



*Love, peace and joy to you and your loved ones on Jesus's birthday and through 2023
-Reyan, Kaiya, Serena, Amit, Devin, Anita, Jason, Misha, Saho, Karl, Laila and Ben*

2022: Milestone year for Misha and Kaiya



Kaiya Ahuja



Reyan Ahuja

Misha, daughter of Karl and Saho, graduated from Yokohama International School in Japan on June 5 and was accepted at Western University in London, Ontario. Ben, Laila, Karl and Saho, went with Misha to help her move into her university residence in August.

Kaiya, daughter of Serena and Amit, completed grade 7 at St. Augustine School. Classmates/teachers chose Kaiya to give the farewell speech. She is now in grade 8 at Little Flower Academy. Before leaving St. Augustine, Kaiya was confirmed by Archbishop Michael Miller at St. Augustine Church on June 12.

Both Misha and Kaiya are budding artists and their works were displayed at their respective schools.

Reyan, son of Serena and Amit, is excelling in academics and in soccer and baseball. He is now in grade 6 at St. Augustine School.

In July, Ben and Laila visited Haida Gwaii with Ben's sisters, Sister Gemma Pires [from California], Sister Lisa Pires [from Goa, India], Selma Sequeira [Victoria], and Laila's sisters, Lorina Miklenic, Amabel de Lara, and Stella Castillo and friend Eleny Park [all in Victoria].

In September/October, Ben and Laila went to Assisi, Italy, and were joined a few days later with Laila's siblings [some with spouses]: Melissa and Nick Lansigan; Cynch de Lara; Lorina and daughter Larissa; Joel and Mel de Lara; Amabel de Lara and JB Lim, and Stella Castillo. They travelled from south to north Italy in two vans for two weeks.



Misha Pires



Kaiya's Confirmation

She took the confirmation name Bernadette. Now her full name is Kaiya Bernadette Sophia Ahuja.



*Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions
Christmas season 2021 enjoyed in Japan, Whistler, Victoria*



After two years of Covid travel restrictions, family gets together





Milivoj Miklenic

[19 May 1946 - 20 March 2022]



It was a sad day when Milivoj “Boboy” Miklenic -- born in Zagreb, Croatia, and immigrated to Canada in 1971 -- unexpectedly passed away at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

He was our brother-in-law [married Laila’s younger sister, Lorina], uncle “Boboy” to many, and Serena’s godfather. He coached Serena’s soccer team, played basement floor hockey, backyard soccer, and basketball with Karl, Jason et al before watching Hockey Night in Canada with them. He also played chess with them and taught them how to drive.

He was Santa for our extended family Christmas parties, attended all family gatherings, was our

“lechon” carver, and joined us regularly for Sunday breakfasts at Tim Hortons.

In recent years, when we travelled, he was our “home-land security.”

He easily engaged people in conversations on a variety of topics, was well read and had a photographic memory.

He regaled family with stories of his youth and recounted memories of family members and events with humor and keen observations.

He played soccer for the men’s league and religiously watched World Cup and European Cup games. This year’s World Cup was not the same without him. He is survived by Lorina, daughter Larissa, and brother Boris.





Surprise 75th birthday party for Laila in our backyard



80th birthday celebration of Sister Lisa Pires, Ben's sister, at the waterfront home of Ben's nephew, Myron, and Angela Pereira in Victoria



Lunch at Deep Cove Chalet and picnic for Ben's 78th birthday



Karl, Saho wedding anniversary party





Summer tennis and golf camps in Victoria, and in Vancouver, baseball, and soccer with uncle Jason as coach



Kaiya is a serious and talented dancer and performed at the Arts Umbrella Dance Recital in June



Post Covid, Misha went back to play soccer and basketball for her Yokohama International School team

Reyan, Karl and Ben drove to Seattle to watch two-way [pitcher and hitter] superstar Shohei "Showtime" Ohtani of the Los Angeles Angels play against the Seattle Mariners on June 16.



Since February 2021, Ben has walked 6,032 kilometres in the virtual Conqueror Challenge, finishing 31 challenges, plus four of his own treks in the Philippines and Goa, India, and Conqueror Challenge has planted 155 trees in the world for his efforts.



*Visited
Haida Gwaii,
an archipelago
on our west
coast, from
July 10-15*



Larissa, Joel, Mel, Melissa, Nick, Stella, Lorina, Cynch, JB, Amabel, Laila and Ben in Assisi, Italy





Jason finished his 10th Tour de Cure [formerly Ride to Conquer Cancer] in August to fundraise for cancer research



While in Toronto, Ben and Laila attended the Beta Sigma Fraternity ball. Ben joined the frat in 1964



Attorney General David Eby [now Premier] proclaimed June as Philippine Heritage Month in our province. The Philippine's Vancouver Consul General Maria Andrelita Austria [right] and MLA Mable Elmore, [next to David Eby], first MLA of Philippine ancestry, attended. Laila and Ben did too.

Lots of fun with family and friends in Ontario



Family's travel bug returns in 2022





Misha's high school graduation and start of studies at Western University



Art works of Kaiya and Misha were displayed at Little Flower Academy and Yokohama International School

