



## Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw

October 7, 1953 - July 3, 2023

Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw passed away peacefully surrounded by family on the afternoon of July 3, 2023 at the age of 69 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Cynthia, who was affectionately called “Inday”, was born to Francisco Sr. and Nelia Doreza on October 7, 1953 in Iloilo, Philippines and was one of the two girls among nine siblings. As a young girl, she was always curious, had the passion for learning and excelled on everything she put her mind into. Cynthia completed a Nursing degree at St. Paul College of Iloilo and migrated to Michigan soon after where she started her career and met her husband, Tom. After 10 years in healthcare, she decided to pursue a degree on Information Technology at Madonna University and worked for Ford Motor Company until her retirement in 2019.

Cynthia’s cheerful and outgoing personality was captivating to family and friends alike. She found pleasure in the simplest of things such as her afternoon walks in the park, a delicious cup of ice cream, an article about random things that sparked her interest for the day, a good action film and an hour (or two) long conversations on the phone with people dear to her. God blessed her with a big personality and an even bigger heart. In times of need, Cynthia never hesitated on extending a helping hand nor failed to remind us to be optimistic and focus on the solution rather than the problem. She was strong-willed and fearless yet she was also kind, thoughtful and generous. Cynthia was a devoted mother, a loving wife, a caring sister, a supportive aunt

and a loyal friend. Her steadfast faith to God until the very end is an inspiration to us all.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Thomas Hartsaw; her only son, Justin Hartsaw; her brothers Abelardo (Nancy), Francisco Jr. (Loretta), Edgar (Leah), Dennis (Rodette), Benito (Cora), Henry (Carmela) & Irwin (Lizabelle); and 10 nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home (980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland, MI 48185) on July 12, 2023 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. In state 9:30am until the 10am funeral mass on July 13, 2023 at the Church of the Divine Child (1055 North Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128) and she will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (25800 W 10 Mile Rd., Southfield MI) thereafter.

To share a memory with the family, please select the "Share a Memory" tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. Ten Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## In state

JUL 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Divine Child  
1055 N. Silvery Lane  
Dearborn, MI 48128

## Funeral Mass

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Divine Child  
1055 N. Silvery Lane  
Dearborn, MI 48128



# Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *So glad I had a chance to meet this wonderful woman last year at Aunt Shirley memorial at the park n Charleston. Me and Steve send our condolences to Tom & Justin and her family. Fly high Angel 🙏*

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**Julie Stanfield** - July 14, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Cynthia was such a wonderful person and dear friend! Her positivity, kindness and beautiful smile will be greatly missed. Every day at work I could always count on Cynthia to be a shining star and to be there to cheer you up. She easily made friends because she was such a positive and caring person. Through her I was able to get to know both Tom and Justin, and all together they made a wonderful family that made this planet a better place.*

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**Cameron & Jeri Weems** - July 13, 2023 at 10:13 AM

AG

“ May God bless and keep you Tita Cynthia as you rest in His loving embrace. I am forever grateful for your guidance as my godmother and it comforts me to know you and my mother are both watching over me from heaven now. It is my prayer that God will richly bless and comfort Tito Tom, Justin and your family during this sorrowful time as we mourn your passing. May the light of God's presence be a continual source of consolation. Love eternally your goddaughter, Amber Guerrero



Amber Guerrero - July 13, 2023 at 12:34 AM

PR

“ I know Cynthia from Fortney Eyecare then later at the Vision Center. She always talked about her family especially Justin. She loved her family deeply and they brought her so much joy. You knew if you were one of her people. Dr. Jack was her optometrist and her friend. We were all excited when Dr. Jack's birthday came around because we knew Cynthia was coming with her special brownies. She was a special person and my thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed by so many.

Pam Roberts - July 12, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.



July 12, 2023 at 10:56 AM

CD

“ Dearest Inday,

*As everyone is grieving for you, it sometimes feels like there are not enough tears anymore to vent out for the loss of our loved ones. It's so hard to accept that people we love so much suddenly left us unprepared.*



*It has been almost 5 years when Your Manang Linda passed away, and the loss is still there. Happy memories were tainted with sadness as I realize that for each of the things we did together innumerable times, there was a last time and there will never be another. It is hard to do things that we once always did together. I had to adjust to a life that she is no longer a part of.*

*I still remember, every time you were with us esp. with your Manang, you always had a good heart, kindness, and understanding of yourself as a person. You were instrumental in making things the best it suppose to be, and touching other person's lives giving them smiles and optimism in every way. There was so much about you that we will be thankful for and forever will never be forgotten.*

*And now that you will be joining your Manang Linda with our God the Father in heaven, together with other family members -- bring with you all our prayers, love, and memories as you start your journey in the afterlife. We all know that the sun has gone down on us because of your unexpected passing, but this will not be the end. Just like with your Manang -- there will be no goodbyes, but just good night.*

*Thank you so much Inday Cynthia for everything. Rest in peace.*

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**Conrado Dizon** - July 12, 2023 at 12:35 AM

KK

“ Cynthia was a truly kind & loving person. She was sure a pleasure and joy as a co-worker. She talked so highly of her son Justin. I always enjoyed our chats at work. Cynthia was sure a personal & caring person. I feel so blessed to know Cynthia & be part of my life. She was wonderful person. Sending prayers to Tom & Justin & the family. Cynthia will be dearly missed.

Kathie Kirby - July 11, 2023 at 11:01 PM

TF

“ The Guerrero Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.

The Guerrero Family - July 11, 2023 at 07:45 PM

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“ The Guerrero Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.



The Guerrero Family - July 11, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.



