



Rosario Maliwat Abrina

October 8, 1950 - February 12, 2016

Rosario “Rosie” Maliwat Abrina, 65, of Fresno, California, passed away on February 12, 2016 at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Fresno.

Rosie was born in Manila, Philippines on October 8, 1950. She graduated from St. Theresa’s Manila and continued on to receive a degree in Interior Design from The University of Santo Tomas.

Rosie was married to Rizal on February 18, 1984; they were married for nearly 32 years.

Rosie was an entrepreneur and owned various businesses throughout the years, both in Manila and Fresno. She was also actively involved in the Filipino-American community in Fresno and served on the Board of Directors for eight years.

Rosie had a zest for life – her presence brought joy and laughter to so many. She loved music, film, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She is lovingly remembered by so many. She was the kindest soul.

Rosie is preceded in death by her father, Florentino, and brother, Alfredo.

Rosie is survived by her husband (and college sweetheart), Rizal; children, Jordana, Rosario “Ross”, and Ryan; mother, Angelina; siblings, Lourdes,

Teresita, Dolores, Renato, and Florina; and other family and friends.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fresno, California on February 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Chapel of the Light Funeral Home and Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the National Kidney Foundation (https://www.kidney.org/donation?field_honor_flag=1&field_gift_type=memorial) in her memory.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **20**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart
2140 N N Cedar Ave
Fresno, CA 93703

Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosario Maliwat Abrina*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - February 19, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ *Rosario Maliwat Abrina*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - February 25, 2016 at 06:28 PM

MC

“ Bidding goodbye to you filled me with extreme sadness, brought in me a feeling of emptiness and loss and some trepidation.

Sitting on the pew, catching my breath from an enfeebling, circuitous long trip, my mind drifted to when we first met in grade school. I tried to remember all those long gone years, our escapades - all those activities youthful exuberance allowed us to do.

Lost in reverie, half-aware of the proceedings, staring blankly as you laid in repose, they asked me to say a few words and I hemmed and hewed. Uninformed beforehand, I drew a blank. It would have been nice to have shared my thoughts right there and then with your relatives and friends ready to absorb them but it was not to be.

I had time since, to settle down and think things through.

From the earlier days in grade school, when we had a group and called ourselves the “Nitwits”, to the time after high school when we went our separate ways to pursue further studies and life in general, I have been a witness to your boundless kindness, your limitless generosity, your unwavering loyalty, your unconditional love and your zest for life and adventure. You offered your friendship and you made us better for it.

Together with your sisters, you set the trend in flair and style. Every time you travelled, you would bring back all this wonderful get-up's and would offer copies of them to any and all who wanted them at no charge - no strings attached.

You always wanted to share whatever bounty you had – be it food, clothes, money, transportation, even housing- every chance you get. Obviously, this stems from your family who are just as giving, open and welcoming. You just do it, though, in a grander scale. Unfortunately, sometimes, this generosity is misconstrued and given a different meaning – a mean meaning, suggesting an ulterior

motive. Fortunately, you are a loyal friend with a giving and forgiving heart who would rather give than receive, keep peace rather than harbor enmity.

We reconnected after a long spell and hit the ground running – moving forward without missing a beat. But the Good Lord has come to fulfill a plan. He has designed your whole lifetime on earth and you have fulfilled that plan. It is now time to go back to Him. An Asian sage put it succinctly – “What will happen, already happened!

I will miss our long chats on the phone, our occasional coast-to-coast visits and the shipments of fruits and other goodies that came my way. Your memory shall live forever in me. You are a rare breed – a kind, loyal, sincere and true friend. Having you for a friend. made me a better person and I love you no end!!

When my time is up (hopefully not for a long while, though) I expect to see you up there at the gate waving at me saying,” Halika! Sarap ang pagkain dito! Saraapp!!”

Marlyn Caluag

Marlyn Caluag - February 25, 2016 at 04:44 PM

“ It is strange and sad that we don't miss someone...until they're gone. Then you miss their friendship, their kindness, their caring ways, and their company. Many of us are where we are today because of Rosie.

I remember very well the dinner Rosie and I had at the Old Oliver's Restaurant at the Piccadilly Inn on Shaw. I was preparing to leave for the Philippines to attend my 25th year anniversary of Medical School graduation. Rosie gave me all the the information I needed on how to get together with this beautiful classmate of hers, just recently widowed...how I could reach her when I got there. And that she would call her ahead of time to tell her to "show my friend around" while I was vacationing in the Philippines. "I think you'll like her," I recall her saying.

