



## Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza

October 11, 1950 - November 24, 2023

Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on the morning of November 24, 2023, in Alexandria Virginia. Loving wife to Manuel Sinoro Juaneza; beloved mother to Maricar Juaneza Hill and her husband, Izaak Hill; son Matthew Cajulis Juaneza, cherished "Lola" grandmother to Leyna Juaneza Hill and Idris Gregory Juaneza Hill. Extended family, sister to Liria Hernandez; aunt to Nancy Pettiford, her husband ST and children Jazmin and Alexis; Glenn Hernandez, his wife Vonna and children Leia and Grace; Rodrigo Cajulis Jr., his wife Carisa, and son Raphael.

Carmelita was the youngest of seven born on October 11, 1950, to her parents Barbara Dulog and Crisanto Cajulis. She grew up in Binakayan Kawit Cavite, Philippines along with five brothers and one sister, graduating with a Bachelors in Liberal Arts from Adamson University. Then moved to Guam where she met the love of her life, Manuel, who she married in February of 1976.

In March of 1981, Carmelita and Manuel moved to the United States and settled in Alexandria, Virginia where they built a beautiful life together. She cared for their two children, Maricar and Matthew while she worked as a Credit Analyst for Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union. Carmelita retired in 2020 after 28 years.

Carmelita enjoyed spending time with her husband, son, daughter, extended family members and her two beautiful grandchildren Leyna and Idris Gregory. She loved to cook, craft, crochet, garden, and share her Filipino traditions (especially food) with her family and friends. Her generosity, compassion, and love for her family, friends and life will be forever missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, we ask a donation be made in Carmelita's memory at American Cancer Society [<https://donate.cancer.org>].

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516  
(703) 971-7400

## Viewing

DEC 6. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
8710 Mount Vernon Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22309  
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
8710 Mount Vernon Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22309  
<https://www.gs-cc.org/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 6. 2:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery  
6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306



# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza.



December 06, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza.



December 05, 2023 at 01:08 PM

MJ

“ It is heartbreaking to know that someone who has been a part of our lives is gone forever.

We still can't believe that Manang Lita is no longer with us. I received her package 4 days before she passed away. How devastating it is to realize that that would be her last token of love to us 😞

Manang Lita is my favorite SIL in my Juaneza family. She accepted me wholeheartedly as the second wife of Manong Laling's younger brother. She gave me advices (she is a very good listener) motivations and inspirations. She and Manong Laling would call us often (two weeks is already long not to hear from them) checking on how we are doing and also asking for our girls. She encouraged us to relocate to Virginia due to our medical and personal issues here in Guam. Even invited us to live with them.

She shared her expertise in cooking and with her in the kitchen, everything seemed so easy. I was looking forward to let her taste my "ginataan" when we visit them next year.

It is her tradition to send me the White House Christmas ornament and the last two I received when she was already on her last breath. This Christmas, I put up a tree with all those ornaments dedicated in her loving memory.

Manang Lita, you may be gone in our sight but your memory and love will live forever in our hearts. We love you. Rest in peace. 💖

Grieving with you Manong Laling, Maricar, Izaak, Leyna, Idris and Matthew 💖

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**Maria Elena Juaneza** - December 05, 2023 at 01:40 AM

JC

“ *In memory of our dad's youngest sister, in memory of the good times we had in Guam and above all, the love that Auntie Nene and Uncle Manny shared.*

*Our sincere condolences from  
Johanna, Conrad, Dindo, Jocelyn Cajulis and family*

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**Johanna Cajulis** - December 04, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza.*



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December 04, 2023 at 07:25 PM

MM

“ *Tita Lita, a cherished aunt whose kindness touched the lives of many, will be deeply missed. I fondly recall her as the caring soul who made my college days in Virginia brighter, ensuring I was always well cared for. With gratitude and a heavy heart, we say goodbye to a truly special woman.*

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**Michelle Manglona-Juaneza** - December 04, 2023 at 01:52 AM

NP

“ Words can not express how much we truly miss her. Auntie Carmelita, was not just my mom’s sister. She was my second mom. Always supporting me in my life’s journeys. If I dont call her, I can always count on her calling often just simply asking, what’s going on, how’s ST, how’s Jazmin and how’s Alexis? We traveled to so many places and shared so many memories together. I will forever cherish those times. Forever in our hearts. We love you and miss you. Rest in peace auntie.

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**nancy pettiford** - December 04, 2023 at 01:33 AM

SG

*Tita Lita, a guiding light, has left a legacy of love and laughter. Her warm hugs and comforting presence as a great wife, mother and grandmother will be deeply missed, but our shared memories will forever brighten our hearts. Though we mourn her passing, we celebrate the beautiful moments she gifted us.*

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**Sharon Lo- Gray** - December 04, 2023 at 03:35 AM

AT

“ Many of my fond memories of Tita revolved around food because she seems to be always cooking. I marveled how clean and tight she would roll her egg rolls (lumpia) and that filling was always seasoned perfectly. But Tita was so much more than her cooking, she also gave sage advice: Picking up my future husband (I didn’t know at the time) at the airport. Me: How will I know if he is the One? Tita: You will know. Me: But how? Tita: I don’t know, you just will. Many years later, I think she knew... and she was right. We Love and Miss You Very Much, Tita.

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**Arne Tiongson** - December 03, 2023 at 11:05 PM

AR

*I'll miss you Lita, you've been so loving and caring every time I visited you even with My friends. And lately, my daughter Lulu and her daughter Ella stayed at you house and you showered them with your kindness  
And fed them continuously. We are ever grateful to you. Your kindness will surely be rewarded. Rest in Peace.*

**Alice Robles** - December 05, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza.*



December 03, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carmelita Cajulis Juaneza.*



December 01, 2023 at 11:16 PM

GH

“ *We became family when Maricar and Izaak were married. We were all at the hospital when our first grandchild was born waiting patiently. She loved her grandchildren very much. She was always happy and made everyone smile with her generosity. She was loved and touched everyone's heart. We will miss her. Greg and Pat Hill*

**Greg and Pat Hill** - November 30, 2023 at 04:50 PM

WB

“ *Lita was a dear friend to my wife Kathy and our family. She and Kathy met at the Credit Union and quickly became close friends! She brought our families together over many Filipino meals. She even taught me how to make Pancit and Pork Adobo. Even though we talked about it for 30+ years, she never taught me her lumpia recipe!*

*Lita was there for me when Kathy passed in 2010 and for that I will be forever grateful! I pray Kathy was there to meet her dear friend!*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

*All our love to Manny, Maricar, Matthew and the rest of the family.*

*Wally, Br. Louis (Robert) and Diana Bethea*

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**Wally Bethea** - November 30, 2023 at 04:14 PM

SB

“ *I met Lita in 1992 while working at the credit union. Our friendship has grown over these many years with her always being there for me for anything. My Sweet Lita will forever be in my heart and soul. Rest in Peace My Dear Friend.*

*I love you*

*Sarah B.*

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**Sarah Byars** - November 30, 2023 at 01:07 PM