



Margarita Doral Serrano

July 20, 1936 - March 28, 2024

Margarita Doral Serrano, 88, of Gurnee, IL, passed away on March 28, 2024, at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL, after a valiant battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

Margarita—fondly known as “Marge” by her friends and “Mama” by her family—was born on July 20, 1936, in Bangued, Abra, Philippines. She was the only child of Lourdes Barros and Braulio Doral and was raised in La Paz.

Marge completed her nursing degree at Baguio General Hospital School of Nursing. She met the love of her life Leocadio Vasquez Serrano of Libon, Albay, and they married on June 6, 1958, in Manila. Leo and Marge would go on to share 64 devoted years of marriage. They had 5 children—Marirose, Enrico, Adolfo, Joseph, and Leocadio, Jr.—in Manila. Leaving behind their children in pursuit of a better life, Marge and Leo immigrated to the U.S. on November 13, 1966, working and living in Saginaw, Michigan, for one year. In 1967 they put down their roots in Chicago, IL, and had their last two children—Franklin

and Grace Ann. They closed on their house on Pratt Boulevard on January 30, 1971, and their five children emigrated from La Paz in 1972.

Throughout her nursing career, Marge worked at several healthcare facilities in the Chicagoland area, including the Veterans Administration's Lakeside Medical Center and various nursing homes, oftentimes working double shifts. She dedicated most of her career at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston from 1977 until her retirement. Outside of work, Marge was a dedicated member of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, the Filipino-American (Fil-Am) Association of Chicago and the Midwest, the Catholic Guild, Bikol USA of the Midwest, as well as a parishioner of St. Timothy in West Ridge and St. Matthias in Lincoln Square. She will be remembered as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and prayerful venerator of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, a hard-working nurse, and a thoughtful and affable friend among her social circles and at Thomas Place Gurnee.

Surviving are her 7 children: Marirose, Enrico (Myrna), Adolfo (Adora), Joseph (Amy), Leocadio, Jr., Franklin (Rebeca), and Grace Ann; 13 grandchildren: Kenneth (Saima) Serrano, Jessica (Zen) Gatton, Ashley Serrano, Brianna Serrano, Anthony Serrano, Michael Serrano, Ariel Serrano, Jana Serrano, Krystin (Brian) Reketis, Christopher Serrano, Nicole Serrano, Brandon Serrano, and Maya Molina.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband Leocadio (d. 2022).

Funeral mass will be held at 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024, at Santa Maria del Popolo Parish, 116 N.

Lake St., Mundelein IL. A brief visitation will be held on the same day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL. For info:

847-362-3009, or share a

memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Mass

APR 5. 12:30 PM (CT)

Santa Maria del Popolo Church
116 N. Lake Street
Mundelein, IL 60060

Tribute Wall

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“ *From these pictures, your mother seemed like a festive spirit and full of life. My deepest condolences during this time, and I hope that you continue to cherish the great memories of her.*

KaliQa - April 05, 2024 at 08:28 AM

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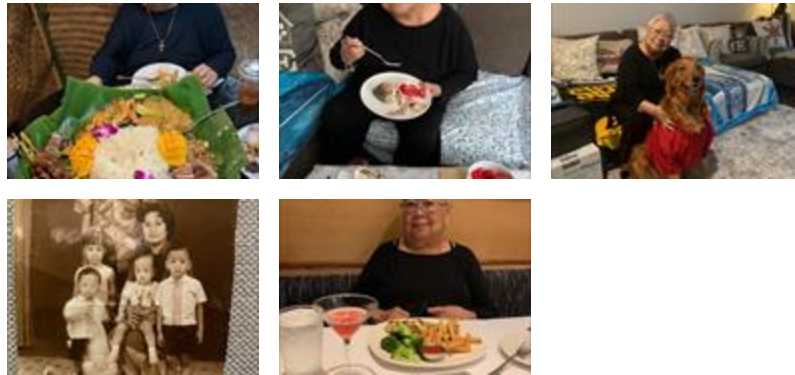
“ *Adolfo and Family,
Our sincere condolences to you and your family for the loss of your Mother, "Mama".
God bless her soul. Peace be with you all.
The Oehrlein Family*



Jeffrey Oehrlein - April 04, 2024 at 04:25 PM

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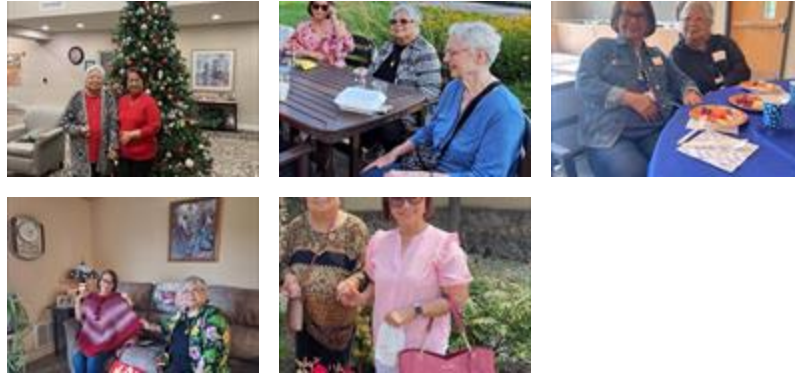
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Baby Serrano - April 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Ludy Tolentino - April 02, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ We honor the life of Marge by these cherished memories captured in photos. These snapshots reflect the joy, love, and warmth she brought into our lives. Though she may be gone, these images ensure that her spirit and legacy will always be remembered and cherished.



❤️ Ludy Tolentino

Ludy Tolentino - April 02, 2024 at 08:57 PM

MA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Maya - April 02, 2024 at 06:46 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Grace - April 02, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margarita Doral Serrano.



April 02, 2024 at 05:04 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Mama pics



Joseph Serrano - April 02, 2024 at 02:41 PM