



Erlinda D. Doctora

April 6, 1937 - March 9, 2024

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Erlinda Doctora

Age 86, Passed away on March 9, 2024.

Born April 6, 1937, in Isabela, Negros Occidental, the Philippines to the late Jesus and Rodriga Dolendo. Beloved wife of Romeo, with whom she spent over 58 loving years. In addition to Romeo, she is survived by her adoring children, Dr. Joseph Doctora of Nashville, TN; Lynn (Russ) Suiter of Shelby Twp., MI; Jocelyn Jurva of Brookfield, WI; Carolyn (Luis) Lomas of Williamston, MI; and nephew Andrew Dolendo of Toronto, Ontario, Canada and Dr. Jason Jurva of Steamboat Springs, CO, both of whom she loved as

her own children. She was the proud grandmother of J. Wesley, August, and Axel Jurva; Mikayla Lomas; Ella and Kai Doctora; and Elly, Jacob, and Julian Dolendo.

Linda moved from the Philippines to New Jersey in 1962 after graduating from San Augustin University in Iloilo, Philippines with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. She came as a part of a Medical Technology student program. Upon completion, she moved to various cities in the Midwest, including Chicago, Detroit, and Terre Haute, IN, as well as Toronto, Canada to work. She and Romeo ultimately settled in Shelby Twp., MI, where they raised their children. Linda worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Clinton Township for many years and worked at St. John's hospital where she retired at 78 years old after she suffered her first stroke.

Linda was a hard worker and tenaciously and stubbornly persevered through life's challenges. Her motto in life was "If other people can do it, so can I". She always strived to do better and be better. She was loving, thoughtful, and generous to a fault, always putting others' needs before her own. She gave generously to her family living in the Philippines and helped relatives when they arrived in the United States from the Philippines.

She was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of St. Lawrence Church. She sent all her kids to Catholic school and instilled in them the importance of prayer, faith, and education. She was known to say the rosary as she drove to work and home.

Linda's family was her greatest joy, and she cherished traveling with her husband around the country to spend time with them. She especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren at a family home on Anna Maria Island, Florida; memorable trips to Nice, France and Maui, Hawaii with her beloved Romeo; and frequent trips "home" to the Philippines.

Family and friends will be gathering at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Friday, March 15, 2024, from 5-8 pm with a rosary at 6:30 pm

Linda will lie in state on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 11:30 am until the time of Mass Noon at St. Lawrence Catholic Church 44633 Utica Road (Btwn Van Dyke & M-59) Utica, Michigan.

Interment St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery Utica, Michigan

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Rosary

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Instate At Church

MAR 16. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

WS

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Wm. Sullivan & Son - March 15, 2024 at 09:37 AM

TF

“ The atkinson family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Erlinda D. Doctora.



The atkinson family - March 13, 2024 at 07:08 PM

BM

“ Jocelyn - I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your beloved mother. My thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with you and your family. May you find strength, courage, and peace in the days ahead.

Brigid Massaro

Brigid Massaro - March 13, 2024 at 01:35 PM

CA

“ 29 files added to the album Memories



Carolyn - March 13, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JJ

“ Jen, Erika, Jode, Julie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Erlinda D. Doctora.



Jen, Erika, Jode, Julie - March 13, 2024 at 09:33 AM

JJ

“ Jen, Erika, Jode, Julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erlinda D. Doctora.

Jen, Erika, Jode, Julie - March 13, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TF

“ The Boxley Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Erlinda D. Doctora.



The Boxley Family - March 12, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TF

“ *The Boxley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erlinda D. Doctora.*

The Boxley Family - March 12, 2024 at 08:18 PM

HD

“ *HECTOR DOCTORA purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Erlinda D. Doctora.*



HECTOR DOCTORA - March 12, 2024 at 04:21 PM

HD

“ *HECTOR DOCTORA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erlinda D. Doctora.*

HECTOR DOCTORA - March 12, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erlinda D. Doctora.*



March 12, 2024 at 12:34 PM

ML

“ She was always so sweet and always had a big beautiful smile ❤️ I spent a lot of time there in high school and always felt welcomed and comfortable . She was an angel on earth . My heart is broken for her family 💔 knowing that she is enjoying paradise is what helps , she suffered on this earth and she is free of that , and so deserving. Sending all my love and prayers to the Doctora family . Love Mary latcha



Mary Latcha - March 12, 2024 at 11:48 AM

CA

Thank you, my friend ❤️ She loved you and your family so much, Mary.

Carolyn - March 12, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LH

“ Lidia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erlinda D. Doctora.

Lidia H. - March 12, 2024 at 11:45 AM

LH

“ I will never forget the first time I met Tita Linda, I was just a teenager dating Andy. We drove from Toronto for the weekend. The minute I was introduced to Tita Linda and Tito Romeo I was embraced with a big hug and a huge smile. As I entered their home, we sat down by the kitchen and as soon as I sat down Tita Linda wanted to know where Andy and I met, how long have we been dating, if I had siblings, if I worked. She was very interested in what I did and I know she wanted to know all of this because she cared and loved Andy very much. She shared many stories of Andy's childhood and his mischievous ways. She was a very strong presence in our lives and loved our children Elly, Jacob and Julian as her own grandchildren. Never missed a special occasion for the kids, baptisms, First Communion, Graduations and their birthdays, let's not forget lunch at Mandarin. She will be missed and never forgotten. I am eternally grateful for welcoming me into the family and loving my children. A truly admirable and loving person. My prayers and thoughts are with the whole family, especially Tito Romeo and the kids. My deepest condolences to the family.

Lidia Hernandez - March 12, 2024 at 11:13 AM

CA

Thank you Lidia. We love you so much. Mommy always adored you.

Carolyn - March 12, 2024 at 10:52 PM

CS

*Dear Jocelyn,
I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She has been on my mind so much these past few wks. I will always treasure Linda's friendship during our many years at Great Lakes Cancer Management. Keeping you and your precious family close in thought during the difficult days ahead. Hugs to you. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the wake or service as I live in Oregon. Will be there in heart and thought.
Cheri' (McMillin) Smith.*

Cheri' Smith - March 15, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Erlinda D. Doctora.*



March 12, 2024 at 10:12 AM

LF

“ *Love, Thr Ramsby family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Erlinda D. Doctora.*

Love, Thr Ramsby family - March 12, 2024 at 10:12 AM