



Sylvia Unalivia Sadueste

August 13, 1933 - April 10, 2021

Sylvia, 87.5 years old of Redwood Shores, CA, passed peacefully on the evening of Apr 10, 2021 in her daughter's home. Her youngest sister and three daughters were by her side.

She was born on Aug 13, 1933 in Malate, Philippines to Dr. Potenciano and Ignacia "Nancy" Unalivia. Her father was a medical doctor and her mother was a schoolteacher. She attended schools in Malate and was proud to say she was on her high school diving team. She went on to St. Luke's Nursing School to pursue her nursing degree. She worked at St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City and it was during this time when she met her future husband Orelli B. Sadueste at a party. After 3 years of courtship they were married on Mar 29, 1959 and would've reached their 60th wedding anniversary in 2019, but Orelli passed just 4 months before.

Sylvia was a floor nurse then became the Employee Health Nurse for Mills-Peninsula Hospital in San Mateo, CA for 27 years until she retired at 61 years old. She enjoyed her nursing career. She was the "In-House" doctor for her husband and daughters even when her daughters became adults. She would even tell the doctors what type of tests to be ordered. We're sure the doctors loved that! Sylvia and Orelli also owned a liquor Store in San Mateo and ran an Amway business as Direct Distributors while maintaining full time jobs.

She enjoyed dancing, singing, traveling, crocheting, reading biographies, going to shows and musicals, and eating her sweets and ice cream. She also loved Tom Jones!

She is survived by her daughters Renzi S. Miller (Roger), Reena S. Carvallo (Julio), and Rizza S. Burke (Tom), her grandchildren Jaizi, Jaren (Moira), Melissa, Dominic, Natalia, Andre, Alyssa, Nathaniel, her first great grandchild Elijah Leigh born to Jaren and Moira Abedania, and her youngest sister Mitos U. Holt. She was preceded in death by her infant son Robert U. Sadueste.

She will be missed for her zest for life, her encouraging words, and her forgiving nature. She was a devoted wife and nurturing mother.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Mark Catholic Church located at 325 Marine View Ave., Belmont, CA 94002 on Apr 21, 2021 with 10-10:30am viewing and 10:30-11:30am service..

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.

Events

APR **Viewing** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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St. Marks Catholic Church

325 Marine View Ave., Belmont, CA, US, 94002

APR **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sylvia Unalivia Sadueste.



April 21 at 10:03 AM



“ Auntie Sylvia was a beautiful, warm and loving lady, she exuded an old world elegance. So quick to smile and giggle and show how delighted she is to see you! I feel so fortunate and blessed to be a part of the Sadueste family. Reena and I were inseparable during our teen years so I got to spend a lot of time with her family. I feel so blessed having been the “4th” daughter. Uncle Relli and I have birthdays one day apart. He would say, “familia ko ‘yan”! Meaning she’s one of my family.

Auntie Sylvia had that special knack of making you feel loved. You’re very aware she makes room for you in her heart. Here’s an example of a memory I often recall ...

Firstly, pancit is a traditional noodle dish served on birthdays or special occasions. I was visiting the Sadueste’s home on Marlin Drive one Saturday in 1975. I came up to visit from San Jose and Auntie Sylvia, Reena, Renzi, Rizza and I were in the family room talking about food, I said I love pancit and described how delicious it is. I said in my know it all way, “that’s served on birthdays and special occasions”. After a while, Reena and I went to the other side of the house to hang out. When we were called to dinner, there it was ... pancit. Auntie Sylvia said I made pancit for your visit! I was so touched and delighted that she noticed and took the time to make a dish reserved for birthdays and special occasions.

To Reena, Renzi, Rizza and family, may God comfort your hearts and carry you through this difficult time.

I believe Auntie Sylvia is home with our Lord Jesus Christ and reunited with Uncle Relli. Until we see each other again, rest in peace Auntie Syl!

Lovingly and prayerfully,
Marti

Marti Ackerson - April 20 at 04:33 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Unalivia Sadueste.



April 20 at 04:02 PM



“ A mother’s love is alive forever. In the lessons she taught, the patience she gave, and in the hearts of the children she raised. My prayers go out to you in this time of great sadness.



irma hernandez - April 18 at 11:31 PM



“ I have known Sylvia since she was single. My cousin, Manoy Relli, would asked me to ride with him so that he can take his father’s car whenever he wanted to see Syl at the hospital where she worked as a nurse. Syl and Manoy Relli were very close to me and later to my family. They would chaperone me to movie dates with my then boyfriend and now, my husband, Mel. They are the kindest and the most hospitable couple that I know. I am glad that I paid them a visit the last time I was in San Francisco. I always did whenever I was in the area and sometimes would stay with them in their beautiful house by the lake. Oh, I can write so many wonderful memories that I have with Syl and Manoy Relli. They will live forever in my heart.

To my beautiful nieces and their families, please know that your Uncle Mel and I share your sadness. You three “Rs” will always miss your mother specially this coming Mother’s Day. It will never be the same. But enjoy the thought that your mother was very proud of you and loved you all very dearly.

Bella S. de Guzman - April 18 at 06:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Unalivia Sadueste.



April 18 at 03:30 PM



“ Lives are like rivers: Eventually they go where they must. Not where we want them to. The journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. How lucky are we to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.



Amber Rieger - April 17 at 08:07 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of such a loving beautiful lady I have to say I'm very blessed to have known such an amazing lady she treated my boys & I like family from the get go may she be at peace & happy again with the love of her life! 🙏 Sending love & prayers to you all & if you need anything we are here

Jennifer Allen - April 17 at 06:50 PM



“ Mama was always one of the most happiest and nicest women in this world. She would always be singing and dancing all day, everyday. One memory that I will never forget is when I got in trouble and she tried to act mad and hit me with a fluffy slipper. In my mind I was saying, “go ahead haha”. Mama was a very wise and happy woman, I love her and always will. I know she is watching down on me and protecting me with all my other guardian angels. She is in a better place and in all of our hearts. I love you Mama

Alyssa Burke - April 17 at 12:35 PM



“ Met Sylvia and Relli at Victoria Station restaurant in San Jose on Valentine’s Day 1977. Sylvia, with her winning smile and sincere aura, got us hooked quickly, became good friends, introduced us to Amway; and they became the godparents of our first born son, Chris. I still think Amway’s Nutrilite XX helped me get pregnant. This became as ice-breaker everywhere we attended an Amway conference. Sylvia and Relli were truly great friends. They were good people with big hearts. We will miss you Mareng Sylvia but you’ll be with Pareng Relli now. God bless.

Cip & Cora Bareng - April 16 at 01:06 PM