



## Araceli Cepeda

January 11, 2021

ARACELI R. CEPEDA, a beloved daughter, sister, sister-in-law, cousin, cousin-in-law, aunt, aunt-in-law, grandaunt, godmother, friend, co-worker, and neighbor, joined her Creator on January 11, 2021. We thank all those who have been part of her life and we ask prayers for the repose of her soul.

To those who are joining us for the in-person funeral services, with deep regrets, due to COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot provide pre-packaged meals.

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.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Skylawn Memorial Park

Hwy 92 at Skyline  
Blvd.

San Mateo, CA,  
94402

**JAN 28**   **Viewing**   12:30PM - 01:30PM

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Skylawn Funeral Home

Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA, US, 94402

**JAN 28**   **Funeral Service**   01:30PM - 02:30PM

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**JAN 28**   **Graveside Service**   02:30PM - 03:00PM

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Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park

Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, CA,  
US, 94402

# Comments

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“ Tita Cely was my mother-in-law’s cousin. I will always cherish the memories of diminutive and smiling Tita Cely who had a zest for life which we shared during our Mediterranean cruise, the crazy drive to San Giovanni and meandering around Rome. Mama was her partner in crime. Yes, she was small but she accomplished a lot on her own and she was able to bring her tribo to the United States. She created an oasis in busy San Mateo with her fruit trees and flowers in her beautiful garden. Tita generously shared not only her fruits but one day surprised me with a beautiful bundle of my favorite lavender flowers tied with a lavender ribbon. Very sweet. Mama is 93 years old and has been calling several times to reminisce her time with Tita Cely. Till we all meet again. - chuchi constantino

“Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.” — Rossiter Worthington Raymond

**chuchi constantino** - January 31 at 06:15 PM

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“ 10day mass and 10rosaries for you Tita Cely. Thank you for the memories.

Please say hello to Tatay and Nany for us in heaven. To Lola and Tita Astie too.

**Tessa Cepeda Estrella** - January 28 at 12:23 PM

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“ Thank you so much for all the things you've done for the family-- the gifts you've sent through the years when we were young, and the happy memories you'd left us during those times you visited Phil and stayed with us in Bulacan, among others. With our love and prayers.



**Oscar** - January 28 at 10:10 AM

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“ Hi La,

I hope that wherever you are, (heaven, hell, maybe reincarnated?) that you're having a good time with your plants and those random dreams you always have. Thanks for teaching me how to cook, passing along the traveling genes, and for showing me what a strong, independent woman (who really don't need no man) looks like. I'll be passing along stories of you down the generations so don't worry - future Cepedas will know all about the hot gossip you used to tell us. Hope you're having a good ol' time, wherever you are and that you're still going on adventures. I'll see you in a couple decades!

-Pauline

**Pauline Cepeda** - January 28 at 09:58 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Araceli Cepeda.



January 28 at 07:20 AM

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“ Dear Lola,

I want to say thank you for always supporting me and making sure that I had every opportunity to succeed. I remember spending most of my summers with you in San Mateo and spending time going to the mall, gardening, or walking around. You were there for a lot of my most important moments growing up. From taking me to classes at the college in San Mateo to attending my high school graduation, I could always count on you being there in support. I love and miss you very much Lola. I'm sad that we don't get to eat ramen together anymore, but I know you're happy and at peace. Thank you for helping shape who I am and who I'll become. I hope to continue to make you proud. Rest well Lola.

- Martin

**Martin** - January 28 at 04:48 AM

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“ I met Tita Cely when my Nanay Baby (sister of my mom) married her brother Tatay Oscar. My Nanay Baby and Tatay Oscar had four children and I grew up and spent vacations with them in Pasay. I remember Lola Tanching , Tita Astie, and Tito Melo as well. The Cepeda’s welcomed our whole family when we moved to the US and became part of their family as well. Although, not much time was spent with each other the relationship never fades. The relationship grew much stronger when two of my cousins Dan and Susa decided to move in the US. Tita Cely is a warm, giving, independent, and happy person. She took care of her mom (Lola Tanching) without reservation and complaint and I do believe that if you care for your family, the gestures you give will be given back to you, and that was given back to her by Dan and Veron’s family. She never forgets to mail us persimmons every harvest time and calls and ask how my mom and dad are doing. Thank you for making me feel as your niece and part of your family even though I am not a Cepeda. Your laugh and smile will be missed and will never forget your kindness. Rest and be at peace. We will always love and remember you.

