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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Angelita Ruiz Martinez, Chula Vista, CA., on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10:00 am. She was 83 years of age. Lita, as she was called by all was born April 9, 1935 in Bogo, Cebu, Philippines. She survived the Japanese occupation of 1941-1945 and went on to college, obtaining her doctorate degree in dentistry (DMD) at the age of 23 from Centro Escolar University, Manila in 1959. She met her future husband, Roland Nino Martinez in Manila, in November 1958 and subsequently came to New York City with a Fellowship Resident Scholarship with the Guggenheim Dental Clinic under the Foreign Exchange Program. She went on to become a graduate in Anesthesia, St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. She also worked as a pulmonary technician at Charity Hospital, New Orleans and Battan Memorial Hospital, Albuquerque, NM. She later worked at University Hospital, San Diego, CA. She married Roland Nino in May 1961 in Baltimore, MD. and subsequently having completed her foreign exchange tenure accompanied her Naval career husband to the Philippines for three years of duty in October 1962. Their two sons, Paul C. and Mark S. were born at Naval Station Sangley Point, in April 1963 and May 1964. After duty in Albuquerque, N.M., New Orleans, La. the family moved to San Diego in January 1970 where they all remained to this day. Angelita was instrumental and associated in beginning the Respiratory Therapy Program in 1971 to 1991 and sent 20 classes through Grossmont College. During this period she took sabbatical and completed postgraduate studies at UCLA in dentistry. She then took the dental boards and qualified on her first attempt. In 1983 she opened her own dental clinic in National City. During this time she encouraged four of her dental assistants to complete their schooling for their dental licenses. They all completed their studies and became licensed dentists in Southern California. Survivors include the family, sister Mrs. Inez R. Martinez, her husband and brother to Roland, Lyle Edward, nephew Thomas, daughter Lisa and



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son-in-law Vince Archibeque of Boise, Idaho. Dr. Martinezs parents died in 1967 and 1991. The parents of Roland died in Oklahoma in 1955 and 2007. A sister to Angelita, Cris Mangar and her husband Dr. Harold Mangar reside in Hillsborough, California. They have three sons David, Steven and Jeff. Interment is scheduled at Greenwood Memorial, San Diego, in midweek.



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IG

Isaac Gonzales posted:

What an emotionally charged, overwhelming, yet amazing day today was. Everyone came together to say goodbye and begin a new phase of their lives as we accepted your demise in both spirit and memory. As we were there in community to share our sorrow, everyone will miss you, your beautiful smile and your easy-going style so much as you brought such joy to your family and friends. You were one of the most beautiful human beings I had ever met; loving, caring, giving, compassionate... the list is just endless. I feel so incredibly blessed that I was part of such an amazing person's life. You had the gift of bringing out the best in a person and you always made me feel good about myself. My heart is sad but am happy that everyone was blessed to have had you in their lives. I thank God for you, for the time we had with you, and will be forever grateful to you.

October 18 at 9:20 AM

KE

Kee posted:

To the family, My deepest sympathies on the loss of your loved one. I hope that the words at Psalm 34:18 and 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 can bring you comfort during this time of sorrow.

October 15 at 4:10 AM

DW

Dr. Barry & Jacquelyn Winn posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Leta was a joy to know and teach Respiratory Therapy with at Grossmont Cuyamaca College District!

October 14 at 9:12 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Angelita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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