



Marcelo Rivera Santiago

December 3, 1937 - June 6, 2011

Marcelo R. Santiago, Jr., MD, age 73, of Claxton, GA died peacefully at his Newnan residence surrounded by family on Monday, June 6, 2011. He was born December 3, 1937 in Zamboanga, Philippines to the late Marcelo Clemente Santiago & Teodora Rivera Santiago. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brother, Danilo Santiago.

He received his Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1962 from Far Eastern University College of Medicine in Manila, Philippines. He did his internship at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio and completed his residency in surgery at Charleston General Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. In 1975, he moved to Claxton, GA where he raised his family, opened his practice in General Medicine & Surgery and was affiliated with Evans Memorial Hospital until his retirement in August of 2001. He was a member of St. Christopher Catholic Church.

The funeral service is Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, Deacon Steve Swope officiating. The visitation is Saturday morning from 9:00 until 10:45 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA 30263. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Evans County Cares, PO Box 667, Claxton, GA 30417 or Coweta County Cancer Support Group, 35 Woodridge Place, Newnan, GA 30265.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

He is survived by wife of fifty years, Joselyn Mangune Santiago of Claxton,

GA; son, Marc Santiago & his wife Julie of Macon, GA; daughters, Dr. Diana Santiago-NeSmith & her husband Robert Alan of Newnan, GA, Marielle Lam & her husband Dana of Jacksonville, FL, Leanne Carriedo & her husband Fernando of Lawrenceville, GA, Melissa Bauer & her husband Michael of Sharpsburg, GA; brother, Eduardo Santiago & his wife Nita of Arlington, TX; sisters, Angelita Herrera & her husband Roberto of Las Vegas, NV, Belen Gementera & her husband Bonifacio of Victorville, CA, Corazon Powers-Grist of San Ramon, CA; grandchildren, Grant Alan NeSmith, Jillian Elise Lam, Mitchell Marcelo NeSmith, Ryan Thomas Santiago, Grayson Michael Bauer, Ava Maddux Bauer, Ana Marie Carriedo; many nieces, nephews and members of extended family.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Jo, Dina, Marielle, Marc, Leanne, and Lisa. I was so sorry to learn of Doc's death. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. It is hard to lose a loved one, but we can be assured he is in his heavenly home. Your family was a real asset to Claxton. I am so happy I had the opportunity to know you and teach the children. The association that Steve and Jeanne had with you was also enjoyable. Claxton has lost a great doctor and a wonderful family. May God bless you! Janet Strickland

Janet Strickland - July 04, 2011 at 01:53 PM

KW

“ Dear Lissa and family, I am so sorry for the passing of your dad. I know how painful this is. You always spoke so kindly of your wonderful family and I know this is a huge loss. May God comfort you in this sad time. Much love, Kathy and Randy

Kathy & Randy Wetzstein - June 16, 2011 at 10:41 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Santiago. My prayers go out to all of you and I hope everyone is doing ok. Steve Strickland

Steve Strickland - June 16, 2011 at 08:21 AM

RS

“ Dear Ms. Jo & Family, I was so saddened to hear the news of "Doc's" passing. Doc will be greatly missed as he touched many lives and helped many,many people. The world was a much better place having him in it! My prayers are continuous for you and your family. May our Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and your family during this sorrowful time.

Rhonda Tucker Sapp - June 13, 2011 at 02:23 PM

CK

“ *Dina and Family: Your Dad had the wonderful art of healing not only the body, but our hearts and souls. May you and your family have peace and comfort in the days ahead. God bless and keep you all.*
Carol

Carol Rogers Kelly - June 12, 2011 at 12:23 PM

LK

“ *Dr. Santiago was such an able and caring Physcian. We, in Claxton, were very fortunate to have him here to take care of us for the many years that he practiced here. I send my deepest sympathy to all the family in the loss of this good man. You have many precious memories to cherish with pride.*

Lalah Kennedy - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 PM

TS

“ *Marielle, I was so sorry to hear about your father. Dr. Santiago was so special to my family. My mother Martha and step father Skeet loved and respected him as a doctor and especially a friend. I know you will miss him as I do my father and step father, but God heals sorrow and leaves you with peace. He will always be with you, and one day you will be together again. Marielle, I love and miss you. God bless you and your family.* *Terri Salter*

