



Zenaida Ramos Fontanilla

March 7, 1961 - January 14, 2021

Zenaida Fontanilla aka “Zeny” was born and raised in Paing, Bantay Ilocos Sur on March 7, 1961. She completed her college education at University of Northern Philippines. She had her first formal job as a secretary with Hanil, a Korean corporation based in Ilocos Sur, juggled with her role as a mentor to her sisters. She took over farming, the family’s way of living while going to college. She managed, guided and cared for her younger siblings, including her nieces and nephews when her older brother left to USA to join their parents.

She was a great leader and a role model in our community and revived the Fontanilla Youth Civic Action Program.

She immigrated to USA on July 8, 1990. her first form of employment was that of a farm laborer in the grape vineyards of the central San Joaquin valley .after about one month her ambition drove her to gain employment at Gotschalks distribution center.. She was awarded because of her excellent work several times. She transitioned to different jobs and easily employed without gaps, she was never the type to sit around and enjoy legitimate benefits from unemployment. Work gave her a great sense of fulfillment and dignity and when one door closed she joyfully danced to the next one that opened. Her most recent place of employment was at the Mission Bell Winery, where she experienced a sense of happiness and fulfillment.

She was very much involved with several organizations: the Filipino Women's club of Fresno Filipino American Association of Fresno and vicinity, Bantay Ilocos Sur Association of Norther California. She will be missed by all of the officers and members.

She was greatly involved with her parish and had a great faith and lived that faith with acts of charity in whatever way she could, especially addressing the needs of the poor.

Zeny is survived by her parents: Santiago and Adelaida Fontanilla, her siblings: Santiago Jr., Cornelia, Franklin, Medelina, Helen, Mechora, Cholet, Lovy and Minda. Zeny is loved by many nieces, nephews cousins, relatives and friends all over the world

Zeny, your beautiful smile, happy disposition, authentic love, generosity, faithfulness will be engraved in our hearts forever.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. tp 10:00 a.m.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joachim Catholic Church on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Madera.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

28447 Ave. 14 1/2
Madera, CA 93638

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
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<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Funeral Mass

APR 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joachim Catholic Church
401 W. 5th St.
Madera, CA 93637

Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Zenaida Ramos Fontanilla*



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Rest in Peace dear mang Zeny!! ..till we meet again...

Erlinda Andrion Fariñas - February 06, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Zenaida Ramos Fontanilla*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

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“ To the Fontanilla Family,

Jimmy and I are very sorry and shocked with the passing away of Zeny. I remember her kindness, supportiveness to the Filipino-American Women's Club of Fresno and vicinity. She was always willing to do or help to make every event successful. Your dedication and untiring support you extended to me during my presidency of the Women;s Club will always be remembered Zeny. Thank you very much for all your kindness, generosity ,and your unselfish dedication in serving our club and the community at large.

I mentioned to my children your passing away and they said that Auntie Zeny was very nice to us Mom.Again, Ading Zeny may you rest in peace and be with the angels in heaven.

*Our love and prayers,
Manang Linda, Kuya Jimmy, Kay, Jamie, Angie And Jimbo Reyes*

Linda R. Reyes - February 07, 2021 at 12:19 AM

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“ To the Fontanillas, your relatives from Australia are sending you our deepest condolence on your loss of a vibrant and beautiful member of your clan. Peter and I had the pleasure of being shown around Paing, Vigan and Caniao when we visited Ilocos Sur in January 1989. Zeny was fun with an infectious laughter, a confident driver and really went out of her way to make us feel welcome and comfortable. It was Peter's first visit to the Philippines to meet my family, relatives and friends and Zeny contributed greatly to a good first impression. We enjoyed her company again when we visited California in 1996. I'm so glad that we were together again at the grand family reunion in Ilocos Sur in January 2020. Little did we know that it would be our last meeting. Goodbye ading ko. Your manang Reyne

Reyne Grullemans - February 05, 2021 at 09:40 PM



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