



Consolacion L. Garcia

September 6, 1913 - February 17, 2008

Consolacion Diaz Lopez Mesina Garcia
(1913 - 2008)

Consolacion, otherwise known to her friends as "Connie" and to her grandchildren as "Lola Along", was born in the Philippines on September 7, 1913. Unexpectedly, she passed on in peace last Sunday, February 17, 2008. Prior to her move here to Virginia in 2006, she lived in California from 1978 to 2006, after immigrating to New York from the Philippines in 1975.

After a life of 94 years as a home maker and eventually a business woman, one can truly say that hers was a life well-lived. She had a deep faith in God and can be described as prayerful, caring, generous, loyal, personable, and cheerful to all those who knew her. She had a real love for life and people. She was a good story teller with a great sense of humor. She can also be described as persistent and stubbornly independent, but yet forgiving and very compassionate.

Her greatest pride is her six children, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was in her glory when she talked about her family to her countless friends and relatives. She also loved her first husband, Francisco Mesina, and revered his qualities as a husband and father. She was happily married for thirty-eight years until he passed on in 1974. Connie then lived an independent life for eleven years before remarrying Pete Garcia for the next five years. After losing Pete to colon cancer, she reverted back to a life of independence. She enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed her travels abroad and her visits to the Philippines. As many of you can attest, she was an accomplished cook and loved to entertain not only family and friends but strangers and newly-found friends. In the end, when her arthritis disabled her, it was with much joy that she handed down her love of cooking and divulged her secret Filipino recipes to her children and grandchildren.

While her body posed limitations on her ability to function independently at the age of 94,

Connie was still sharp as can be and was blessed with God's gift of a healthy mind. In the end, she prayed for God to grant her rest. While her prayers were answered last Sunday, we can all only thank God for her presence in our lives and hope that her legacy will continue on in each of us.