



Lourdes Cruz

July 31, 1931 - October 22, 2016

Mrs. Lourdes Cruz of Bradley-Bourbonnais passed away peacefully in her sleep October 22, 2016; she was 85 years old. Mrs. Cruz was the wife of Dr. Ricardo Cruz who died March 4, 2011.

She is survived by her children and their spouses; Miraflor & Michael Jacobs, Renato & Jewel Cruz, and Mirabelle Cruz & Lou Peterman, all of Seattle, Washington, and Reynaldo and Johna Cruz of Bourbonnais, Illinois. Her brother, Reuben Valerio, who lives in Manila, Philippines, also survives her.

Mrs. Cruz was born July 31, 1931 in Manila, Philippines, and she married her very first love, Ricardo on March 20, 1946, at a very young age. Dr. Cruz moved his family to America in 1967, and continued his medical practice in Manteno, Illinois. Mrs. Cruz remained a housewife and home keeper for her husband and four children. She oversaw her children's educational, personal and social activities with a firm and loving hand. It is much to her credit that Miraflor, Renato, Reynaldo, and Mirabelle enjoy successful careers and truly joyful families. She and Dr. Cruz shared a loving marriage that lasted over 64 years.

Mrs. Cruz loved to sew. She designed and handcrafted items, including purses, pillows, and stuffed animals and gifted and sold them to local fairs and friends. We all admired and cherished her creations.

In addition to her survivors, Mrs. Cruz is survived by nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, all of whom were sincerely devoted to their grand Lola and will miss her very, very much!

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until the 2:00 p.m. memorial service on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I knew Mrs Cruz from being at the same Mass at Maternity BVM and also from River North. She was in a lot of pain most of the time but always had a smile. Whenever I went to visit My Mom I always said hello to her. I want to offer my condolences to her family and friends. She was a very special lady! Sincerely, Rochelle Murphy Joseph

Rochelle Murphy Joseph - October 29, 2016 at 04:08 PM

DH

“ To the entire Cruz family, I am sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. I miss her smile and laughter. She always had a way of making you feel like family. I miss that little twinkle she had in her eyes. That twinkle in her eyes and her glow she had about her will never be forgotten by me. Loved her dearly.



Denise Hendrickson - October 29, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ I remember Lou as a good friend to my Mom, LILO Wilkins Larson, for many many years. She used to take Lilos homemade purses with her to her sales she went to so many times a year. They had a good friendship, and she thought of Lou a lot, when she moved to Washington. It was a good part of my Moms life. And I remember Lou as a funny happy person that loved her family, and was outspoken about what was on her mind. I still have a piece of clothing she brought from overseas and gave to me. We will remember Lou fondly. Our sincerest sympathies to you all. Rose Velatini and LILO Larson

Rose Wilkins Velatini - October 29, 2016 at 08:49 AM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 27, 2016 at 02:46 PM

LC

“ *Lina And Mike Cruz-Rippe lit a candle in memory of Lourdes Cruz*



Lina and Mike Cruz-Rippe - October 26, 2016 at 09:16 PM

MB

“ *I enjoyed visiting her and taking her cookies and treats each season and more when I could. she was a very delightful person to know. We enjoyed discussing how much we were proud of our girls Mirabelle & Lorrie who were best friends in school. I will miss my visits but know she is smiling down on us and telling us not to worry anymore.*

Blessings & Prayers

Muriel Baker

Muriel Baker - October 26, 2016 at 12:04 PM

TA

“ *Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Lourdes Cruz*



Tom & Judy Andersen - October 26, 2016 at 10:05 AM

DV

“ *Daniel Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Lourdes Cruz*



Daniel Vaughn - October 25, 2016 at 02:09 PM