



## Carmelita Malanay Hernandez

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Carmelita Malanay Hernandez, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and teacher, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She lived a life devoted to education, compassion, faith, and service to others.

After graduating from Philippine Normal College, she began her teaching career in the Philippines. Her passion for helping others to learn first took root. It was there that she met George Hernandez, the love of her life. They married and later moved to the United States, where George was stationed at NAS Lemoore. Together, they raised two daughters, Michelle and Lorna. They instilled in them the values of kindness, perseverance, and faith that guided Carmelita throughout her life.

After taking a twenty-year sabbatical from teaching to focus on her family, Carmelita earned her California Teaching Credential and returned to the classroom. She taught English as a Second Language (ESL) at NAS Lemoore, helping Navy spouses adjust to life in a new country. Later, she joined Lemoore Adult School, where she continued her mission of empowering others through language and learning. Even after retirement, her dedication never waned. She volunteered as an ESL teacher at Saint Peter's Church and continued sharing her gift of education with the community she loved.

Carmelita was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Hernandez. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Dale Alexander and Lorna and Victor Cisneros; her grandchildren, Lauren Sugui and husband, Philip Sugui, Miles Alexander, and Aidan Alexander; and her great-granddaughter, Lorelai Sugui. She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses, Juanito and Nelly Malanay, Jesus and Susan Malanay, and Amor and Vincent Montanez. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, relatives, and lifelong friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Her life was a testament to the power of education, faith, and family. Her legacy continues to inspire all who knew and loved her.