



# Deborah M. Jala-Concon

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**D**eborah (Debbie) was born January 29, 1960 in Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar) as the first of four siblings. She spent 10 years in Bangkok, Thailand where she attended the American International School of Bangkok. In her early teens, her most prized memory and honor was to perform for the King and Queen of Thailand at a National Benefit. Debbie immigrated to America with her family in 1975. She graduated from Notre Dame High School San Francisco as Senior Class President in 1978 and went on to San Francisco State University where she graduated in 1982. She was committed to contributing her best in and out of her work life. The Soroptomist International of America recognized and awarded her for her community contributions. Her competency became apparent when sent by her company as a "Solutions Specialist" to troubled spots in Europe and South America. She was happily married to Bert Concon Jr. from 1988 and tragically widowed in 1997. Debbie's passion was reserved for her beloved daughter, Lauren, and son, Myles, to whom she opened their eyes to culture through international travels. She doted her children by sharing the same dreams and passion, and blessed them with continuous vacations to Bahamas, Thailand, Cancun, Hawaii, Turks and Caicos, etc. She exposed her children to charitable acts by volunteering at homeless shelters and food banks. Her children bravely stood by her side sharing her pain and joy in ways only they alone know how. Her greatest joy came from being surrounded by her loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. Debbie is survived by children Lauren and Myles, parents Michael and Felicia, brother Bobby and wife Erlinda, her sisters Vanessa and husband Scott Bernard, and Christina and husband Joe DeVito. The entire Jala family thank you for your gracious presence at the time of profound grief.



## Tribute Wall

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VG

**Vince Gadd** posted:

It is unimaginable to hear that Debbie has passed. She was one of the kindest, sweetest, most wonderful people I have ever met and, I am sure, ever will. I find this news unfathomable. Rest easy.

July 23 at 4:56 AM

LG

**Lourdes (Castro) Galang** posted:

Debbie was truly an incredible human being. I, too, was new at Notre Dame High School in San Francisco when I first met Debbie in 1975. One day I saw this kid coming towards me as I ate my lunch alone. She introduced herself and asked me to join her 3 friends, Julie Rapisura, Martha Rocha and Elizabeth Thomas for lunch. That was the beginning of our Fab 5's 40 year friendship. Fab 5 friends initially met once every quarter and we watched movie, have a meal at a restaurant and walk around the area. Last December 2014, I received a call from Debbie that she was given about a year to live. We as friends decided to meet once a month to spend more time with Debbie. Our last get-together was on Oct. 3rd of this year and this time was joined by Maria Salgado, another high school friend who found us. At the end of our meal, Debbie told us that this may very well be the last get-together she can attend with us. I visited her at her home on Oct 30th and said my good-bye to my dearest friend since my surgery was scheduled on Nov 4th. Debbie made my life a whole lot better since I met her 40 years ago. Debbie had touched many lives including mine. I'll be seeing you, my friend.

November 19 at 11:01 AM

MA

**Mane** posted:

I will definitely miss Debbie as she was the person always smiling and ready to help. She helped me many times at work and always encouraged appreciating all the work I do. Not sure how but I was just thinking of her on last Thu (11/12) and asked my co-worker about her health. Did not think that she will be leaving this world so soon. May her soul rest in a peace since it is relieved from all bodily sufferings. We will miss her, but her memories will be with us

November 19 at 6:18 AM



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KI

**Kim** posted:

I was so sad to hear of Debbie's passing on Saturday morning. Debbie was our office mom (but without the punishments) – she was always cheerful, smiling, caring, encouraging, listening, helping, and just being there for people. We all loved her here at the office, but I feel like I became closer to her over the past year when I was pregnant. I was thankful to have the opportunity to bring my baby over to see her 2 months ago and sent her pictures as often as I could in the hopes of lifting her spirits and giving back to her what she so often gave to us – joy and smiles. She had a contagious laugh and was a true optimist. I'm really going to miss her, but Debbie is in a better place now where she is no longer suffering. Many prayers to the family.

November 18 at 12:10 PM

MK

**Maria Kagehiro** posted:

I wanted to express my dearest condolences to the family. Debbie was always a ray of sunshine at the office, smiling and making sure to take care of everyone else. Encouraging us to always try to make a difference. I will miss that about her greatly. She was a giver a true example of being selfless and grateful for all that she had. She was so appreciative of the trip to Hawaii and everyone taking care of her to ensure she was having a good time. I spoke to her after we had the first rain just a few weeks ago, and I saw rainbows in the sky. I told her I missed her presence at the office. She will always be a rainbow, I will never be able to see one again and not think of her. Your mom was a wonderful mentor- always balancing family, work, and volunteer causes. Let us always be reminded to encourage others, and remember that there is good everywhere.

November 18 at 4:09 AM

LL

**Linda Lau** posted:

Dear Vanessa and Scott, Sorry for the lost of your sister Debbie, a friend, and truly a mentor in your family. Words cannot express the agony, pain and sorrow your family going through. I hope both will find true blessing for Debbie rest in peace. God Bless! Linda and The Lau Family

November 15 at 4:43 PM



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