



Elsie Okialda

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Elsie Okialda passed away March 29, 2020 in Concord, CA. Arrangements have been entrusted to Skylawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Highway 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402 650-349-4411. Service details and obituary will be posted as soon as they become available.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.



Tribute Wall

Elsie Okialda



Young-Ki Kim posted:

Elsie was a dear friend to so many at Grace Fellowship. We knew her to be a fervent prayer warrior and generous knitter of countless blankets - both of which have comforted and warmed so many of us over the years. We will miss her kind smile, her lavish generosity, and great love. Though our hearts mourn at the news of her loss, we are so grateful that this beloved sheep is now in the presence of her Good Shepherd. Peace and condolences to Elsie's family and to all who had the privilege of loving and knowing her. Young-Ki

April 27 at 5:51 AM



Gerry Okialda lit a candle in honor of Elsie.



April 13 at 10:04 AM



Joel Balzer posted:

Elsie Okialda impacted the lives of so many people words fail to express. My name is Joel and I met Elsie in 1987 or 1988. I was the Pastor of a small church that was meeting at Simpson University up the hill from her parents house. Elsie showed up one Sunday and reported she'd heard there was a church there and wondered "is it OK if I come too?" She confessed that "I can't really do anything," yet when given the chance to volunteer in the University Library she became an invaluable support to Librarian Stuart Compton. Elsie didn't realize that her joy and sense of wonder opened doors. She made friends wherever she went and those friends remember her still. In the 90's Elsie moved to El Cerrito for a few years and, as would happen from time to time, we didn't hear from her for a while. While she was there she started attending a Japanese speaking church (!). Fully aware of the strained historical relationship between the Philippines and Japan, Elsie told me she was frightened to go. "You know Joel, I don't speak Japanese." But she went anyway and her demeanor broke down all the walls. She became part of a cadre of women who would have tea and sew and they continued to reach out to her when they could for the rest of her life. Quiet and humble, sometimes the isolation of her existence led her to believe that she "couldn't contribute anything." So she would crochet, and she would pray. Her situation otherwise meant that she was unable to do all the things she wanted to do; work, get married to Elvio, have children, "care" for her parents financially. Feeling herself a burden, sometimes illness overwhelmed her and she couldn't even answer the phone. Yet underneath the pain and fear, Elsie lived a life of love. This morning, sheltered in place and attending Easter Worship on the internet, I sat underneath my red "Elsie Blanket" and I was grateful again for this beautiful woman whose life was a testimony to grace. Recently I heard that God always takes the good ones first, but has to leave the rest of us until we can get a clue. No doubt in Elsie's case this is all true. We love you Elsie. We know you'll be waiting to welcome us home. Elsie O -With curtains pulled tight, Through long, anguished nights, Found it hard to see. The waiting was long, Yet this morning's dawn, Now she's finally free! A curious mind, Sweet, gentle and kind, Alone at the end. Her life drawn by pain, There's things never change, Some wounds just don't mend. Fighting those demons, What rhyme or reason? Wondering "what's the use?" Still, kept holding out, Despite fear and doubt, Little scraps of truth. Though misunderstood, She gave what she could, Long she was my friend. Each path, up and down, "Further Up!" Unbound! We'll see her again.

April 8 at 7:17 PM



Minerva Kuhlenschmidt May 8 at 4:35 AM

Rest In Peace my dear friend and thank you for your kindness and everlasting friendship. To Elsie's family, my deepest sympathy. So sorry, I didn't know that she passed away few days ago.



Velma Politano May 6 at 1:03 PM

Thank you Ester for posting a memory for my sister. Velma O. Politano



Ester Aure May 4 at 7:10 AM

Rest In Peace Elsie , my high school classmate, and May God's Perpetual Light Shine Upon You! 🙏🙏🙏



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Velma O Politano April 12 at 8:12 PM
Thank you for your kind words and beautiful poem you posted for our sister.



Doming B. Custodio, Jr. lit a candle in honor of Elsie.



April 10 at 9:04 AM



Doming B. Custodio, Jr. April 10 at 9:09 AM
Every time we saw each other at the school you always had a smile in your face. I will never forget your beautiful smiling face. Elsie Okialda, you will surely be missed. Rest In Peace classmate.



Alicia L. sent a sympathy card to the Okialda family.



April 10 at 4:25 AM



Alicia Ladao lit a candle in honor of Elsie.



April 10 at 4:05 AM



Velma O Politano April 13 at 9:27 PM
Thank you for being a loving friend to our sister since Elementary. We appreciate you...



Velma O Politano posted:

Elsie was faithful follower of Jesus Christ. She was an inspiration to me. She loved and trust the Lord. She was a loving, thoughtful and generous sister and friend. We all love her. Rest in peace my beloved sister. We will see you when Jesus comes again to take us all to His heavenly kingdom... I love you Ate Elsie...Ed, Velma, Eric & Nora, Rhyan, Aidan and Nadia

April 8 at 8:50 PM



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Lily K. Baptista lit a candle in honor of Elsie.



April 8 at 8:24 PM

VP **Velma O Politano** April 13 at 9:28 PM
Thank you Lily....



Velma O Politano lit a candle in honor of Elsie.



April 8 at 8:11 PM



Vicente B. Cruz Jr posted:

Elsie was my Classmate in Elementary and High School. Use to drop by their House at San Antonio. We were member of the Choir at UCCP. Caridad. Use to pick her up and see her home after Choir Practice. REST IN PEACE ELSIE. MY DEAR FRIEND...Amen

April 8 at 7:23 PM

VP **Velma O Politano** April 13 at 9:31 PM
Thank you Jun for the memories you wrote here for Ate Elsie. You were a good and thoughtful friend. We all appreciate you...



Vicente B. Cruz Jr lit a candle in honor of Elsie.



April 8 at 7:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elsie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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