She was right I did like Maribelle. I started calling her...again...and again... and again. Then we got married, my wife of twenty-two years. Rosie was such a beloved and adorable matchmaker.

I also recall those times with the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce. Rosie, I and other friends like Rod Umali would congregate at Denny's on Willow and Shaw after our evening meetings. We would stay there until 2 or 3 in the morning, just talking and listening to Rod's Erap and other off collar jokes. No one wanted to be the first to leave, lest we missed something. We just had lots of fun together.

The last time I saw Rosie was in Manila early this month. We went shopping at Greenhills Shopping Center with Teng Fonacier and Maribelle. We did a lot of walking, but Rosie seemed able to handle the guarded pace as well as I did, considering I am 6 years older than she. I really enjoyed the leisurely afternoon we spent, as I watched the three classmates just BEING together.

Thank you Rosie for all the happy times we shared. Farewell, my friend.

Orly

Orly Dyoco - February 20, 2016 at 02:13 AM



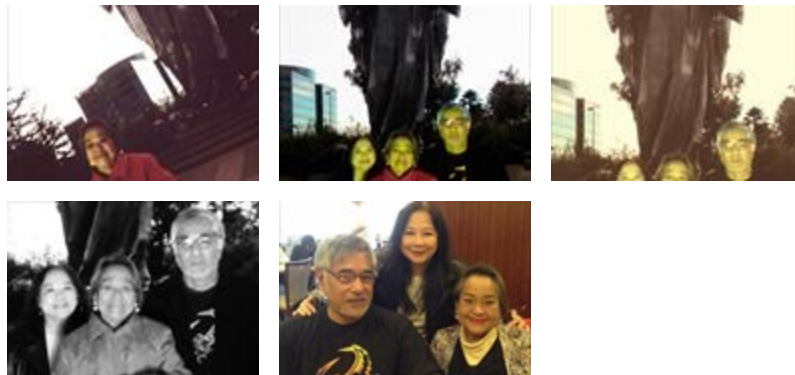
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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - February 19, 2016 at 01:45 PM

MT

“ Our pilgrimage at the shrine of Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara with Rosie and Butch. Happy times in Pasadena and in a Chinese dimsum restaurant in Daly City with my sisters, Marico and Winnie. Rosie, we will always miss everything about you. We love you and you will always be in our prayers.



Mariel Tayzon - February 19, 2016 at 10:12 AM

TF

“ *The De Leon Family purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Rosario Maliwat Abrina.*



The De Leon Family - February 19, 2016 at 04:40 AM

MT

“ *With heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Rosie Maliwat Abrina, her loving spouse, Butch Abrina, daughter Jordana de Leon, sons Ryan, Ross Mitchell Abrina, the Maliwat family. We will always remember Rosie as a loving, thoughtful and generous friend. She loves to eat out and treat friends and she and Butch were always welcome visitors at our home. Could not believe how soon she left us. I spoke to her Tuesday after they arrived from Manila, dropped by to bring goodies from the Phils. even if she wasn't feeling well. Rosie will always have a special place in our hearts and will be missed. Love, hugs and prayers from Marico and Winnie Tayzon*



Marico Tayzon - February 18, 2016 at 06:18 PM

DR

“ *I remember she became my son Jon's second mom. Jon spent more time with the Abrina family growing up than I think he did at home. She was a great Mom to Jon. She is loved and missed. Dale Roe*

Dale Roe - February 18, 2016 at 08:45 AM

SN

“ SF BayArea Theresians 69 Agnes, Baby, Edna, Jenny, Norma purchased the Cherished Memorials - All White for the family of Rosario Maliwat Abrina.



SF BayArea Theresians 69 Agnes, Baby, Edna, Jenny, Norma - February 18, 2016 at 01:06 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rosario Maliwat Abrina.



February 17, 2016 at 10:03 PM

VL

“ Sorry to hear the loss of your mom. May she rest in peace - Vlad and family

vlad - February 17, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MR

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Butch and the family on the passing of your beloved wife and mother. May the memories you have of Rosie comfort you and give you peace during this time.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Rabara, General Manager
and Staff of Chapel of the Light Funeral Home

Michael Rabara - February 17, 2016 at 10:13 AM