



Estrella B. Urbi

August 22, 1937 - August 25, 2025

Estrella B. Urbi, 88

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Estrella Urbi on August 25, 2025. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family.

Estrella was born on August 22, 1937 in Jaen Nueva Ecija, Philippines to Ruperto and Soledad Bugarin. She graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in College of Nursing. Estrella then worked in the United States in Cook County, Illinois for two years and returned to the Philippines and was a Nursing School Faculty at St. Ann and Ortanes School of Nursing as well as Concordia College of Nursing. Estrella attained two Masters degrees. After a Masters in Nursing Administration (Philippine Women University), she had an integral role in starting up an OB/GYN Clinic. She also attained a Masters in Science at the University of Minnesota in Child Bearing and Child Rearing. Estrella worked as a Labor and Delivery (OB-GYN) Registered Nurse in several Minnesota Hospitals: Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Regions Hospital and HCMC. She retired in 2001 with her husband, Juan, in The Villages, Florida.

Estrella is survived by her loving husband Juan of 64 years; and their children Glenn (Belle) and Gordon (Kim) and daughter Barbara (Jim) Bussen; and three grandchildren: Jaden, Brennan, Kerrigan; and sister Angelina (Deo)

Rivera and sister-in-law Marilyn Bugarin, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Ruperto & Soledad Bugarin, brothers Oscar, Nunilo, Alberto and Rolando and sister Solita Joven.

Estrella was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She enjoyed folk dancing, writing short stories and poems, playing with her dogs (Sheba, Nemo and EJ), spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was involved in League of Women Voters, FAWN (Filipino American Women's Network), Fil- Minnesota Association, and Cultural Society of Filipino Americans. She was a devout Catholic. She liked traveling abroad to Lourdes, Rome (to see the Pope), Jerusalem, China, and visiting the Philippines. She treasured the time with her husband and friends during their retirement at The Villages.

Our family would like to thank the staff at the Masonic Home/Transition Care and Grace Hospice Care Team for their compassionate care they gave her.

Visitation will be at Church of Assumption in Richfield on Monday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass is at 10:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow.

Private Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Church of Assumption, Richfield, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Assumption
305 East 77th Street
Richfield, MN 55423

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ I will never forget in 2011 when we were in Disney Orlando Florida, you and uncle johnny went out of your way to dropped by and had a quick catch up and gave some gift to the kids, That was really unforgettable and we will Always cherish that.

Visiting you last Sept 2023 was very special one, I got to see everyone and just played mahjong , No shopping in Mall of America. Never ending stories, this I will remember very well, when all of your siblings busy doing chores, you were hiding under the table busy reading books.

I even told Gordon that I will visit you June next year.

Thank you for all the memories and wisdom you have shared to us!
May you rest in peace.

Love,

Lilet, Geric, Fernando
& TJ

lilet martinez - September 06, 2025 at 06:28 PM

EB

“ Trel was active in FAWN (Filipino American Women's Network). She was one of the elders who enliven our discussions with her life experiences. She was good at getting out the best in us by her thought provoking questions. She is deeply missed.

Elsa Batika - September 05, 2025 at 10:23 AM

DK

Estrella was our very dear neighbor for many years. We always enjoyed our long conversations in our driveways and even in the street. Johnny, Estrella, Doug and I solved many world problems and always caught up on all the news of our families and neighborhood. We always appreciated being invited for Filipino dinners and again much conversation. Even though they moved, we have remained friends over the years. Johnny, we think of you often and will keep in touch. May peace be with all of you. Our love, Diane & Doug

Diane Krech - September 08, 2025 at 12:22 AM

BA

*Mom,
My first memory of your love for me was when we arrived from the Philippines, Dec. 9, 1972. You had already been in the states since June. You were showing us room by room the duplex we were going to call home. I couldn't stand it and started to get tearful. In my head I thought you forgot my Birthday (Dec. 3rd). But all of the sudden you went to the closet and took out a box. It was a set of pretty pink plastic dishes and silverware. You hadn't forgotten my Birthday!! Best present ever, dishes and feeling your love for me..
I'm thankful that God matched me with you.. You have showed me your love of prayer both with going to Stations of the Cross and praying the rosary as a family. You had kept me grounded by showing us how important education was and how our weekly family meeting included the family budget.
I know the last year wasn't what you wanted (limited mobility with walking and arm and how Parkinson's slowed your speech) but with Glenn and Gordon moving back to MN and you and dad moving back from FL, I was thankful for being able to show my love for you in taking care of you.
Dad dearly misses you. You've probably seen from up there, how he's placed pictures of you on the wall, on the door and on the computer, etc. Thank you for showing us your love for each other.
I miss your smile.*

*Love,
Babette*

Babette - September 08, 2025 at 06:57 AM