Terri Ambrose Salter - June 11, 2011 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ *So many happy memories! We will never forget Doc. He was a unique, special individual. We at EMH always knew when he was around. He has been, and will always be, missed. Our sincerest condolences to you all.*

Judy & Pridge Beasley - June 11, 2011 at 12:33 AM

TF

“ *We loved Doc and will miss him very much.*

Tammy Kirkland & Family - June 11, 2011 at 12:24 AM

RW

“ *Joey, Our heartfelt sympathy. We will continue praying for June. God will comfort you and keep you under His care.*

Randy & Bini . Walcott - June 10, 2011 at 08:08 PM

SS

“ *To The Santiago Family: It was a privilege to work with Doc for 7 years in Claxton. I saw first hand how much he was liked by everyone he met, and how he cared deeply for each of his patients. I know he will be missed by all. He loved his family immensely. The last time that I saw him surrounded by all of his children, grandchildren, and Mrs. Jo was at his 70th birthday party. He looked as if he could not have been any happier. I hope that the memory of each of your special moments with him will help to comfort and keep him with you always. One of my fondest memories of Doc was how much he loved to work in his backyard with his flowers, especially his bougainvilleas. He was a very special person to my and family and me. After working with all the doctors I have throughout the years, I can truly say he is the very best. We love you all. Susan Sledge and Family*

Susan Sledge - June 10, 2011 at 04:30 PM

CS

“ To "Miss Jo" and Family My heart is filled with sadness during this time. "Doc" was such a unique person, who held a special place in the heart of so many people. He was born into this world for a special purpose. To him everyday was an adventure, and every challenge was an opportunity. He will always be remembered for his kindness and his "smile". He loved his family, he enjoyed his profession, and he took pride in everything he did, especially outdoor tinkering. "Family" was the center of his being. He gave so much to others, in such a special way. He will always be remembered. "Doc" would always say - "do your best and don't worry with the little stuff." He can now ride around in his old fishing truck with no worries. He was the best "sewer" or professionally stated - "inserted the best stitches", I've ever seen. I send my love to you all. "Love hold everything and everybody together."
Colossians 3:14

Cordia Smith - June 10, 2011 at 03:40 PM

GE

“ Melissa, I am sorry to hear about your dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Gerald - June 10, 2011 at 12:38 PM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your wonderful family. We regret that we will be unable to attend the funeral as we will be out of town from June 10 thru June 19th. However, know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad and difficult time.

Melinda & Ellis Mansour - June 10, 2011 at 11:37 AM

JT

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort through your family as you remember the good times and memories made along the way. May God Bless each of you today and in the weeks to come.

Jana Sharpe - Tanner - June 10, 2011 at 01:47 AM

SB

“ My thoughts are with you.

Sue L Brown - June 10, 2011 at 01:06 AM

JB

“ To Mrs Santiago & Family, I send to you the same sentiments as Pauline & William , although i don't know them I know that the Scriptures they sent to you and your family will bring much comfort during this time . I was at your home just the other day asking about "DOC" as I always called him as he treated me since the time he came to Claxton. He saw me thru two surgeries and two pregnancies and many ,many other episodes during his time here. I 've always heard my sister Double D (Doris Dennis) speak very fondly of him and how he always kept them going at EMH. May Jehovah the God of all Comfort be with you and your family during this time as you and your family have always comforted others during their time of distress(2 Corinthians 1:3,4) and feel the concern that Jehovah has for you and your family at this time (Psalms 146:5,9) With deep sympathy and prayers for your family.

