



## Maria R. Pintado

January 6, 1935 - April 30, 2021

Pintado, Maria R.,

Age 86 of SE Mpls., passed away April 30, 2021. Survived by family and friends in Ecuador, her University of Minnesota family, neighbors, and many friends and students around the world. A visitation will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1 Lourdes Place, Minneapolis MN 55414 from 9:00 - 10:00 am on Friday May 7th. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, a private mass will follow at 10 a.m. Seating at the Mass will be limited. Please refer to the parish web-site: [lourdesmpls.org](http://lourdesmpls.org). A live stream of the service may be accessed at [lourdesmpls.org/lourdes-live](http://lourdesmpls.org/lourdes-live). Interment at Roselawn Cemetery following the service.

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

# Cemetery Details

## **Roselawn Cemetery**

803 West Larpenteur Avenue  
Roseville, MN 55113

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ I am sorry to learn about Maria Pintado. I was in the dental assisting program in 1979 and she was a fantastic educator.

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**Robin Watson** - September 02, 2025 at 10:19 PM

PW

“ I was privileged to be acquainted with Maria Pintado as an occasional visitor to the biomaterials lab at UMN dental school and as a regular at IADR conferences. Behind a slightly brusque exterior I found a warm-hearted and delightful personality - once met, never forgotten. Maria was also a highly competent scientist and educator; the kind of person indispensable to the smooth running of a lab, which is as much a task of managing people as equipment. It was very evident to me how greatly loved and respected Maria was to generations of students and colleagues. She will be greatly missed. Dear Maria: Rest in peace and Rise in glory!

*David C Watts, University of Manchester, UK*

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**Prof. David Watts** - May 26, 2021 at 06:24 AM

JW

“ My having arrived as a freshman at the U of M School of Dentistry in 1970, those were times of substantial growth and change for our dental school. Women were emerging as students and as faculty, bringing fresh attitudes, proficiencies and competences. Maria Pintado was a perfect fit for those evolutionary times. Maria quickly established herself intellectually and academically - but also as a friend to those of us fortunate enough to learn at her side; moving, as some of us did for a while, along somewhat parallel learning paths.

Other tribute writers have spoken well to the discipline displayed by Maria's commitment, describing her as having "no time for nonsense." Some of us, however, among the DDS class of 1974 came to know the twinkle in Maria's personality. One of my classmates was particularly good at drawing that side out, while also gleaning invaluable knowledge from Maria regarding the world's hottest peppers!

Time passes so quickly. Our last real "time" together was at a class reunion held in 2004.

A photo from that evening, of a smiling Maria is on my screen and bringing a smile for me right now.

Maria – you made a difference in many lives, over many years.  
Thank you, precious soul!

*Jim Westman*

*James F. Westman, DDS, retired*

*University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Class of 1974 (73 – curriculum development group)*



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James F Westman - May 25, 2021 at 06:05 PM

RS

“ *Maria touched and enhanced so many of our lives through her selfless willingness to share, teach, and bring people together. She had a natural talent to bring out the best in people by encouragement and subtle nudging. I have fond memories of the time together in the early days of the lab and thank her for staying in contact, always interested in our family, and providing updates on her life. We miss her. - Ron, Nancy, and family*

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**Ron Sakaguchi** - May 07, 2021 at 11:22 AM

SB

“ *Maria was a great family friend. She always had a smile and a laugh. She would do anything for you including helping when our daughter needed an expert consultation and putting in a good word for a summer internship for our son. Lots of loving memories at family birthdays and holidays. She will be missed!  
Buffie family*



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**Sheila and Jeff Buffie** - May 07, 2021 at 08:52 AM

ST

“ *Maria's three rules:*

*A. Maria is always right.*

*B. The student is always wrong*

*C. When Maria seems to be wrong, think twice then refer to Rule #1*

*-- From her students*

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**Shelley Tan** - May 06, 2021 at 09:14 PM

YC

“ *Dear Maria,*

*You are so important to me. Your leaving is a very big loss for me. I would like to thank you for everything you taught me in the lab and every good word you encourage me. Glad I get a chance to visit you in 2019 before Covid-19 prevails. I will always miss you and remember "Maria is always right!".*

*Sincerely,  
YungChung*



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**YungChung Chen** - May 06, 2021 at 11:46 AM

ST

“ From Dr. Masayuki Okazaki:  
*I'm very sad and shock! A few months ago, I received a seasons greeting card from Maria, who seemed to be well despite of the cancer.  
Honestly, I offer my sincerest condolences on her death.  
We cannot forget a lot of wonderful memory of the days, when we spent with her at the U of M in 1982.*

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**Shelley Tan** - May 06, 2021 at 09:56 AM

