



Purificacion Gamboa

November 10, 1917 - April 26, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Purificacion Pagaduan Gamboa, on Sunday, April 26, 2020. She will be remembered as a kind, caring and generous person. She was known for her strong personality, her beauty and her wit. Her home was always open to visitors to whom she would share whatever food she had, a practice she carried until her last days. She will be greatly missed but we rejoice in knowing that God has welcomed her into His loving arms.

Puring was born on November 10, 1917 in Nueva Ecija, Philippines, to the late Ignacio Pagaduan and Josefa da Jose Rivera, married to Jose V. Gamboa, and was widowed for 41 years. Puring was a devoted mother, an incredible grandmother and loving great grandmother. She was preceded in death by her son Luis Gamboa, son-in-law Gordon Mawhinney, grandson Willi Gamboa, and sisters Luz Pagaduan and Estela Reyes. She was deeply loved by her family: children Tess Mawhinney, Hector (Aida) Gamboa, Amy (Prosper) Hernandez, Cheli (Steve) Banta; sister Arsenia Cabrera; grandchildren, Luis Jr. (Pinky), Brian (Pauline) Banta, Amy (Fred) Durant, Kirk (Hannah) Mawhinney, Karl (Alyssa) Mawhinney, Cristine Gamboa, Marian (Chris) Kyriacou, and Alyssa Hernandez; great grandchildren Maia Gamboa, Linc and Finn Banta, Parker and Adelyn Durant, Caitlyn and Isaac Mawhinney and Kal Kyriacou, and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Puring graduated from the Philippine Normal College in Manila, Philippines with a degree in Home Economics. She taught at different schools in the provinces around Manila. She was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Rosary Prayer groups, Philippine-American Seniors of Columbus Ohio (PHILSECO) and Philippine-American Society of Central Ohio (PASCO).

We are especially thankful to Fr. James Black, Fr. Stephen Smith, Deacon Steve Petrill, Romy Riebe, Nancy Wollenberg, Bev Bucher, Aurora Avancena and the Homebound ministry of St. Joan of Arc for showing God's love for her.

Special acknowledgement to the staff of The Grand for their care and commitment.

We will honor her wish to be buried with her husband in the Philippines.

In lieu of flowers, please send your donation to:

Feeding the Hungry
c/o St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
10700 Liberty Road
Powell, OH 43065

Please join us virtually in celebrating a Mass of Christian Burial for Puring at 4:00 pm (EST), Saturday, May 9, 2020. To join us in the Mass and the celebration of Puring's life, please click on the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89819560672>

Tribute Wall



“ *Purificacion Gamboa*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *She always greeted us with Love and open arms when we came to visit Tess and Gordon. We remember her dancing at her 100 birthday party and will remember her as a beautiful lady. Shirley & Bob Mack and family*

Shirley & Bob Mack - May 07, 2020 at 09:51 AM



A beautiful lady with a heart to match. One of the most elegant women I have ever met. She left behind the most beautiful legacy, her family, who will carry on her love for family and life.

Kim Vagnetti - May 07, 2020 at 08:57 PM



It has been a privilege and honor to have met and known her and to spend some time with her at The Grand where we were “neighbors.” She struck us as a grand lady with poise and class and authentic Christian kindness. She was a Filipina-at-heart and always expressed her desire to us to be back in the Philippines. It is a consolation to think that she finally will reunite with her husband whom she missed for 41 years. And with son-in-law, Gordon. Praying for her and the family. Al & Terri (in FL).

Dr. & Mrs. Narciso S. Albarracin, Jr. - May 08, 2020 at 11:17 AM

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We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the Family of Puring. We will fondly remember 'Lola' while she lived in Powell. She graciously shared her faith and deep love of family. She always greeted visitors with her beautiful, warm smile and immediately offered refreshments, regardless of where she lived. She will be missed and always lovingly remembered. May She Rest In God's Eternal Peace.
Love,
Bruce & Romy Riebe

Romy Riebe - May 09, 2020 at 06:21 PM