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Celebrating the Life of Leticia Musa Pontanares
Leticia (Letty) Musa Pontanares, 87
Chula Vista, CA

Passed on Thursday, April 11th, 2024

Letty, short for Leticia, was born on September 18, 1936, in Manila, Philippines, to Juan and Graciniana Musa. She was the sixth child among 14 siblings. Letty attended Odiogan Elementary and Odiogan High School in Romblon, Philippines, and pursued nursing in college. In 1957, she married Manolito Orara, a US Navy serviceman, and they relocated from the Philippines to San Diego, California. During the early 1970s, she began working at Eurpac Inc., a music distribution company in San Diego, where she stayed until 1999. Letty retired at the age of 62 and started enjoying precious moments with her granddaughter, Erica.

In 1978, she married Lucio Pontanares, and they were together for 18 years. Letty had a talent for playing the piano, while Lucio enjoyed singing and music. They often played, sang, and danced together at home and at social gatherings with friends. Lucio was a member of the Bicol Club of San Diego, and they both liked attending club events, parties, and dances. Letty also played the piano for the Bicol club choir, enjoying music and socializing at holiday functions and gatherings.

Later in life, Letty cherished spending time with her church friends Tina and Linda, as well as her Sunday brunch group Lorrie, Bob and Yoly. She also enjoyed socializing with her close friends Lydia, Rose, and Lotte. Together, they would drive to the nursing facility in Eastlake every week, where Letty volunteered by playing the piano for the residents.

Letty was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Chula Vista and eagerly anticipated seeing her many friends on Sundays. She was deeply devoted to her faith, demonstrating her love through her caring nature towards family and friends, and by offering constant prayers for those around her.



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Letty is survived by her four sisters: Marcia Cruz, Myrna Apelizan, Teresita Hermoso, and Nanette Noche, her sons Philip and Reynaldo, stepchildren Lucio Jr. (Happy), Reno, Benilda Cabral, Villa Pontanares, and Manolito Orara Jr., as well as numerous beloved grandchildren.

“The song is ended but the melody lingers on.” - Irving Berlin



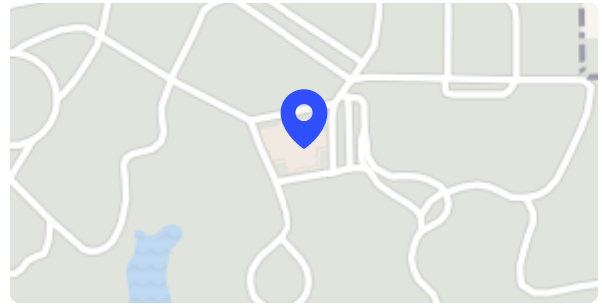
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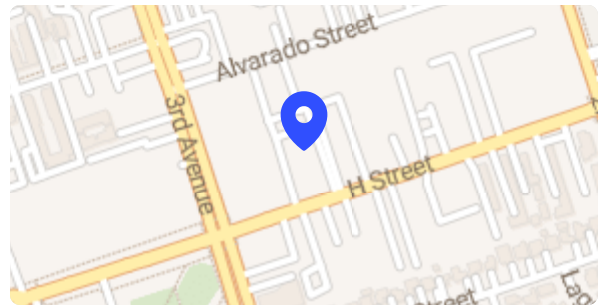
Visitation

- Thursday**, May 2, 2024
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM PT
- Garden Chapel at Greenwood**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113
- Rosary at 6:30pm



Funeral Mass

- Friday**, May 3, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT
- Saint Rosa Lima Catholic Church**
293 H Street, Chula Vista CA 91910





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Pontanares family.

May 2 at 6:35 AM



Norma Jean, Tom & Jeanelle sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Pontanares family.

April 30 at 1:53 AM



Norma Jean, Tom & Jeanelle planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leticia.

April 30 at 1:53 AM



Norma Jean shared 10 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest In Peace Auntie. You're forever in our ❤️

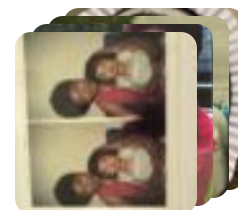
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Erica Orara shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love you so much Mama♥

April 24 at 5:23 PM





Norma Jean shared 10 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 29 at 3:01 AM





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April 24 at 5:23 PM





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



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