



## Shirley Cabantac Martinez

September 27, 1936 - November 29, 2022

Shirley Cabantac Martinez was born on September 27, 1936 in Agno, Pangasinan, Philippines. She passed away peacefully on November 29, 2022. She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and great-Grandmother. She graduated from Agno High School in 1954, attended Pre Nursing at Centro Escholar University in Manila, Philippines. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at Chinese General School of Nursing in Manila, Philippines. After finishing her schooling, she began her nursing career at Kiangnan Hospital and Baguio General Hospital, Baguio City, Philippines. Shirley met her husband Ernesto Martinez, and after courting they got married in 1959. In time, they had two daughters; Madeleine and Laniebelle. After moving to the United States, she continued her nursing career in Philadelphia and in Chicago. Then she moved to California where she worked at Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkely. Thereafter, she worked at the Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Fresno and then transferred to the Palo Alto Veteran's Hospital and retired in August 2005. Shirley was a strong and courageous woman throughout her entire life. She would never take the easy way out. She was known for her honesty, integrity, kind-heartedness, and generosity. She was young spirited and had an infectious laugh and smile. Later in life, she enjoyed spending time with her siblings Wilma, Edwin, and Amelia. As often as she could, Shirley enjoyed visiting her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She loved to galivant in her free time and traveled when she could. She is preceded in death by her husband Ernesto Martinez, her

parents Emigido and Asuncion Cabantac, her sister Lorna, brother Teofilo and sister Nancy. She is survived by her daughters Madeleine Lee (North Carolina) and Laniebelle Laygo (Fresno), her grandchildren: Jonathan, Charles Jr. Amanda, Brandon, and Alexander, her great grandchildren: Hayden, Conrad, and Adeline, and her sisters: Wilma, Amelia, Divina, and her brother Edwin. Caring is the essence of nursing, that's how Shirley was. She saved many lives and touched the hearts of so many others. She is a hero to us and will be missed forever.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
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## Funeral Liturgy

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Auntie Wilma and Uncle Edwin purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Shirley Cabantac Martinez.



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**Auntie Wilma and Uncle Edwin** - December 09, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ Missing you lots already Grandma 💜💜



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**Amanda Rathjens** - December 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM