



## Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong

December 5, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong announces his passing after a lengthy battle fighting cancer, on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at the age of 43 years.

Marty will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Lorraine. Marty will also be fondly remembered by his parents, Nelson and Gloria Cuaycong, his sister, Marybeth, parents-in-law, Benny and Sue Ng, his brothers-in-law Michael Ryan and Bryant Ng, and his nieces, Calista and Jessica Ryan.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

### Wake

Friday, December 14th, 4-8pm

Barrett Funeral Home, 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly, NJ 07670

### Funeral Mass

Saturday, December 15th, 10am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 10 County Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670

### Cremation Committal

Saturday, December 15th, 12pm

Maryrest Cemetery, 770 Darlington Avenue, Mahwah, NJ 07430

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Marty to Our Lady of Mount Carmel (<http://olmc.us/>).

Please send donations in Matthew Cuaycong's memory to support Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Checks, made payable to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, should be mailed to: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Attn: Emily Carter, 885 Second Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Please indicate on the check that the gift is in memory of Matthew Cuaycong.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Ave  
Mahwah, NJ 07430

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

DEC **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel RC Church  
10 County Road  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dear Lorraine,

*I just wanted to tell you I remember Marty's smile, just like in the picture you have posted. Even after a long night on call, exhausted, he always had that easygoing smile. Thinking of you and Marty.*

*Deepa Sekhar*

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**Deepa Sekhar** - December 31, 2018 at 06:26 AM

LG

“ *Laura N Guevarra lit a candle in memory of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong*



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**Laura N Guevarra** - December 25, 2018 at 10:21 PM

PC

“ *That message is simple: When you come to one of the many moments in life when you must give an account of yourself, provide a ledger of what you have been, and done, and meant to the world, do not, I pray, discount that you filled a dying man's days with a sated joy, a joy unknown to me in all my prior years, a joy that does not hunger for more and more, but rests, satisfied. In this time, right now, that is an enormous thing.*”

*— Paul Kalanithi, When Breath Becomes Air*

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**Paul Chambers** - December 16, 2018 at 01:21 PM

“ I met Marty during a prospective freshmen weekend at Washington University before either of us made our decision to go there. Many months later on my first day of orientation I was of course scared and nervous for the days to come as it was my first time being away from home in a new environment. It was also on that day that I felt someone grab my shoulder from behind. The grip was so strong that it startled me only to turn around and see that familiar and endearing smile gleaming back at me. Upon seeing my first familiar face, all those fears and nerves were erased when I saw Marty and it was at that moment that I made my very first friend at college. I have been known to get into all kinds of mischief in school and Marty was without fail always there for me. One particular night I convinced Marty to crash an upperclassmen party with me. Upon entering the party, I could immediately feel we weren't welcomed there. My stubborn self continued to make my way through the crowd where we were obviously outnumbered by older students. It didn't take long for an upperclassman to make it known we weren't welcomed there as he confronted me on the balcony and a fight was surely to ensue.

Within seconds I felt that familiar hand on my shoulder as he pushed me aside to place himself in between me and the upperclassmen. Anyone who knows Marty knows he is a kind and peaceful man, but it was on that night that I saw who Marty truly is....a fighter. All it took was one intimidating glare from Marty and a quick wave of his finger saying "NO" and they all backed down. What I learned about Marty over the years is that he fought for anyone and everything he loved and cared for. Nothing is more evident than this than how fiercely he fought to protect his wife Lorraine, his family, his friends and his patients. Marty was truly an inspiration to me.

I want to express my deepest condolences on behalf of my family to Lorraine and Marty's family. You are all inspirations to us all with the strength you have shown and the love you have for each other and Marty. I hope you can find peace knowing that Marty will live through all that were blessed to know him.

*Love,  
Jack*

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**Jack Apibunyopas** - December 16, 2018 at 12:33 PM



Winston  
Lim

“ *To Gloria and Nelson,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ ,that surpasses all  
understanding, comfort your hearts.  
Ayong's and the Lims Family. Toronto, Canada*

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**Winston Lim** - December 15, 2018 at 11:14 PM



KD

“ *Being first cousins, my memories of Marty are those of family get  
togethers. So many special times we've had growing up, one of the  
more special being our yearly Thanksgiving at his Mom and Dad's  
house. Of course, in between that, came family graduations,  
weddings, baptisms, and even birthdays.  
But, what a fun cousin, Marty was. He always greeted you with an  
unforgettable smile, excited to hear about what was new in your life  
and wanting to share with you what was new in his. He would get us  
all interested in his adventures abroad and show us beautiful  
pictures that he had taken while traveling with Lorraine and/or his  
Mom and Dad, or his sister, her husband, and kids. Guess you  
could say he definitely had a passion for photography, another one  
of his many loves besides his medical profession, Lorraine, family,  
and friends. OMG, the photo albums of his travels are like National  
Geographic, "a work of art, or actually of heart." Marty's  
photos/photo albums are like a journey into his soul, stories of his  
life, stories to be continued...  
My heart aches the most for Lorraine, my Tito and Tita, and Marty's  
sister*

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**Karen Cuaycong Dunchus** - December 15, 2018 at 08:59 PM

TL

“ Terry M. Larrazabal lit a candle in memory of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong



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**Terry M. Larrazabal** - December 15, 2018 at 07:27 PM

CK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Marty in the NICU at NYP/Cornell. He was not only an excellent doctor but he was also such a pleasure to work with. No matter how busy or hectic the night, Marty would never lose his cool or professionalism and he always had a ready smile. My heart aches for his family. I will keep them all in my prayers that they can find the strength to deal with his tragic loss and I will keep Marty in my memories and my heart.  
Carroll A. Kruger, RN (6W-NICU)

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**Carroll A. Kruger** - December 15, 2018 at 10:11 AM

 Rocky Chan

“ Hey, cuz. If Tita Tina is getting a bit much for you up there you can always hang out with Ma and Tita Betty for a little peace and quiet.



*Rest easy, Marty. The Manila Huangs will miss you.*

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**Rocky Chan** - December 15, 2018 at 01:04 AM

CH

“ *Cesca Huang lit a candle in memory of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong*



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**Cesca Huang** - December 15, 2018 at 12:31 AM

NC

“ When I think about Marty Cuaycong I remember him as a young resident in his first year. Friendly, kind and really excited about the NICU. Parents loved him. In fact, one family refused to talk to the attendings and fellows and only wanted to talk to Marty! I knew then when that father told me how Marty made him feel about his triplets, Marty would be a great doctor. That father was so grateful, he invited me and Marty to his home in Cairo. Marty and I joked saying we would love to come someday. And I was so happy that Lorraine and Marty did visit Egypt soon after me albeit without the grateful father 😊.

We would talk about their travels. And great places to visit. Marty was always available and always good natured and smiling even on the toughest of shifts. I would tease him about using his watch as his calculator like the young boys I was in grammar school with and he would fess up to his nerd factor. I could always see the young boy in Marty and I think that enthusiastic spirit of youth never left him and enabled him to always be so filled with energy and robust spirit in caring for his patients and their families. All of us really loved him. I don't think one single nurse could ever utter anything negative about him or doubt him. That says a lot about who he was as a doctor and person.

I never saw Marty without that radiant smile. He continued to make an impact on the lives of so many after he left us at Cornell including my cousin's children who were in the Winthrop NICU. I never worried about their babies because I knew Marty was there. My cousin's son had a traumatic birth and start yet I knew to be calm because of Marty. Marty reassured my family who asked a million questions that our new baby would be fine and we have enjoyed our little guy for the past 5 1/2 years with Marty and the incredible staff of Winthrop to thank. Every baby was so fortunate to have him as their doctor. And I will always look at my cousin's son and think of Marty.

I was so concerned and saddened when I initially heard about the

*brain tumor. I kept him in my constant prayers and asked about him frequently. When I heard he was in hospice, I prayed so much for him trying to bargain with God to give Marty more time. I cried and I don't do that for many people let alone a doctor I worked with. He had an impact on all of us. I can only imagine the pain and sadness and grief of deep loss his parents, sister and wife must be feeling. I would love to say thank you to his parents for raising such a wonderful person for all of us to treasure. I hope Lorraine is able to find his love for her daily as she embarks on the challenge of moving forward with life without her enchanting companion.*

*Some people have that lasting effect on your being. People like Marty are amongst them for me. In this way, I feel like Marty will live on in all the hearts and minds of those who knew him and in all the children he nourished to good health. Marty will live forever and for this, I am grateful that such a kind soul will remain with us even if we don't get to see his beautiful spirit smiling at us.*

*Nusrat Qadir Chaudhry 6 West NICU NYP*

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**Nusrat Qadir Chaudhry** - December 15, 2018 at 12:28 AM

CH

“ *Catherine Huang lit a candle in memory of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong*



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**Catherine Huang** - December 14, 2018 at 09:50 PM

Peter  
Huang

“ *Lit a candle in Memory of Marty.*



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**Peter Huang** - December 14, 2018 at 09:34 PM

MH

“ *Michael Christopher Tantoco Huang lit a candle in memory of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong*



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**Michael Christopher Tantoco Huang** - December 14, 2018 at 08:24 PM

DH

“ *I knew Marty during his time at NYP-Weill Cornell when he was a pediatric resident and NICU fellow. He was a fantastic senior and leader, always carrying out his work responsibilities with a contagious smile. All the hospital staff loved working with him. He was very caring, extremely smart and fun to work alongside. I always looked forward to working with Marty on our shifts together and am thankful to have known Marty. My deepest sympathy and prayers for Lorraine and Marty's family & dear friends.*