July 11, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.*



July 11, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.*



July 10, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Doug & Kathy Heuer purchased the A Full Life for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.*



**Doug & Kathy Heuer** - July 10, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *I worked with Cynthia for many years. She was such an upbeat and kind lady. She was so proud of her son, Justin. She shared his accomplishments with her co-workers and me many times. She was a beautiful light. May this great & accomplished lady rest in peace. She made a positive impact on my life.* 💔 🙏

**Patra** - July 10, 2023 at 03:32 PM

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“ *Ford Filipino Network (FFN) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.*



Ford Filipino Network (FFN) - July 10, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.*



July 10, 2023 at 02:25 PM

EE

“ *"INDAY CYNTHIA" Thank you for being thoughtful, loving, kind and for your unconditional love to us which is beyond compare. We love you so much and you will be missed our beloved Sister. You will remain in our hearts forever and may Eternal Light shine upon you. May you rest in peace together with our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven... Amen 🙏🙏🙏*

Elnora Terre Estalle - July 10, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.*



July 10, 2023 at 12:30 AM

BD

“ I will really miss Cynthia. She was one of my husband's favorite cousin. She welcomed me with a big hug and a beautiful smile the first time we met. I will never forget her very affectionate & loving nature. May her rest in Eternal Peace with our Lord & may her family especially Tom & Justin find comfort and peace in knowing that she is now happier with our Lord & Creator free of pain. My heart aches for all of you Larry, Bebot, Edgar, Dennis, Ben, Henry & Irwin and Tom & Justin. Love you all. God's blessing be with you all. I've been offering my daily mass for Inday's soul.

Bella Doreza - July 09, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.



July 09, 2023 at 08:23 PM

MR

“ So sorry to hear the loss of Cynthia we know the families since hi-school days from her parents. Rest in Peace Cynthia. Will include her in our prayers.

Marjorie amd Rod - July 09, 2023 at 07:44 PM

 Jim Cairns

“ We're shocked and so saddened to hear that we lost Cynthia. She was such a bubbly person and so faithful to her faith. We were always catching up with her after Mass at Divine Child. She leaves such a void. We're so sorry for her family. Instead of flowers, we're going to get a novena of Masses for her.

Jim Cairns - July 09, 2023 at 04:59 PM

MD

“ Cynthia was such a beautiful soul. Her love of family and wide open arms helped me to feel part of the Doreza clan. I will always be thankful for her kindness and generosity. My heartfelt condolences to Tom, Justin and her big, extended family. Molly Doreza

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**Molly Doreza** - July 09, 2023 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ My heart breaks for Tom, Justin and her family. Her smile and laugh was always contagious. Rest in Peace.

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**John and Carole Halloran** - July 09, 2023 at 07:09 AM

JJ

“ Cynthia was a beautiful light in our lives. She would meet us after church at Divine Child by the koi pond. She was always so kind and sweet to my husband, my daughters, and myself. My youngest daughter would run up to her with the biggest hug each time we saw one another. Cynthia will be deeply missed by us. We will always think of her as we pass the koi pond at DC. Rest in Peace our beautiful sweet friend.

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**Jennifer Imhauser-Jimenez** - July 08, 2023 at 11:45 PM

ML

“ Wishing you peace, comfort and courage at this time of sorrow. Our hearts go to you at this difficult time. We're going to miss our long chats and lunch with Cynthia after the mass in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. We are so sad, too.  
With our deepest condolences,  
Max & Espy Lizardo

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**Max & Espy Lizardo** - July 08, 2023 at 11:06 PM

JK

“ I’m so sorry Tom. When dad planned his funeral, he chose these words from Anne Dillard: “I think the dying pray at last, not “please” but “thank you” as a guest departs at the door”. God bless you and your son.

*Julie (Hartsaw) Kaehr*

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**Julie Kaehr** - July 08, 2023 at 10:22 PM

AV

“ She is truly pure soul, I am going to miss you my dear friend and will always miss your messages for your love and care for me.. She is so caring and true friend..May God give her rest in peace 🙏

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**Avani vyas** - July 08, 2023 at 09:50 PM

AP

“ Cynthia was a beautiful friend and colleague. We used to have long conversations about work and family. She was very optimistic and was always there for any suggestions, guidance and help. Will miss Cynthia dearly. Her memories will always be there with me.

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**Asha Prasad** - July 08, 2023 at 09:16 PM

HS

“ Cynthia was a beautiful soul! She would come to St. Edith for the Saturday 5pm mass. She radiated the holy spirit. I will miss her and her smile. May God rest her soul 🙏🙏🙏

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**HEather SHINA** - July 08, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JL

“ Cynthia was a beautiful, genuine person with big heart. She was compassionate. Her smile and upbeat personality was a gift for us who worked with her at Ford. She is truly missed. May God Bless her and her son and husband and the rest of her family.

Jadwiga Lasiewski - July 08, 2023 at 06:21 PM

PD

“ Cynthia was filled with God's light and love!!! She sprinkled love and joy everyplace she went. Her laughter was simply contagious and I love her so! Love and blessings to Tom and Justin. She loved you so!..... Forever in our hearts, love, Pat Conners Doreza, Kentucky

pat Conners Doreza - July 08, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.



July 08, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Cynthia Doreza Hartsaw.



July 08, 2023 at 03:28 PM

AM

“ Sending love to Tom & Justin & the extended family. Cynthia was full of life. I enjoyed sharing our kids growing up “together “— separated by distance but keeping them close in our hearts!

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**Anita Meyer** - July 08, 2023 at 03:16 PM