



Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang

September 24, 1981 - November 11, 2021

Nicole M. (Cognetti) Maquindang

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The light and warmth of Nicole "Nikki" flickered out as she passed peacefully from this world at a young age of 40. Nikki was born September 24, 1981, to (the late) Robert and Marion Cognetti (nee Higgins) in Hinsdale, Illinois.

When Nikki came into life, she became the adorned little sister of Robert and Michael Cognetti who played with and cared for her during her younger years. She had always looked up to them as they continued to grow older, entering the Navy or going off to college. It was enlightening to see her joy when they would return home for a brief weekend.

Nikki fully embraced motherhood with her greatest joy giving birth to her four children, Kobe, Kaleb, Amelia, and Leilani with their father Jeffrey Maquindang. These two parents carried on the happiness and pride with their children, spending lots of family time and doing activities with their cousins and close friends.

Aunt Nikki enjoyed the fun and laughter of her nieces and nephews, Nicholas, Thomas, Roma, Atia, and Milana. There was always an importance of the

cousins getting together for birthdays and other events. She always felt the need to be close to family, having that connection, and all the support it offers.

Her spirit was large and warm, bringing a cheerful light with a big hug and a radiant smile. Nikki was not only beautiful on the outside, but she had a beautiful soul and would also see the beauty in others. She was a magnetic and charismatic person full of joy and selflessness. She would often go out of her way to help others regardless of the stress added to her loaded day.

During Nikki's life, she proudly served in the Air Force for 8 years until honorably discharged as SSGT/E5. She fought nobly during Operation Enduring Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism earning several combat and service medals. She continued her career as a program manager for a Department of Defense contractor.

Nikki will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, warm embrace and giving heart.

The celebration of Nikki's life will take place at Noon on Tuesday, November 16th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 5135 US-1, Cocoa, FL 32927.

Nikki will receive a military burial at 9:30A.M. on Wednesday, November 17th in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL (moffitt.org/give) or contribute to Nikki's children on their GoFundMe page. You can find it here: <https://gofund.me/e16eed3b>

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754
(321) 383-2638

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
5135 US-1
Cocoa, FL 32927-6032
(321) 632-6333

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang.*



November 18, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Monica lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang*



Monica - November 18, 2021 at 06:56 AM



My deepest condolences for your loss. As I read the heartfelt tributes, I know that she will be terribly missed. My thoughts and heart are with you.

Monica

Monica - November 18, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.funeralsolutions.net/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nicole “Nikki” Maquindang.

November 16, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ I am devastated at the loss of Nicole. She was truly one of the kindest, funniest people I have ever met. My heart breaks for her family and children. She was one of a kind and the world will not be the same without her. My heart goes out to her family, I am so so sorry.

kristin - November 16, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Nikki, you will always be in our hearts. Your gentle quiet nature is an inspiration to us all. Family is so important to you and Bob and I cherish all the times you visited us in our Hollywood condo, or wherever we chose to spend our winter months. Your love for Disney brought a wonderful fun filled day for Christina, me and the kids. You will be deeply missed and you are a beautiful angel watching over your precious children. Lots of love Uncle Bob and Aunt Betsy❤️❤️❤️

Betsy Higgins - November 16, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ Carol Andrysiak lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang



carol Andrysiak - November 16, 2021 at 07:00 AM

CA

I remember when you were born. A beautiful little baby girl your family adored as well as all of us in the neighborhood. We are saddened you were taken away so soon Nicole. Rest In Peace Angel. 🙏😭

carol Andrysiak - November 16, 2021 at 07:07 AM

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“ I am so deeply saddened, as we all are, by the loss of such a wonderful soul. Nikki’s spirit exuded warmth, love, happiness, and kindness. And that smile! She was beautiful inside and out! From the moment we met, I felt her friendship and genuine interest in us getting to know one another. I feel blessed and grateful that I was one of the lucky ones to have known her. Zim and I both are sending our thoughts and prayers for peace, comfort, and healing to Nikki’s children, family, and friends. Heaven has gained an angel but her spirit and light will live on. Nikki, we love you and we will never forget you 🙏💕

Amy and Gary Zimmerman - November 15, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang.



November 15, 2021 at 06:19 PM

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“ Amy & Gary Zimmerman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang.



Amy & Gary Zimmerman - November 15, 2021 at 03:21 PM

GZ

“ Nikki was one of the most amazing people I've ever met. She truly was the light in any room she walked into. She was always smiling and so engaging. Anyone who's ever met her loved her. You just couldn't help it.

We are heartbroken over losing her, but we are so grateful to have had her in our lives.

Our deepest condolences to Nikki's family, but we hope that it brings you comfort to know how much she was loved, respected, and appreciated. Our memories of her will never fade. She was just so special.

Thank you Nikki for the joy you brought to our lives just by being you. We'll miss you terribly.



Gary Zimmerman - November 15, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang.



November 15, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nicole "Nikki" Maquindang.



November 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM

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“ *Nikki was a beautiful person through and through. I cherished her friendship and will miss her sorely. She was a brilliant JICO and program manager, a true professional. This world didn't deserve her. Her memory will never fade from my heart. A wonderful mother and an example to us all.*

Kyle Ross - November 15, 2021 at 12:23 PM