ST

“ From Prof.Dr.Georg Meyer:  
*What a sad message !  
Maria was indeed my mentor first time in 1988 when I was working on a research project in her department supported by a Fulbright Grant !  
Since that time I stopped over at her lab every year in February after the Annual Scientific Meetings in Chicago to talk to her and to bring her some candy from our region.*

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**Shelley Tan** - May 06, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria R. Pintado.*



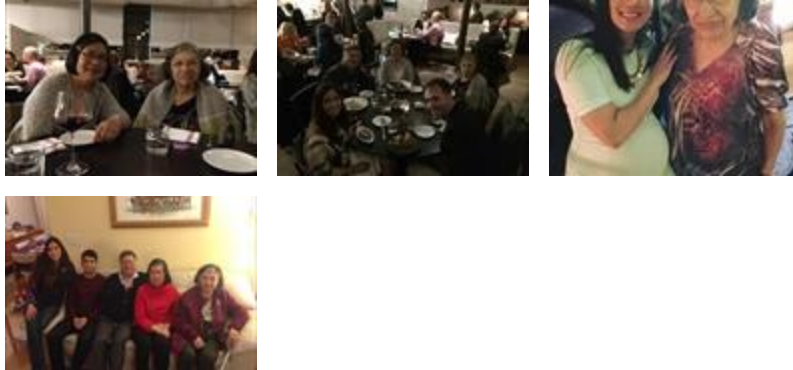
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May 05, 2021 at 10:04 PM

AN

“ Tita Maria was a treasured “aunt”. She was the first visitor to me when I was born, so my parents continually remind me.

We shared the “Capricorn Birthday” dinners, and many Christmas and Thanksgivings celebrations. I miss her kind heart and her gentle spirit. I miss her tremendously.



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**Avni Novotny** - May 05, 2021 at 09:56 PM

AF

“ 3 files added to the album MDRCBB



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**Alex Fok** - May 05, 2021 at 03:57 PM

WB

“ Maria was very helpful to me when we started on the wear analysis. Sorry to learn about her passing but have many fond memories of her helping me “in the old days”.

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**Wayne Barkmeier** - May 05, 2021 at 02:11 PM

ST

“ *Maria was the mom or grandma for everybody in MDRCBB! She cared about "kids" and "grandkids" who were from many countries. She listened to them carefully and encouraged them. She will be deeply missed.*

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**Shelley Tan** - May 05, 2021 at 10:11 AM

ST

“ *Shelley Tan sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria R. Pintado*



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**Shelley Tan** - May 05, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JO

“ *It was a true honor and pleasure to have known and collaborated closely with Maria for many years as a 3M scientist in the Oral Care Division*  
*Maria was the spirit, anchor and ambassador for the MDRCBB! A special and wonderful human being. We will all miss her great passion and energy that made the MDRCBB and the U of M Dental School truly one of a kind!*  
*My most sincere sympathies to the entire family*  
*Joe Oxman*

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**Joe Oxman** - May 05, 2021 at 09:32 AM

PH

“ *What a wonderful woman; one who will be greatly missed.*

*I always appreciated the smile and thoughtfulness she expressed whenever we chanced to meet at the Dental School.*

*Deepest sympathies to her friends and family.*

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**Peg H** - May 05, 2021 at 07:36 AM

AS

“ *I am so saddened to hear this news. Maria spread light, joy and kindness wherever she went. She will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Ali S.** - May 04, 2021 at 05:10 PM

EM

“ *Everyone at MDRCBB purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maria R. Pintado.*



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**Everyone at MDRCBB** - May 04, 2021 at 04:30 PM

NF

“ *My deepest condolences to her friends and family.*

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**N Fischer** - May 04, 2021 at 02:13 PM

TA

“ *Tamer Abdelrehim sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria R. Pintado*



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**Tamer Abdelrehim** - May 03, 2021 at 05:49 PM

TA

*Dear Maria R. Pintado, we will miss you so much. My condolences to your family. You are still alive in our hearts and memories.*

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**Tamer Abdelrehim** - May 03, 2021 at 05:59 PM

AF

*This is such sad news to us as Maria's friends and collaborators at 3M. Maria was a wonderful human being with an exemplary dedication to serving students, faculty, and industrial collaborators. We always remember her graciousness and resourcefulness. Her life was an amazing journey which touched and benefited many other lives over the years. We do miss Maria and cherish her memories. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Afshin Falsafi** - May 05, 2021 at 09:56 AM

TD

*I remember Maria fondly as I would frequently give her a ride to work on the East River Road.*

*Tom DeKoster*

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**Tom DeKoster** - September 20, 2021 at 09:48 PM