Liz T. Gonzalez

Liz T. Gonzalez - January 27 at 04:04 PM

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“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers for the loss of Tita Celi. We will miss you and will always remember your kindness and beautiful smile.

Arthur Lao and Family - January 27 at 01:12 AM

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“ Thank you Miss Celi for making our family feel so welcome. We didn't have any family nearby when we moved to San Mateo, but you showed us so much kindness and helped us feel at home here. Thank you for spoiling our boys with sweets. We will miss seeing you in the garden on sunny days and chatting with you. Rest in peace, we will miss you and we will never forget you. Love from Mike, Shawne, Lucas, and Colin.

Lowman Family - January 26 at 11:07 PM

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“ met Celi in the 80s when we both worked for the phone company in an office at Burlingame. In late 90s, the company consolidated and moved all the offices in our area to San Ramon. She retired and devoted her time in taking care of her mother.

As Celi lived close by my house, periodically I would visit her to exchange daily events. She would tell me her cruises with friends to Mexico, and her traveling to Israel.

She was an excellent gardener. She grew the most beautiful roses, and cymbidiums. Sometime I would benefit with those blossoms. I personally enjoyed a lot of harvest from her fruit trees, persimmons, avocados and Chinese pears. During Christmas time, we exchanged gifts. Mine would be product from the stores, but hers would be delicious home made goodies.

I am so grateful for the true and lasting friendship that we shared year after year. Rest in peace Celi.

I will miss you.

Your friend  
Cecilia

**Cecilia Lam** - January 26 at 09:14 PM

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“ My heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and friends of my dear, “Nana Cell!”  
No space is enough to write down all the memories we had!  
Nana Cel, as I fondly addressed her, had been my friend, confidant, mentor, driver, errand girl, adviser and many much more!!!  
There was never a day that had passed that we didn't get in touch! From the time she got up til the time he went back to bed! We really never ran out of things to talk about! Like, what food are we going to cook, what our daily activities, plants and many many more about things under the sun! I was amazed we never ran out of things to talk about!  
It was the hardest thing for me to adjust when I can no longer call her everyday! My heart was terribly broken! She was the only person that I regularly talk everyday, until that day that she can never talk anymore! I last said my goodbyes to her and thank her for everything and told her that I love her! I said, 'go rest for you are very tired already and say hi to Lola!' She answered me with a long moan and without knowing that it's going to be the last time I'll ever hear her voice! That was the noon before she died!  
Thank God for Veron, who had been patient, kind and loving unconditionally! She also makes it a point to let me talk to her whenever it's possible!  
Dan and Veron and their 3 boys, you've done an exemplary job in taking care of Nana Cel! You really made her feel loved and secured! But it didn't stop there! You're still doing everything to please and follow wholeheartedly all of Nana Cel's wishes! I'm sure she's very happy on how things are going! I'm sure she's saying now, “ I wasn't wrong, after all!”  
Nana Cel, I want you to know that I love you! Your presence in my life are all memorable to me! I know for a fact that I've become a better person just from knowing you! You'll always be a part of me! One that can never be replaced!  
Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your story and thank you for being a part of mine!  
I love you Nana Cel and I miss you always!.....  
So long my dear friend and mentor.....  
Till we meet again.....

**Rosie Kemper** - January 26 at 04:26 PM

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“ We will remember Tita Cely as a generous and loving Auntie who is always cheerful.

**Nina Pang** - January 26 at 09:05 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences for the loss of our dearest Cely. This untimely death is very difficult to bear. She was not just a mere colleague for us but also a very dear like an older sister. Cely will be in our memories forever... and may your soul Rest In Peace and let the perpetual light shines upon you.

**Ernesto P. Follante** - January 26 at 12:23 AM

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“ Romeo Limuaco sent a virtual gift in memory of Araceli Cepeda



**Romeo Limuaco** - January 25 at 08:36 PM

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“ Condolence to the late Araceli Cepeda Family.



