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her-favorite-authors, that said "life-without travel-around the world is only half-living."

- >>> make a breakout box listing the sites During the last three years of her life on and off of chemotherapy treatment she covered four continents and visited sites including the Parthenon of Greece, the Taj Mahal of India, the Hagia Sophia of Turkey and Great Pyramids of Egypt.
- \*\*\* "She-retired-and-just-wanted-to-travel-and-do-all-of-the-things-she-always-wanted-to-do,"-her-son-said.-¶

»» One of six children, Teresita was born on June 12, 1946 in

- Cebu. Philippines and developed a love of learning at a young age. ¶

  »» "Even though she came from a wealthier family in the

  Philippines, it's still is a 3rd world country and people there don't have a lot of money," her son said. "Growing up, her travel was in books only." ¶
- >>> Cente obtained her nursing degree in 1968 and came to New York City three years later on an exchange program for health care professionals. her husband?
- »» She attended an NYU for a master's in nursing and later joined the Army Reserves, where she would serve 21 years and retire in 2005 with the rank of major. In married, had two kids, settled in Scotch Plains
- »» "When she came here on a work visa, all of the sudden traveling wasn't just a dream or something she would read about," her son said. "My parents truly lived the American dream."
- >>> It-was-tradition-that-the-Canete-family-took-annual-trips-every-year. They-visited the Caribbean, Europe and Indian even across-the-country-in-a-van-for-two-weeks.
- »» she was reserved, her son attributes to her culture, and didn't speak about the grave illness she faced. Friends and coworkers for decades didn't even know she had cancer. But she kept travelling.
- >>> But in the last three years of her life, the trips she and her husband took became more frequent.

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"I can't think for her, but maybe she was thinking she was running out of time and she wanted to see as many places as she could," said Carmen Lou, a family friend who knew Teresita for more than 40 years. "You know it's the kind of thing where time is your enemy."

- >>> Then, on Nov. XX, she checked into the hospital for X and a few days later, she died. Her book unfinished...
- >>> For now <u>Bernardo</u>, the goal to check off every destination in the entire book has ended, too.
- »» "At-this-point-in-time-it-hurts,"-he-said.-"I-would-like-to-go,-but-I-don't-think-I-can-without-her."
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