



## Purita Molina Dayawon

November 16, 2020

Purita Molina Dayawon, 82, of Gainesville, FL, passed away on November 12, 2020. She was a woman of deep faith and many talents, from gardening and singing, to cooking delicious Filipino dishes for her countless friends and extended family to enjoy.

Purita was born in Paranaque City, Philippines, to Apolinar and Aurelia Dayawon on April 28, 1938. She earned a B.S. in Nursing from the University of the Philippines, and an M.S. in Early Childhood Education at Jersey City State College. She worked as a Registered Nurse and educator for 40 years, and somehow found time to raise four precocious boys and attend all of their athletic activities, theatrical performances and band outings.

She volunteered with numerous organizations over the years, including Operation Brotherhood International in Laos - and at a time when most friends her age were retiring, she instead joined the U.S. Peace Corps in Nepal. After returning to the U.S., she served as a foster parent, providing loving homes to multiple children with medical needs, one of whom she adopted.

Her hands were rarely still. If she wasn't tending her garden, singing with her church choir, or helping to organize community and church events, she was hosting and feeding a house often packed with friends and family. She enjoyed teaching even the clumsiest people how to roll the perfect lumpia,

and cheering on her beloved Florida Gators. And more than anything, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Purita is preceded in death by her parents, Apolinar and Aurelia Dayawon, brothers Jaime and Manuel Dayawon, and sisters Divina and Teresa Dayawon. She is survived by her sons: David Hornilla and wife Maricon of Gainesville, FL; Victor Hornilla and wife Gigi of Rota, Spain; J. Robert Hornilla and wife Kate of Atlanta, GA; and Conrad Dayawon-Bobbitt of Gainesville, FL. She is also survived by many siblings, including her brothers Miguel Dayawon and wife Dulce of Des Peres, MO; Apolinar Dayawon of Jersey City, NJ; Raymundo Dayawon and wife Lydia of Hazlet, NJ; Nicolas Dayawon and wife Karen of East Stroudsburg, PA; sisters Zenaida Ulep of the Philippines, and Cristina McHugh and husband James of Kintnersville, PA; grandchildren Joshua, Ayanna, Ysabel, and Veronica, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is open to the public and will be held at Forest Meadows Funeral Home on Nov. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be attended by immediate family only at St. Patrick Catholic Church on Nov. 20 with Father Lawrence officiating. Interment will be held at Forest Meadows Cemetery (Central). Forest Meadows Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 500 NE 16th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Thinking and praying for all the family today as you say goodbye to your Mom.  
She has left a great legacy in each of you men and her memory will live forever in each of you and your family.

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**Joye Garrett** - November 20, 2020 at 02:45 PM

FR

“ I had the pleasure and privilege to meet Purita Dayawon about six years ago. She was a very gracious and wonderful person besides a deeply religious Catholic who truly lived her faith. I live in Bradford County and saw her only on occasions especially in the latter years. I will always remember Purita with gratitude for her caring concern and sincere friendship. My profound condolences to Purita' s family. She was a blessing who will be missed by everyone. Rest in peace, dear Purita.

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**Fe Ripka** - November 19, 2020 at 06:02 PM

AC

“ I am forever blessed for having known Nanang Puring. She was one of very few who I've come to know in my life as an extraordinary human being. Her piety and reverence toward our Creator was evident through her love for others (especially children), her kindness, her generosity, her wonderful stories, her delicious cuisine, her compassion for ALL of God's children, and most of all her love for The Lord our God. I am honored to have had her in my life and I in hers. I will miss her but also not miss her, for she is in a better place as she will be watching over us and the loving legacy of her Sons, Daughter in laws, Grand Children, and multitudes of friends who love her very much are with us as a testament of her goodness and honorable life on Earth. Lord willing and through His eternal love and grace, we will all be together again with all our loved ones in the presence of our loving Creator with Love, Joy, Peace, Praise, and Life forever and forever more. Amen. Love you Nanang

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**Aldrin Michael Catabay** - November 18, 2020 at 04:44 AM

EM

“ Auntie Puring was a kind, honorable and faithful woman. I am blessed to be one of many who she has come to touch. I will miss your beautiful singing. I am grateful for the many prayers you have prayed with me. Thank you. Rest in peace with our Loving Lord.

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**Eiryn Casile Mortellaro** - November 18, 2020 at 12:39 AM

TB

“ She was an extraordinary woman and I'm so glad to have known her- she will be missed ????

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**Tia Black** - November 17, 2020 at 11:27 PM