

Remembering an Angel...

Every wedding anniversary I have had over the past 11 years have been wonderful and unforgettable because my husband and I always made sure to make it special and meaningful and while most years we went back to my country to celebrate them, this year we stayed near home and he was the one that decided to surprise me.

I didn't know where I was going and I wasn't sure what we were going to do and, for most of the trip we took in the car, I really had no idea what the surprise was about. When I started seeing street signs mentioning the state of New Jersey, my heart jumped and I realized where he was possibly going to bring me.

The closer we were getting to our destination, the more obvious it was becoming and the happier I was getting!

Realizing what I was about to experience, my eyes teared up and I was overwhelmed by deep and strong emotions.

I knew that I was about to enter the New Jersey Botanical Garden and to be a part of a place that meant a lot to me, a place that reminded me of an angel I met almost 2 years ago.

It wasn't a pretty day. It was rainy and chilly and my legs weren't working too well, but nothing mattered.

I was there!

I was back to the place that brought me to meet someone so wonderfully special who taught me what it means to truly GIVE.

I was back at the place where I met the giving and selfless woman that, from the moment we met, planted the seed within me that grew into Flowers4MS. Her encouragement and support made it clear to me that I could do anything!

Special anniversaries are not about diamonds and gold. They are not about presents or the perfect dress.

They are about simple and unforgettable moments that don't cost anything, but that fill your heart with joy and that leaves behind a memory that is greater than a treasure!

I walked along the many areas of the garden where I strolled with the two women and, in the cold and rainy day, I noticed that it didn't even matter that the many islands didn't have many flowers.

It wasn't about that either. I was there to relive a very special experience that changed my life forever.

I was there to remember an angel!

