

In Loving Memory of

# Mercedes Galanto Quinol



**September 2, 1940 – September 27, 2023**

October 28, 2023 10AM

St. John Newman Parish  
St. Joan of Arc Church  
3635 Lyons St, Evanston, IL 60203

## REMEMBERING MERCY

Mercedes Galanto Quinol, affectionately known as Mercy, passed away on September 27, 2023, at the age of 83 due to complications related to lung cancer. She is survived by her devoted husband, Agustin (Butch), four siblings, four daughters and their partners, and five beloved grandchildren plus two significant others.

Mercy's journey began in the Philippines as one of twelve siblings, where her early childhood was filled with love, warmth, and a strong example of what it means to be a family. It was during these formative years that she developed a deep faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Her unwavering faith remained a guiding light throughout her life, offering hope, strength, and comfort to those fortunate enough to know her.

In her academic and professional pursuits, Mercy exhibited extraordinary talent and a deep passion for nursing. She was a proud member of the pioneer class of 1962 at UERMMCI College of Nursing in Quezon City, Philippines, which celebrated its Diamond Anniversary in July of 2022. Her dedication led her to the United States, where she became a registered nurse. Her calling as an oncology nurse at St. Francis Hospital of Evanston earned her the well-deserved title of Nurse of the Year in 2004. She later turned her natural gifts toward leading her fellow practitioners as a manager through the end of a fulfilling 50-year career.

While pursuing her career in the United States, Mercy's heart was captured by Agustin Quinol. They were inseparable over their 57-year marriage and almost always surrounded by a growing network of family and friends. By every measure she was the gravity that gathered and united an extended family and her memory still brings out the best in each of us.

Mercy's unyielding spirit refused to be defined by her disease, even in her final days. Her radiant smile, infectious laughter, and compassionate nature left an indelible mark on all who knew her. What stood out most was her extraordinary gift for hospitality, always ensuring that those around her were cared for and comforted. Mercy's love was often expressed through her amazing food, crafted to perfection, and freely offered to anyone who visited. Her warm and inviting personality immediately endeared her to everyone, making her a cherished presence in our lives.

Mercy's departure has left a void, but her vibrant and compassionate soul now resides in Heaven, where loved ones eagerly anticipate a joyous reunion. As a great friend recently said, "Wherever Mercy is I know there's an amazing party going on. I can't wait to join and celebrate with her again".

## CELEBRANTS

Presider ..... Father Paul Stemn

Music.....James Brian Smith and Ivo Suarez

## THE ORDER OF MASS

-Please Stand for Entrance Procession-

♪ Opening Hymn, *"Precious Lord, take My Hand"*, Dorsey♪

Greeting and Opening Prayer ..... Fr. Paul Stemn

-Please be Seated-

### ▪Liturgy of the Word▪

📖 First Reading, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15.....Austin Fisher

♪ Responsorial Psalm, *"Shepherd Me, O God"*, Haugen♪

📖 Second Reading, Romans 12:9-18..... Mackenzie Seyfried

-Please Stand for Gospel-

♪ Gospel Acclamation, *"Alleluia"*, a chant♪

📖 Gospel, Matthew 5:1-16..... Fr. Paul Stemn

-Please be Seated-

Homily ..... Fr. Paul Stemn

Intercessory Prayers.....Led by Fr. Paul Stemn

### ▪Liturgy of the Eucharist▪

♪ Offertory Hymn, *"Pie Jesu"*, Fauré♪

Offering of Gifts ..... Brought by Mercedes's Grandchildren

Prayer over Offerings ..... Fr. Paul Stemn

-Please Stand for Eucharistic Prayer-

Eucharistic Prayer..... Fr. Paul Stemn

♪ Eucharistic Hymn, *"Santus (Holy, Holy)"*, Manalo♪

-Please Kneel or Sit for Memorial Acclamation-

♪ Memorial Acclamation, *"When we eat this Bread"*, Manalo♪

-Please Stand -

Communion Rite ..... Fr. Paul Stemn

♪ The Great Amen ▪ The Lord's Prayer ▪ Sign of Peace ▪ ♪ Lamb of God

-Please Kneel or Sit for the Call to Communion-

-Proceed toward altar in turn-

*Please note: Catholics who have received their first communion are invited to partake of the Eucharist. Others should cross their arms in front of their chests as they approach, and they will be blessed.*

♪ Communion Hymn, *"Jesus Remember Me"*♪

♪ Communion Hymn, *"Nearer My God, to Thee"*, Adams♪

## •Celebrating Life & Concluding Rites•

Family Remembrances.....Christian and Steve Fisher

*Please note: Other remembrances from friends and family may be offered at the Celebration of Life reception after mass.*

♪ Song of Praise, “King of Kings”, Christian Fisher & Dustin Luehe ♪

-Please Stand-

Prayer of Commendation..... Fr. Paul Stern

♪ Commendation Hymn, “In Paradisum”, a chant ♪

♪ Recessional Hymn, “How Great Thou Art”, Boberg ♪

Our celebration continues at a reception following the memorial mass. Please see <http://mercyquinol.com> to remember, share, donate, and for more details on her Celebration of Life.

