

I didn't end up with what I thought I wanted. What I thought I wanted was that job I applied for 10 years ago. But the Maker of Plans had something different in mind for me. To stay put.

Next week marks my 20th anniversary at White & Case. A workplace I can call my home away from home. There, I work with people I consider like family. I thank God for placing me exactly where I am to be. So, if you don't get what you want, remember that your future self might be grateful, and that some of the best blessings are unanswered prayers. Be open to God's direction.

Speaking of being where one is meant to be, in 1988, while working at a firm where the Maker of Plans had then placed me (despite my pouting), I met Barbie Rodriguez. A cat-loving, funny, witty as hell, faith-filled beautiful soul, with a passion for baking and a wicked knack for writing. A solid fan and follower of this blog from the start, and one of the persons who encouraged me to publish my essay collection in 2013, and helped me select the pieces to include in my book.

Late yesterday, I received news that Barbie passed on. I am sad, but rejoicing that she will reunite with her parents who she loved so deeply.

Barbie, mi Amiga, I dedicate today's post (in infinity) to you. I will miss you and will remember you always. In your own words, "Love, love, love, Amiga."

What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

"Your love, Jesus, is an ocean
with no shore to bound it.
And if I plunge into it, I carry
with me all the possessions

I have. You know, Lord,
what these possessions are —
the souls you have seen
fit to link with mine.”
-St. Therese of Lisieux

“Sometimes the power of your faith, not the answer to your prayer, is the miracle.”
-A. vanOirschot

” For I know the plans I have for you,” declares The LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
-Jeremiah 29:11



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