



Ms. Rosario Farro

August 24, 2015

Rosario de Wit Farro (nee Pomona de Wit Fernandez de Castro)

Monday August 24th at 16h25, having lived on 4 continents and travelled through countless countries, the loving matriarch left this earth to explore the unknown beyond. She departed this life the same way she lived it: without signs of fear or pain.

In 1928, her parents named her Pomona, but the Bishop in Valencia refused to baptize her as such. The knife-wielding Roman goddess of flourishing fruit trees was not an appropriate namesake for a catholic child. However, renaming her for Santa Maria del Rosario could not ensure future conformity to any norms.

Her independence and early love of music led 7-year-old Rosario to sneak out of the house and walk to the centre of town on evenings when dances were held, learning the steps by sight until the day she would be tall enough to twirl with her own handsome partners.

Precocious in leadership, at 9 and being the only child who spoke French, she guided her 11 and 14 year-old brothers from boarding school in Holland, by rail and bus through France to be reunited with their parents. In her teen years, having lived under occupation in Belgium during WWII, she rode smiling atop British tanks as they rolled in to liberate Antwerp. As an adult, after a life in diplomatic service, she dealt in art and antiques, and represented musicians before retiring to a grand estate in Wellington County.

Rosario was a brilliant and opinionated polyglot, supporter of the arts, and connoisseur of intellectual and aesthetic pleasures. Until her final days, she continued to attend opera and theatre; swim and do Pilates; debate politics and ideas; and harvest the blooms and vegetables that she nurtured in her gardens. Never one to fall behind on trends, at 87 she actively used email and Skype; and with the screen name MegaPomona, she shared YouTube videos of her heartthrob, opera singer Juan Diego Flores. Hers was a life lived uncompromisingly to the fullest, right to the end. Rosario was a magnet for fascinating and talented people from all walks of life; everyone who met her was changed by their encounter.

She joins her sister Carmen and brothers Juan, Pepin, and Felix.

She will be greatly missed by her surviving siblings, Caty, Pilou, Tolo and Pedro and their children; her own children and their spouses, Roxana, Jorge Juan and Teresa, Diego and Robyn; grandchildren and their spouses, Camila, Gabriel and Shannon, Jerome, Julian and Katie, Chloe, Dominique; and great grandchildren Aubrey and Thea. Her extended family and many dear friends around the world also mourn this great loss. Her memory lives forever in each of us.

A requiem mass in celebration of her fabulous life will be held at St Peter's Mission Church in Oustic. If desired, donations can be made to charities she supported: Covenant House Toronto and Soulpepper Theatre.

A requiem mass will be held at 11am, September 28th at St Peter's Mission Church in Oustic. The church is at the corner of Wellington 22 and 5th line.

Here is a link to a google map of the location <https://goo.gl/maps/BNKhx>

Following the mass, family and friends will gather at her home, La Casona to share stories and company with others who loved her.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Mission Church
Oustic, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall

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Beatriz de Wit Marriott - September 18, 2015 at 02:13 PM

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Tia Rosario will be missed by me, my siblings and my father. We loved her and we will never forget her kindness, her wisdom and generosity. She was a role model to us. Saudades! Bea

Beatriz de Wit Marriott - September 20, 2015 at 03:38 PM

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“ We have fond memories of visits to the Cassona when our children were young. They loved spending time with their cousins. It was our tradition to visit every boxing day. The tobogganing was a highlight. Rossario was always such a gracious hostess and so welcoming. As our families grew up we saw each other less often but the bond is still strong. Rossario will always be remembered fondly. She will be missed.

Susanne Welsh - September 14, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ms. Rosario Farro.



September 13, 2015 at 12:58 AM

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“ J'ai eu la chance d'avoir Rosario Farro sur le conseil d'administration du Théâtre Français de Toronto, alors que j'en étais l'administratrice. Rosario a beaucoup apporté au Tft particulièrement lorsqu'elle aidait lors des campagnes de fonds. Femme de grande classe, toujours élégante et charmante tout en étant très efficace, j'ai revu Rosario, en 2007, lors du 40eme anniversaire du Tft, gala qui s'est tenu au Casa Loma, en présence de la Gouverneure générale du Canada, l' Honorable Micaele Jean. Je garde un souvenir très heureux de cette dame de grande culture.



son fils Diego Matamaros a joué au Tft, et je lui adresse mes sincères condoléances.

Claudia Lebeuf

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Claudia Lebeuf - September 12, 2015 at 08:48 PM

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Donald BOVY - September 11, 2015 at 05:24 AM

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we were lucky to have shared that beautiful day with our beloved aunt.

Beatriz de Wit Marriott - September 18, 2015 at 02:15 PM

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Donald BOVY - September 11, 2015 at 05:18 AM

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Bryce Loder - September 09, 2015 at 06:17 PM

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Camila Matamoros - September 08, 2015 at 03:40 PM