



# Margaret S. Vento

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“**T**hree things in human life are important: The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.”

Henry James

Margaret S. Vento of Coral Gables, Florida, and previously a longtime resident of Plantation, Florida, passed away on May 12, 2023, at the age of 94, after living a lifetime of kindness. She instilled that quality by example in her seven children.

Margaret was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother extraordinaire, and is survived by her children: Terry Vento (Peter MacNamara), Richard Vento (Brenda), Dr. Susan Benenati (James), Anthony J. Vento, Jr. (Gayle Kanary), and Arthur Vento (Angela); 10 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her children Louise and Robert in their teenage years, her sister Mary Louise Bradley, her former husband Anthony J. Vento, M.D., and her longtime dear friend Mickey Florio.

She studied pharmacy at Fordham University, where she was one of 3 women enrolled, and won the Bausch & Lomb Award. There she met her husband, Anthony, to whom she was married for more than 30 years. While her husband went to medical school at the University of Miami in his 30's, she raised the children which numbered seven at his graduation. She was an intelligent, energetic, and spiritual person, who lived by the mottos “Anything worth doing is worth doing well” and “If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything.”

Margaret had a good sense of humor, which all her children inherited. Always active in their lives, she was a Brownie troop leader, a Cub Scout den mother, a classroom mother, and co-founder of the Friends of the Plantation Library. She made costumes for her children's recitals, went to their ball games, endured each of her children learning the piano or other musical instrument, was an amazing cook, read voraciously, attended Mass religiously and voluntarily laundered the church vestments for decades.

She enjoyed travel, cultural performances, museums, and sports. All were welcomed at her table for a meal, a month, or much more. Volunteering was also a constant in her life, as just one expression of her deep and tested faith. But most of all, she loved her family, and spent time with each of her children's families in various cities, whenever her help was needed.

Margaret was everyone's grandmother in her later decades. Her friendships spanned all age groups. She was admired for being her authentic, kind, wise, accomplished, and helpful self. In a word, Margaret was amazing. She wasn't perfect, but she was pretty darn close!

A Celebration of Life will be held at Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel, 11220 North Kendall Drive, Miami, on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at Epiphany Catholic Church, 8235 SW 57 Avenue, Miami, on Friday, June 23 at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Dr. William J. Meyer, S.M., a longtime friend of the family. Burial will be private.



## Obituary

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The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a gift in her memory be made to:  
Chaminade Madonna College Preparatory School

<https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/27991/donations/new?a=5475605>,

Camillus House <https://camillushouseinc-bloom.kindful.com> ,

Catholic Relief Services [https://support.crs.org/donate/give-where-needed?](https://support.crs.org/donate/give-where-needed?ms=agicrs022310500but00&_ga=2.107939074.1228990121.1685730914-597329130.1685730914&_gac=1.183191380.1685731617.CjwKCAjwpuajBhBpEiwA_ZtffTuSafiiVUdCZtSOMoYuZjfIwXXsoh8EX,)

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or the InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF)

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/MakeDonation.aspx?ORGID2=34-1853821>

Please visit <https://youtube.com/live/KLOgIkCcfRw> for the livestream of the Memorial Mass at Epiphany Catholic Church on or after Friday, June 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM.



# Events

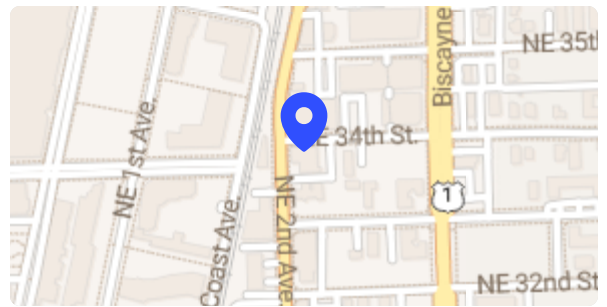
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## Mass

- Friday**, June 23, 2023
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Epiphany Catholic Church

## Cemetery Details

- Van Orsdel Crematory**  
3333 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami FL 33137





## Tribute Wall

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SS

**Sister Mary Ann Spangler, Hm** posted:

I remember her visit to Cleveland, Ohio and Case Western Reserve Campus. It was such a joy to meet her and as part of the visit, her son, Tony, who was the campus minister, gave the two of us a tour of the campus...a walking tour! I remember her clipping along at a fast gait and climbing stairs as we explored one building after the next! Her obituary so accurately describes the absolutely amazing spirit she radiated! What a privilege to have met her...such a memorable "one-time" encounter! My sympathy extends to all of you and my prayers surround you. May peace be your blessing! Sister Mary Ann Spangler, HM

June 24 at 6:13 PM

LC

**Lyn Clark** posted:

Nan AKA Pix was such a sweet lady that I know will be missed by all of her many acquaintances, family and friends!! I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to her family and let you know that I will be praying for healing and comfort for all of you 🙏😊 Sincerely, Lyn Clark ( friend of Brenda and Richard)

June 20 at 1:20 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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