Janie Ball - June 09, 2011 at 10:56 PM

EV

“ To the family of Uncle Jun, Our deepest sympathy and condolences. He will be in our prayers and may he rest in peace.
Sincerely, Gene & Family

Eugenio J. Vinta - June 09, 2011 at 08:46 PM

LE

“ My heart is heavy with sadness after I heard of Doc's passing. Not only was he our family doctor, he was a good friend of my parents. (Jim and Lela) He was there to share the best and worse times of our lives. He delivered my son Cagney in 1985 and was with my mom and family to comfort us when my dad passed in 1996. Doc was a great man with a big heart and a wonderful sense of humor. My family and I will remember him always and keep his family in our prayers. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Leslie Easterling-Morris - June 09, 2011 at 08:18 PM

CP

“ Dear Auntie Joey & family, Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and to the entire Santiago family. May the thoughts and prayers of loved ones bring comfort in each of our sorrow. We are praying for strength, courage, peace and comfort for the whole family. And may the LORD's abiding love give our family hope for each tomorrow. Be with us LORD through this difficult time. "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, & trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come & get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." John 14:1-4 Till we meet again Uncle Jun. We love you so much and we will miss you a lot. Again, thank you for everything that you and Auntie Joey did and still doing for our family. Take care & God Bless.

Carina, Mike, Chris & Mikey Parisey - June 09, 2011 at 05:52 PM

TA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort. Barry and Tammy

Tammy Rushing Anderson - June 09, 2011 at 04:05 PM

LM

“ Dearest Grandma Joey, We are very saddened by the loss of Grandpa June. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family during this difficult time. In thinking of your loss we would like to leave you with this quote: "Now he belongs to the angels." Our condolences and love always, Eric & Li-Ann Mankin

Li-Ann & Eric Mankin - June 09, 2011 at 03:32 PM

JC

“ Dear Auntie Joey, We share your grief in Uncle Jun's passing with deepest sympathy and condolence. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and may the peace that comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Uncle Jun will be missed! Sincerely, Jessica, Rito, Corky & Rikka

Jessica & Rito Cornelia - June 09, 2011 at 02:31 AM

DS

“ Dear Auntie Joey and Cousins - our heartfelt condolences. We're sorry and very saddened by our loss of our dear Uncle Jun. I know he's no longer suffering from pain and that he has come home to our Lord up in Heaven. God bless you and all the family.

Diena Simpson and Steve Schanner - June 09, 2011 at 01:05 AM

AD

“ Dear "Miss Jo", Lisa, Leanne, Marc, Dina, and Marielle, I am so sorry to hear about Doc's passing. I know he has had a long and difficult illness. I am so sorry. I am glad that you all were able to spend so much time with him. I have very fond memories of Doc as a young girl. Alison and I felt as if your home was also our home. I smile when I remember Doc working around the yard and the pool. He was always so kind to let me and Alison practically live at your house and play with our childhood best friends, Leanne and Lisa. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget Doc... Love, Angelyn ("Angel")

Angelyn Anderson Dekle - June 08, 2011 at 09:40 PM

RR

“ Jo and family, I am very saddened to hear about "Doc's" death. He was a wonderful man, physician, and friend. I will never forget the 16 years that I had the privilege to work with him. During that time, he taught me a lot about the medical profession. He even had a part in me obtaining my nursing degree. I will forever be grateful to both of you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this loss. God bless. Rhonda Richey

Rhonda Richey - June 08, 2011 at 09:38 PM

AH

“ Marc, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kent and Amy

Amy and Kent Hunter - June 08, 2011 at 07:10 PM

DF

“ Dear Jo, Deanna, Marielle, Leanne, Lisa, and Mark...We were all saddened to learn of Doc's death. He was a well-respected physician, held in high esteem by all of his patients. We valued his medical care for our family, and had great confidence in his ability. Please know that our thoughts, prayers, and love are with all of you. Our memories of each of you are very special, too.

Dewey Hulsey Family - June 08, 2011 at 06:44 PM

TW

“ Today our hearts are filled with sadness. He was truly a caring and compassionate man to all who were fortunate enough to have known him. Our memories of him will always be happy ones - watching him, at family gatherings, quietly making videos of his beloved grandchildren - always so congenial, always smiling. He was so well respected by those whose lives he touched both professionally and socially. We feel especially honored to have shared our precious grandson, Ryan with this wonderful man he called "Grandpa" and who we simply knew as "Doc". We will miss him tremendously. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Santiago family. Please know that we are always here for you.

