colorectal cancer. She died peacefully at the Methodist Hospice Residence of Memphis TN, where she had retired in 2019. She was surrounded by loving friends and family for all of that day and evening.

Leticia Alma Mercado Blundon was born in West Islip, Long Island, NY on March 1, 1955. For most of her childhood she was raised in a foster home along with her older brother and sister and foster brother. She attended Brentwood High School on Long Island and then Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster MA. While in college Lettie began her lifelong career in healthcare by taking a part time job as nursing aide in a nursing home in nearby Clinton MA. In 1977 Lettie moved to Chestertown MD to live with her sister Ida and her family, and continued her work as a nursing aide at Magnolia Hall Nursing Home in Chestertown, where she met her future husband Jay, also working there part time while attending college. They fell in love and were married on Thanksgiving Eve, November 21, 1979, and for the next 43 years were devoted partners in life and love.

Whether living in Cambridge or Beltsville MD, Austin TX, or Memphis TN, in every town Lettie's passion for helping those in need was practiced in the healthcare profession, in jobs such as unit secretary in emergency room and cardiac care units and as arrhythmia specialist/cardiac monitor technician in

cardiac ICUs. She lastly joined the Methodist Hospice System in Memphis TN where she expanded the volunteer program serving as their volunteer specialist.

While in Texas, Lettie and Jay had two sons, Brandon and Gaven. Her love and dedication to her sons and husband was absolute and steadfast, and she was indeed the joyful heart and center of the Blundon home. When the boys left Memphis for college, Lettie and Jay found new interests to share together, from raising birds at home, to riding scooters with the Memphis Kings Scooter Club, to playing ukulele and singing with the Memphis Ukulele Flash Mob. And she loved to dance! She was always the first one on the dance floor, and often the last to sit down. Through work and all her other activities and interests, Lettie touched the lives of so very many. Her love of people and life, her welcoming spirit, her kind and generous heart, her resilient life-force, her sense of fun and humor immediately connected her with everyone she met and drew them close.

Lettie is survived by husband Jay and son Brandon, both of Memphis, son Gaven and precious granddaughter Conley of Fallston MD, sister Ida of Chestertown MD, brother Ivan and his wife Robin of Ronkonkoma NY, foster brother Gabriel Reyes and his wife Barbara of Norfolk VA, sister-in-law Faith and her husband Karl of Breklem Germany, along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life for Lettie will be held March 2, 2024 at the Center for Southern Folklore in downtown Memphis. Bring your ukulele or other musical instrument and be prepared to sing and rejoice in the wonderful life of our Lettie. If you wish to honor Lettie with a donation in her name, her favorite charities were St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Methodist Hospice Residence of Memphis.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ We have donated 10 tribute trees in Lettie's name for the Earth. Darlene, Mike and family.

Darlene Duncan-Wilson - June 11, 2023 at 08:27 PM

DD

“ We are so sorry to hear this and are praying for you and your family as you move forward in life without Lettie. She was and still is a light in this world. Many blessings to you all, praying you feel God's peace and love at this moment in time. God Bless. Love you all, Darlene, Mike and family. (Henny Millers Daughter).



Darlene Duncan-Wilson - June 11, 2023 at 08:26 PM

JO

“ We loved meeting Lettie and Jay at the Rally in the Valley here in Nova Scotia, Canada. Lettie and I immediately bonded over our love of our parrots and love of having fun. What a force of nature Lettie was - one weekend together yet felt like we were lifelong friends. Lots of love to you and your flock Jay and the boys, XX Jordanna, Stephen and our Flock.



Jordanna - May 26, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Our Lettie*



Jay Blundon - May 25, 2023 at 04:41 PM

JM

“ *Lettie, a most amazing friend. Blessed the day we met at Midtown Music for our first ukulele lesson. It was like we had known each other forever. I was drawn to her outgoing, happy, sweet personality and I am grateful I could call her my friend. She loved life and people so much. I feel she will always be at my side pushing me to enjoy life to the last minute. We both shared a love of dancing and we would always “dance like no one was watching. Lettie was like no other. I will never forget her. Much love and thoughts for peace and comfort to Jay, Gaven, Brandon, Conley, Ida, and her two brothers and to her much loved birds, especially to her “Angel”. Fly high, Lettie and may the four winds blow you safely home. Your memory is a wonderful blessing.*

Janie Miller - May 25, 2023 at 04:10 PM

DP

“ I always felt happy, loved, cared for when I was around Lettie. I loved watching her make every smile. Whomever she was talking with she made that person feel like they were the most important person. I thought that the world was a little dimmer now, but that's not the case. Her love light will shine on forever.

Donna L Palmer - May 25, 2023 at 12:40 PM

BP

“ Lettie was the most kind, caring, sweet person you could ever meet! To her family....I'm so sorry for your loss. Lettie was an inspiration to everyone that came in contact with her.

Betty Parker - May 25, 2023 at 11:54 AM