*- Duncan Hau*

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**Duncan Hau** - December 14, 2018 at 02:10 PM

DB

“ *Dennis Balcon lit a candle in memory of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong*



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**Dennis Balcon** - December 14, 2018 at 09:48 AM

DB

*Our deepest sympathies... eternal rest grant unto Marty Lord, may his soul rest in peace!*

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**Dennis Balcon** - December 14, 2018 at 09:51 AM

MF

“ *Marty was a special angel in this world. As his cousin and knowing him since he was a baby he truly became the wonderful person we could see he would be in this world. His gentle nature and bright smile always made our family gatherings so special. He cared so much about getting to know us and taking time to spend with the family. My husband Tony, my sons Alec and Ian have grown to love him as much as I had. Lorraine and Marty were a beautiful and loving couple. So blessed to have watched him and his love for the medical world and to meet Lorraine. He will be very missed by all of us but we know he will always be watching over all those who love him. Your cousin JoAnn, Tony, Alec & Ian*

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**Maldonado Family** - December 14, 2018 at 08:24 AM

SJ

“ I knew Marty from our days at Wash U. Looking back now it seems so obvious that he would become a pediatrician. I remember him showing such caring for people but I also remember him as a guy who was just a super silly kid inside (classic peds material). I can picture him now uncontrollably cracking up watching an Adam Sandler movie. I am truly sorry that he is no longer with us. My deepest condolences to Marty's family and extended family.

soma jyonouchi - December 13, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ Blessed by time spent together in residency -- an ever smiling, wise, gorgeous soul. Thankful to have counted him among my friends.

Bram Raphael - December 13, 2018 at 03:57 PM

TL

Marty was like my own son. I was there when he was born and watched him grow up to be a wonderful person. He was kind, generous, thoughtful, loving, caring etc. Everything you wished for it's Marty. He took care of Betty and Tina when they were hospitalized never missed a day. When my brother died a couple years ago my world crumbled and when i heard of Marty's passing my world crumbled once again. Then i turned to the Lord and realized that He must love Marty so much. I thank God for all my blessings and being part of Marty's life. Mart you are now in heaven with your Ama and Angkong(Auntie D and Uncle Frank), your Tita Betty, Tita Tina and Tita Dot. We have another guardian Angel to watch over us. Love you very much Mart and will miss you dearly..Tita Terry

Terry M. Larrazabal - December 15, 2018 at 10:43 AM

AR

“Marty is one of the most genuine and kind souls that I've had the opportunity to meet in my lifetime. If you needed a "residency break" to grab wings at Bar coastal - he was your guy. If you needed coverage on a 24 hour PICU weekend shift on short notice because you were sick - he was your guy. If you needed a pick me up after a long stressful day at RGP or 6N - he was your guy. Marty's smile and cheerful charisma are so dependable, I cannot remember a time we spent together without them. He was an angel walking among us, and for some reason God needed him back (maybe for a "God break") or had plans for reassignment. My deepest sympathies to Lorrain, and the Cuaycong/Ng families. Thank you for sharing Marty with us!



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**Antonio Riera** - December 13, 2018 at 11:34 AM

AC

“When I think of Marty, what shines the brightest was his brilliant wide smile. He is truly a person that was always happy, whole heartedly kind and sincere. We are all lucky to have known such a wonderful person and have lost him much too soon. I have a vivid memory of Marty from our Wash U days. I was headed to an organic chemistry midterm and I was not prepared and pretty sure I was going to fail the test. As I was walking to the exam I passed Marty on his mountain bike (of course) heading back to the S. 40 and he stopped to say hi as I burst out in tears from stress and fear. He gave me a big hug and told me I would be OK and just to do my best. Many memories swim through my mind but the most lasting one I will always have was that handsome guy with the big smile! I will miss you Marty!  
Lorraine and both Cuaycong and Ng Families, may you be blessed with peace and solace during this time.

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**Amanda Chan** - December 13, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong.



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December 13, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ *As a young intern to completing his residency with Lorraine on 6 North at Cornell, Marty always had a smile that would light up the galaxy! He is a brilliant treasure that will be truly missed and he is now a shining star in the heavens. My heartfelt condolences to Dr. Lorraine and family and please know, “A death is not the extinguishing of a light, but the putting out of the lamp because the dawn has come.” Sincerely, Dahlia Merritt, RN (6 North—NYP Cornell)*

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**Dahlia Merritt** - December 13, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Working on 6North was always so hectic, and it was difficult to keep up with with the patient’s demand for the residents...as difficult as it was to call him by his last name, I would get on the loud speaker, “Dr. Cuaycong to the nurse’s staion please.” Marty would come out from the resident’s lounge right in front of the nurse’s station and say, “genylyn, please call me Marty.” I smiled, and said ok...his presence was always very uplifting, mostly because he was very handsome and so humble. I am thankful to have known such a person and terribly sad to have lost him to a disease that he lived his life trying to help little kids with the same problem. He will truly be missed.

