



Miroslav Ivanic

April 24, 1945 - March 29, 2024

Miroslav Ivanic, AKA Papi, died on Good Friday, March 26, 2024, shortly after 6 pm Eastern - a month shy of his 79th birthday but just in time for this beloved Philadelphia Phillies opening day!

An International man of many lives and many more moods.

His days were filled with Camels cigarettes, Wawa coffee, sugary breakfast treats, fresh fruit cups, hot rod magazines, Bic lighters - his nights were filled with TV, chess games with his fav son-in-law Brian, and many memories.

He was born in the Austrian countryside, as his Serbian and Russian parents fled World War II, Miro's family settled in Caracas, Venezuela, where he and his sister Olga adopted the culture and learned to speak Spanish (amongst six other learned languages). Miro took his young daughters Rai and Samantha to America in 1981, before finally settling in South Jersey.

Miro married twice, but only had eyes for Maria Teresa (Maite), with whom he danced and romanced till she said I do. Together they had a daughter Sasha, and were married for almost 39-years, until Maite's death in 2018.

Miro is survived by his three daughters: Sasha (Chicago IL), Samantha (Raleigh, NC), and Rai (NYC, NY), his grandchildren Harper and Colin, his

sister Olga (Caracas, Venezuela), and the real apple of his eye (his Shih-Poo mix) Baxter.

In memory of Papi, the Ivanic sisters request that you put on your favorite Phillies hoodie, pour yourselves a double shot of single malt Scotch, and raise your glasses (and fruit bowls) to Miro, with the pale blue searching eyes.

We miss you already, Papi.

Services Private.

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Ah Miro, you must have forgotten to drink your guanabana nectar as you told me you could smoke all the cigarettes and drink whatever you wanted as long as you drank the guanabana you would live forever!

Miro was one of the most fascinating and engaging people I ever met and I'll never forget our great conversations at Citizens Bank Park over the years. His stories about everything were truly some of the most memorable times I've ever had with the Phillies.

So, Miro, I'll drink my Bourbon and toast you while you laugh at me for drinking that sweet stuff while you sip your scotch. Here's to one of my favorite people of all time! I'll miss you my friend.... fair enough!

- Bruce L.

Bruce - April 10, 2024 at 10:31 PM

RA

Hi Bruce - this is Rai's, Miro's eldest daughter. I'm just discovering this site and your wonderful contribution. I am so touched! If you ever want to share some stories about my Dad with me, I would really love that. My father was an enigma in many ways - there's much we don't know about him - but his work life, I know, was really important to him. Thank you Rai (917)741-0753.

Rai - December 17, 2024 at 12:14 AM

KT

“ Miro will be missed by everyone that knew him. We spent a lot of time together over the years drinking coffee at both Veterans Stadium & Citizens Bank Park. Even when Miro wasn't feeling his best, he always asked if there was anything he could do for me. He finished every conversation of ours that way.

Some of Miro's antics were so legendary that we still laugh about them to this day!

God bless you Miro.

-Kevin T

Kevin M Tedesco - April 08, 2024 at 10:03 AM

RA

Hey Kevin - are you and Bruce colleagues at the stadium? As I shared above with Bruce I am just discovering this site and your beautiful words about my father. It made me giggle when I read your observation how Miro used to end interactions with, "Is there anything I can do for you?" Would love to hear about any legendary antics (stories) you'd like to share with me (and my hubby Johnny) - whom Papi adored :) We will be in Philly for his one year anniversary this coming Spring of 2025! Kindly, Rai (his eldest) 917-741-0753

Rai - December 17, 2024 at 12:21 AM