Tom & Margaret Whitehead - June 08, 2011 at 03:12 PM

DL

“*Joselyn, Dina, Marielle, Lissa, Leanne, and Marc, Dr. Santiago was a wonderful person as well as a physician. His time on earth was too short and he will be missed but not forgotten. Whenever I saw him, he had a wonderful smile that always made you feel good. I will remember his tireless energy to work in the medical field, his love of his family and friends, and the kind person that I grew to know. His legacy will continue through his children and their children because he made such an impact on their lives. Dr. Santiago loved life and even his last family gathering showed the love that the whole family shared with him. We are all saddened because we miss him, but he has gone to a better place. Our prayers and sympathies go out to the entire family at this difficult time. My family and I feel honored to have known such a wonderful person. Joselyn, you have been a wonderful wife, mother, friend, and caretaker. Your strength continues to guide your family. Remember that we are here for you whenever you need us.*

Doris Lam - June 08, 2011 at 02:35 PM

JS

“*Dr Santiago, The staff at ROS-Griffin wishes to express our sympathies to you and your family. Most of us did not know your Dad, but we know that he helped to raise the wonderful doctor and sweet person that you are, so he must have been a very fine man. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Wishing you hope and peace and love.*

Janis Shaffer - June 08, 2011 at 02:21 PM

MW

“*Mrs. Jo and Family, My heart is with you during this time of sadness. Doc and I started at Evans Memorial Hospital at the same time and I will never forget his kindness to me during my growing years as a nurse. He taught me many things but the most important was to know my place and to give the very best I could to my patients. He will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Michaellynn Waters*

Michaellynn Waters - June 08, 2011 at 01:22 PM

MB

“*We the older staff at Evans Memorial that worked with "Doc" for many years wish to express our condolences to his family. We will forever remember him for his patience and guidance over the years. God Bless you all.*

Marilyn Brunson - June 08, 2011 at 11:42 AM

ML

“*our family expresses our condolences to mrs.santiago and all of dr.santiago's family. he was a very kind and caring man. one of the best doctors in the world and we will miss him terribly. he meant so much to my mother when she was diagnosed with cancer. he was an absolute rock for her as well as all of us. words are never enough in this hour of loss. i know god took his hand and lead him home. our sincerest sympathy to his family.*

miriam lane - June 07, 2011 at 05:52 PM

EA

“ Our Dear Friend Jo & Children, Our hearts are so sad to hear of Doc's passing. We remember in 1975 when a young doctor and his lovely wife with five beautiful children came to Claxton to start his practice and to be associated with Evans Memorial Hospital. We remember the many times we were together with our children and the friendship we enjoyed through the years. Most of all, we appreciate and esteem Doc for his compassion, love, and respect for his patients. We shall never forget his help when I (Ann) had cancer many years ago (27) and again in 1997. It was his knowledge and expertise that helped us through these times. We're grateful and will always appreciate his professionalism and the friendship that we shared. He was a friend of all those who worked at EMH and even though he wasn't around much in recent years, he was remembered with love and respect by all of us. May God give you His love and comfort as you grieve his passing. Love, blessings, CARES & prayers, Ann & Eston

Eston & An - June 07, 2011 at 04:17 PM

DL

“ We are both so saddened to hear of Docs passing. He was a wonderful friend and one of the most respected men I have known. We will always have a place in our hearts for him and your family. I truly miss the days we worked together at the hospital in Claxton and we both feel so blessed to have known him and his family. What can we say about Doc? He was Doc..... my friend.

David and LaMyra - June 07, 2011 at 02:43 PM

PW

“ I am sorry to hear about your Dad. May the God of all comfort be with you all. Job asked God if an able-bodied man dies can he live again? Job 14:15 answers "You will call and I myself shall answer you. For you will have a yearning for the work of your own hands." Yes God longs to bring back to life all those in the memorial tombs. (John 5:28,29) Life in a peaceful earth with no more sickness, pain, or sorrow. the former things have passed away.(Psalm 37:29; Revelation 21:4) I hope these scriptures will bring you some comfort and hope.

Pauline and William - June 07, 2011 at 01:12 PM