



## Iluminada A. Salanga

November 29, 1937 - February 14, 2014

Iluminada A. Salanga "Lu", 76, passed away on Feb. 14, 2014 at home . Born in the Philippines to her parents, Maximino Austero & Maria Chavez. She married in Newark on June 23, 1963 to Arturo B. Salanga. She worked at various hospitals in the Phillipines and in the US. She earned her MSN at NYU and graduated in 1978. She became Director of Nursing at South Amboy Hospital, where she retired as Vice President of Nursing in 1996. She retired at 59 and was able to travel both in the US and abroad with her husband Arturo. She wishes to thank all the people that she touched, both relatives and friends. She is survived by her husband, Arturo B. Salanga; her son, Arthur James Salanga; her daughter, Marilu A. Salanga-Kish; her son in law, Michael C. Volkert; her granddaughter, Alyssa M. Salanga; her grandson, David Michael Kish Jr.; a grandson on the way, Michael C. Volkert II, in July 2014; the family dog, "Pluto"; her brother, Virgillio Austero; her sister, Damie Cunnanan; her brother, Choy Austero; her sister, Lydia Garcia, and numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Herman C. Austero & Natividad Kapuno. Visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 from 5-9pm at the Michael Hegarty Funeral Home, 3377 Rt. 9, Old Bridge, NJ. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 at 9am at St. Lawrence Church, 109 Laurence Pkwy., Laurence Harbor, NJ. Condolences can be sent to [www.hegartyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hegartyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: Mt. Sinai Hospital Multiple Myeloma Program - Stephanie Stoss, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, NY, NY 10029, Box #1185.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Iluminada A. Salanga*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *My dear Lu, You were a special part of my life .and a dear friend.  
Love you Roberta*

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**Roberta Hughes** - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Tito Arturo, my cousins JJ and Marilu, for the loss of Tita Lumen. She was a strong and caring woman, who fought a good fight, but God was ready for her to come home. She will continue to watch over you and guide you from above.Love and prayers, Mary Ann (Salanga), Tim and Alicia Beranek*

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February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Our Godmother Lumen(The Pararells and Influences in our Life)Ninang Lumen came into my life when my Brother Jeff and Jay were classmates in 4th grade at St Nicholas School in Jersey City. My Parents and Ninang and Ninong became very close, celebrating important milestones together. Ninang and my Mom worked together as Nursing Supervisors in Christ Hospital in Jersey City and in St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. I realized that Ninang was an influential role model. She received her Master's degree in Nursing Management from NYU and I received my Bachelor's degree in Food, Hotel and Restaurant Management from NYU too.During our wedding, Nelia and I chose her to be one of our Godmothers. My family became very close to Ninang and Ninong. Many times, while Ninong and I would help each other fix or do things around our houses, Ninang and Nelia would go shopping for clothes, food and other women type things. Ninang enjoyed vacationing. We traveled together to New Orleans, Biloxi, Mississippi, Pensacola, Florida and Cancun, Mexico. Recently, she wanted to go to the Dominican Republic; however, we were not able to go because of her condition. Ninang and Ninong were always present celebrating my family milestones.Ninang was a very caring, compassionate and helpful person. She was an excellent cook. One time I said that I missed my Mom's pecan tarts, and days later, she made them for us. I know that she will continue to bless all of us with all of these special and wonderful traits. Now, she certainly is in a peaceful spot in Heaven looking for a jewelry store like Roger's, a Chinatown so that she can eat Siopao and Salt and Pepper Pork Chops again, and places to visit like New Orleans, Biloxi and Cancun so that she relax and go shopping for clothes, jewelry and shoes; of which, she loved to wear.Ninang, we are all sad that you left us, but relieved that you are not in pain and suffering any longer. We will certainly miss you. May you rest in peace. Amen!

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Robert Reyes - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Letter for Grand MaGrandma, As our time together gets shorter I wanted to make sure that I let you know how much you mean to me. You are such a strong woman, and you have been an amazing role model for me. I have valued all the time we spent together - you taught me how to be a strong, independent and loving woman. I owe you so much for helping raise me and molding me into the person I am today. I hope that you are proud of the woman that I have become. I promise that I will grow to be someone that you can continue to be proud of as you watch me from up in heaven. I will not give up on my dreams to become a doctor, and hope to dedicate my life to helping other like you did. Don't be afraid to rest now. You have fought a long and hard battle, with such grace and strong faith in God. I know you don't want to leave us here, and it will be hard to go on without you, but we will be okay. You taught us all how to love unconditionally and to put others first. Dad, Aunt Marilu and I will take care of Grandpa until it its time for you to be together again. And I hope I can find a love like you and grandpa have one day. I wish I could be there to be with you, but know that you are in my thoughts every day. Don't take this as a goodbye, because I know we will see each other again some day. I love you so much.

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**Alyssa Salanga** - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

YG

“ With deepest condolences to the Salanga Family. Mrs. Salanga will surely be missed.

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**Yolanda Gonzalez** - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ It has been an honor knowing Ate Lu throughout her 8 year ordeal with myeloma. She's a fighter and never lost hope despite of all the struggles she went thru week to week. Instead of worrying about herself, she worries for everyone else instead. She is like a mother/grandma to everyone. I will forever take her memories with me - as a nurse and as a friend. To the Salanga family, my deepest condolences for your loss. She will surely be missed. Arlynn

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**Arlynn Brion** - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the family. I worked with Mrs. Salanga at South Amboy Hospital from 1986 until her retirement. Mrs Salanga was very special person and I will keep all of you in my prayers.

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**Lori Conrad** - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Iluminada, the name means illuminated. My mom was a shining light to all she came in contact with. To me, Iluminada means mother. To my Dad, Iluminada means wife, best friend, soulmate.. To all she came in contact Iluminada means friend, advisor, mentor, sister, grandmother and so much more. My mom is loved by so many. She was a caring person. As I was helping take care of my mom these last few weeks, every time she would wake her up from sleeping she would ask me "did you eat yet?" Even during her declining health she was always looking out for her family. My mom was a planner as well. When I got home 3 weeks ago, my mom sat me, my dad, and sister down and went through the list of things to be done as her time here on earth would end soon. Funeral arrangements, songs to play at mass, and other arrangements that she did not want her family to worry about in her absence. Iluminada means so much more than enlightened and she is shining down on all of us now. I love you mom and I will miss you.*

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**Jay Salanga** - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My deepest condolences to Mrs. salanga's family. David has shared with me about how wonderful of a woman she was. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless.*

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**Amy Najarian** - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *We were deeply saddened by the news of Tita Lu's passing. Our heart felt condolences to the whole family. Tita Lu has found internal rest. With our thoughts and prayers....Beltran-Buenaventura Family.*

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**Kaye Buenaventura** - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family,I am sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. Please know that some cares.sb

February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Draw close to God and he will draw close to you. James 4:8

February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ A wonderful nurse who helped us reentry nurses return to work at South Amboy Memorial Hospital. May she rest in peace. Marie Nordling, retired RN

**Marie Nordling** - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Ninang Lumen was a very caring and compassionate person. We wish we could have traveled to the Dominican Republic with her and Ninong Arturo because she really wanted to go there. May she rest in peace!Love always,Bobby and Nelia Reyes

February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Auntie Lumen was one of the best Aunt I have had. I will miss her especially her thoughtfulness. Auntie, you will never be forgotten....

**Cynthia Llanes** - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *our sincere condolences to the entire family.. a wonderful lady..may she rest in peace felicia and lito arago*

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