## Words to Music

### ♪ Precious Lord, Take my Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand ▪ Lead me on, let me stand ▪ I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night ▪ Lead me on to the light ▪ Take my hand, precious Lord ▪ Lead me home.

When my way grows drear ▪ Precious Lord, linger near ▪ When my life is almost gone ▪ Hear my cry, hear my call ▪ Hold my hand lest I fall ▪ Take my hand, precious Lord ▪ Lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand. Take me hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### ♪ Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. [Refrain]

2. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. [Refrain]

3. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. [Refrain]

### ♪ Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)

Pie Jesu, Domine, Dona eis requiem.  
(Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.)

Pie Jesu, Domine, Dona eis sempiternam requiem.  
(Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.)

### ♪ Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

### ♪ Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, Oh Lord,  
until you come again, until you come again.

### ♪ The Great Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

### ♪ Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

### ♪ Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me, When you come into Your kingdom [Repeat]

### ♪ Nearer, My God, to Thee

1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! ▪ E'en though it be a cross  
that raiseth me, ▪ still all my song shall be, ▪ nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2 Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, ▪ darkness be over me,  
my rest a stone; ▪ yet in my dreams I'd be ▪ nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3 There let the way appear, steps unto heaven; ▪ all that thou sendest  
me, in mercy given; ▪ angels to beckon me ▪ nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

4 Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise, ▪ out of my  
stony griefs Bethel I'll raise; ▪ so by my woes to be ▪ nearer, my God, to  
thee; ▪ nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

5 Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky, ▪ sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
upward I fly, ▪ still all my song shall be, ▪ nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

### ♪ King of Kings

Refrain: King of kings, You are Love, You are Grace,  
You are Hope, and I'm not worthy of your Love.

But Jesus you say I'm saved. But Jesus you say that I'm your child. I  
stumble and fall, and you hold out your hand.

What a Father and a Savior, he's the one who I look to when the sky is  
dark and I'm feeling down. He's the King, he's the King, the King of all  
kings. He's the King, he's the King of all. [Refrain]

King of kings. Oh Ancient of Days, you are love in all your ways. My  
Prince of Peace you sit enthroned in your secret place I'll never know.

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, King of kings. [Repeats].

Darkness has not overcome the light, darkness will not overcome the  
light, darkness cannot overcome the fight, the fight, fight. [Refrain]

### ♪ In Paradisum (May the Angels Guide You)

In paradisum deducant te angeli (May the angels lead you into paradise)

In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem  
sanctam Jerusalem. (May the martyrs receive you and lead you to the  
holy city Jerusalem)

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere  
æternam habeas requiem. (*May choirs of angels receive you and with  
Lazarus, once [a] poor [man], may you have eternal rest*)

### ♪ How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder ▪ consider all the works  
thy hands hath made, ▪ I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, ▪ thy  
pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee. ▪ How great thou  
art! How great thou art! ▪ Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee ▪  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation ▪ and take me  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! ▪ Then I shall bow in humble  
adoration ▪ and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

## **Reading Texts**

 **First Reading, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15:** There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life. For every man, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift of God I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is; and God restores what would otherwise be displaced.

 **Second Reading, Romans 12:9-18:** Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute (you), bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

 **Gospel Reading, Matthew 5:1-16:** When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 7 for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, 9 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you. "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Remind Me

Dear God, when I am lonely, and  
Perhaps I feel despair,  
Let not my ailing heart forget  
That you hear every prayer.  
Remind me that no matter what  
I do or fail to do,  
There still is hope for me as long  
As I have faith in You.  
Let not my eyes be blinded by  
Some folly I commit,  
But help me forget my wrong  
And to make up for it.  
Inspire me to put my fears  
Upon a hidden shelf,  
And in the future never to  
Be sorry for myself.  
Give me the restful sleep  
I need Before another dawn,  
And bless me in the morning with  
The courage to go on.