**jesusa Fortich** - January 25 at 07:21 PM

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“ Hi Tita Cely,

I would like to thank you for your love and support when Tatay died 45 years ago. You have taught us the value of family and have shown us the love of an aunt. Your remarkable journey here in the US exemplified the strong woman that you are. Your hard work and dedication to Lola are examples that we will follow. Your acts of kindness and simple living showed us how life should be lived. Your love and generosity helped us through the years.

You had a life well lived and we will always cherish your memories. Thank you for everything.

I pray that your journey to heaven will be accompanied by the holy angels and saints. May you rest in peace.

**Susa Cepeda Resurreccion** - January 25 at 04:43 PM

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“ Hello Lola. Thank you for your support on my love to Baroque Piano Music. I remember the days when you would sit by my side while Nanay is like a tiger mom devotedly training me how to practice my piano lessons for five hours after school everyday. That was tough but like you said my Nanay did it for my own sake and that's why I did obey you when you said that I should enjoy practicing my piano lessons for five hours everyday. And you're right, practice makes perfect. Lola, I miss your home cooked chicken afritada and pork adobo, lumpia, and especially our favorite pancit palabok. That's what we would always share in the dining table and I miss eating that with you. Thank you Lola for the help and the time you spent with me especially when you would accompany Tatay and Nanay driving me to my Baroque Music competitions across the state. I remember how you would cook adobo and pancit bihon and we would eat in the car because Tatay would tell us that it's too expensive to eat in fancy restaurants. I still remember how proud you were when I received the gold medal in one of the state music festivals where I competed against other student pianists coming across California. That was fun! You were my number fan and thank you for the grand piano you gave me. I will continue playing music for you especially during my Sunday music ministry. I love you Lola. God bless you.



**Raphael Cepeda** - January 25 at 03:49 PM

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“ Tita Cely,thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.We will be missing your yummy baked goods.Thank you also for sharing your bountiful harvest from your lovely backyard.Rest in peace,Tita Cely and may the Eternal light shines upon you.



Lynn Villarente - January 25 at 02:49 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Araceli Cepeda.



January 25 at 02:40 PM

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“ I adore Celi for her kindness, pure and lovely smile. She was my dearest friend, we share lots of profound memories. Celi will always be in my heart. Thank you, Veronica and Paulina, for taking such good care of her over the years. I know Celi love and appreciate your family so much. I missed her deeply.

Linda Wei - January 25 at 02:10 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Araceli Cepeda.



January 25 at 02:05 PM

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“ I miss you Lola. I miss our “Good Mornings” greetings. I miss your hugs and kisses and I miss tucking you in bed and taking you to the toilet, and praying with you and Nanay every night. I love you Lola and please give my hugs and kisses to Lola Baby. I promise not to cry anymore because I know you’re in a better place now. Rest in peace, Lola. Muwah!

Diego Cepeda - January 25 at 01:43 PM

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“ Tita Cely, thank you for your unconditional love and for being proud and supportive to my kids pursuit of academic excellence. I know you’ll miss the kids especially their jokes and pranks. I really appreciate how you treated me well and my family Rest-assured, I will honor and respect your wishes. You’re in my thoughts and prayers always. I love you and rest in peace.

paulino daniel cepeda - January 25 at 11:25 AM

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“ Thank you for the 17 years of love, forgiveness, and generosity you extended to us especially to the kids who grew up with you enjoying your homemade zucchini bread, homegrown persimmons, Asian pears, and Fuji apples. Give our prayers and respect to Lolo Jesus, Lola Tanching, Tito Melo and Tita Chabeng, Tatay Oca and Nanay Baby, and Tita Astie. Tita Celi, I miss you terribly. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything.

veronica cepeda - January 25 at 11:10 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Araceli Cepeda.



January 23 at 11:11 PM

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“ Cely is our family friend since we were in the Phil. a very thoughtful happy co- worker in PLDT and con't to be good friend in CALIFORNIA We truly missed her, may she rest in peace. Condolence to the whole family -Remy Abaya



**Remy Abaya** - January 23 at 10:30 PM