



Florenda Solomon

March 2, 1917 - February 10, 2008

FLORENDA CUARESMA SOLOMON Peacefully at rest in San Bruno, CA on February 10, 2008 after a full life's journey. Cherished mom, mom-in-law, grandma, sister, aunt, "Ninang" and friend. A remarkably genuine and special soul with the kindest heart and loved by many. A.k.a. Florence, Flor or "Benang" (Ben) to family and friends. A long-time San Francisco resident. Born in Bacnotan, La Union of the Ilocos Norte area of the Philippines on March 23, 1917. Beloved daughter of the late Vicente and Inocencia Hernandez Cuaresma. Preceded in death by her dear husband Nicholas Solomon. Loving mother of Boyd and wife Vida Solomon and to Roger Solomon. Devoted grandmother to her adored Eric, Mark and Melyssa Solomon. Beloved sister of late brothers Mariano, Carlos and "Phil" Feliciano Cuaresma. And late sisters Rosa Fagel and Adela Tamayo. Survived by eldest sister Pastora Esperon of the P.I. and dear youngest sister Maria "Conchita" Eugenio (Pablo) of San Francisco. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, extended family and friends. Attended Arellano University in Manila, P.I. studying business commerce and psychology. Employed during WW II at Point Poro U.S. Army Base at San Fernando, La Union in the P.I. as secretary to officers in support of highly classified military matters. Arrived and settled in San Francisco, CA in 1954 where she proudly raised her family. And one of the comadres of the original pioneer Filipino community in S.F.'s SoMa in the 1950's. Florenda was also a homemaker, employed at an India Basin fish-packing cannery during that S.F. era, a home

health aide to a family friend; and a California CNA, landing her employment at the newly opened S.F. Convalescent Center in the 1970's. Florenda especially loved her grandchildren, children and siblings. She cherished and enjoyed the growing years and precious moments shared with all. She loved the comforts of her home, delighted in preparing her signature dishes, enjoyed traveling with family, cared for and dearly loved all her animal friends, and truly had a green thumb for gardening. Also gifted in the handcraft of crocheting done the Filipina way. Many special thanks to true angels who watched over Florenda the last 6 months. Ethel, Irene, Lucy and Coi at the C&C's Care Home for their so endearing compassion and care. And to the staff, especially Joan Innes, RN of Pathways Hospice for her devoted attention and professional support. Thank you for a life of care, love and memories. It's been a privilege of a lifetime for all of us. We will miss you very much and always keep you forever in our hearts. Family and friends are welcome to visit after 3pm, Thursday February 14, 2008 followed by a Rosary also on Thursday at 7:30pm and the Funeral Service on Friday February 15, 2008 at 9:15 am from the Chapels of Valente Marini Perata & Co., 4840 Mission St. San Francisco. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Visitation Church at 655 Sunnydale Ave, San Francisco. Committal to follow at Skylawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.vmpandco.com. Visitations: 3:30PM to 9:00PM on Thursday, February 14th, 2008 at Valente Marini Perata & Co. (Prayer at 7:30PM) (map/driving directions) Services: 10:00AM at Church of the Visitation on Friday, February 15th, 2008 (map/driving directions) Cemetery: Skylawn Memorial Park Highway 92 San Mateo, CA 94401 (map/driving directions)