*My deepest sympathy go out to Lorraine and Dr. Cuaycong’s family.*

*Sincerely,  
Genylyn Sese*

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**Genylyn Sese** - December 13, 2018 at 07:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Judy** - December 12, 2018 at 10:54 PM

EK

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Lorraine and Marty's family. I have so many wonderful memories of Marty, having had the privilege of working with him during residency and fellowship. His patience, ability to make any situation less stressful, and genuine kindness were just a few of his best qualities. I remember him coming in at 5 AM one day to help me with a procedure during training. He showed up with a smile on his face and not a hint of frustration for being called upon for help, and knowing him he probably headed straight to the gym after we were done. During fellowship one of the faculty members once gave him the highest compliment and called him a "triple threat" in medicine, because he could just do it all. They were right, he was an incredible teacher, brilliant researcher, and adored by staff and families as a clinician. Marty will be sorely missed.  
-Ericalyn Kasdorf

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**Ericalyn Kasdorf** - December 12, 2018 at 04:28 PM

DM

“ Department of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong.



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**Department of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine** -  
December 12, 2018 at 02:37 PM

NA

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Lorraine and Marty’s family, who will surely miss the presence of a truly lovable and kind person.

*I wish to celebrate Marty. My time at Wash U. was defined by the strong friendship and bond I shared with Marty. We were friends from the first week of University and lived together for four memorable years. I will always fondly remember our mountain biking adventures, competitive bowling outings (Marty owned a purple ball he named Morado), his barely edible spaghetti, cramming for the MCAT, aimlessly driving around in his Dodge Neon just because gasoline was under a dollar, late night card games, and of course our shared love of all things sweets and desserts (our motto was dessert before entrée!).*

*Marty was always there for me, and helped make me the person I am today. He was not only a great friend, but he was great person – intelligent, thoughtful, kind and humble. Marty was one of those rare people who no one had a negative word to say of.*

*Thank You Marty for calling me your friend – I am blessed to have known you, and I will always picture you with your smile and infectious laugh. With Love – Naris Apichai*

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**Naris Apichai** - December 12, 2018 at 03:21 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong.



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December 11, 2018 at 10:50 PM

MW

“ I knew Marty from our days at Wash U. We took a lot of pre-med classes together - he and Naris were always predictably together in the 1st row in the balcony of the big lecture hall. A lot of us were always at his suite, as he was very hospitable. I'll always remember him as being nice, smart, mature, and funny. He was a good friend to us and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lorraine and his family.

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**Michael Wang** - December 11, 2018 at 10:19 PM

JC

“ The first time I met Marty was on a late summer night while eating halal meat from a street vendor's cart. It seems good food was a recurring theme of our friendship. Our group of friends devoured lamb and chicken over rice with white and red sauce. Good food...even better company! I will always remember Marty as a person full of humor who had an eye for photography and a stomach that always had room for dessert. The world lost a truly unique soul.

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**Jason Chu** - December 11, 2018 at 08:55 PM

KP

“ I too have such vivid memories of Marty. He was on days while I was on nights and vice versa many,many (many!) times during residency. I don't think I could have survived nights while pregnant without his support and smiling face coming to my rescue every morning with my hot tea - light and sweet (and he totally understood how many sugars I needed in that thing). There was nothing better than saying something that gave Marty the giggles. He was just the best. I'm heartbroken that we've lost him, and I'll always think of him and miss him. All my love to you, Lorraine, and the rest of his family. Love, Kathleen Pope

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**Kathleen Pope** - December 11, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Matthew (Marty) Cuaycong.*



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December 11, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ *I have such a clear memory of being in the NICU with Marty during residency, and - while I could never claim to have the sweet tooth he did! - I usually craved some Skittles right around 4AM, and I always knew Marty would never be empty handed. He brought such a refreshing, enjoy the "simple pleasures of life" attitude with him. He will be missed. All my love to Lorraine and the community of loved ones who continue on...*

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**Tara Greendyk** - December 11, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ *I will always think of Marty when I directly dig into a pint of ice cream. 6 am signouts were egg and cheese sandwiches for most people in residency but signing out to Marty the question was "what flavor of Ben and Jerry's today?" KOP, Rafii and I from Cornell Peds 2007 all send our love to Lorraine and the whole family and will remember Marty always. Judy E*

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**Judy Eckerle** - December 11, 2018 at 02:41 PM