



Florenda Fuerte Gutierrez

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Florenda Fuerte Gutierrez, a longtime teacher and a beloved wife, mom, auntie, and grandma, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2024, at the age of 98.

Florenda was born on April 10, 1926, in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, the ninth of ten children born to Donato Fuerte and Marcelina (Valenzuela) Fuerte.

She became a well-respected sixth-grade teacher in Pagudpud and was active in St. Jude Catholic Church. She would have continued that quiet life in the far northern rural Philippines had not Ricarte Gutierrez, a Filipino-American from Hawaii, come calling. The two were wed in St. Jude's on June 5, 1966.

After a honeymoon sailing aboard the passenger liner S.S. President Wilson from Manila to Japan and then to Honolulu, Floring began a new life in the United States. She had a day job as a salesclerk at the old GEM department store in Kapalama while she studied to become a U.S. citizen and went to night school at the University of Hawaii.

Florenda then began a decades-long career with KCAA Preschools of Hawaii, teaching hundreds of four-year-olds at Laura Morgan Preschool in Kalihi before retiring in the 1990s.

She loved working in her garden, growing roses, orchids, anthuriums and many other flowering plants. She also was an awesome cook, using vegetables she also grew in her garden to make several Filipino dishes the way her mother had taught her.

Florenda also enjoyed reading, traveling with her husband and family, singing in church, and watching pro tennis matches on television. She was happiest when surrounded by friends and family, especially when celebrating joyful occasions.

Florenda is survived by her son Ricarte Gutierrez, Jr., daughter Carmensita Gutierrez-Chandler (Philip), and son Ben Gutierrez (Christopher Korsak), along with four grandchildren, four great-



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grandchildren, and dozens of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and her nine siblings.



Events

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Wake

- Monday**, August 19, 2024
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HST
- Valley of the Temples Main Chapel**
47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744



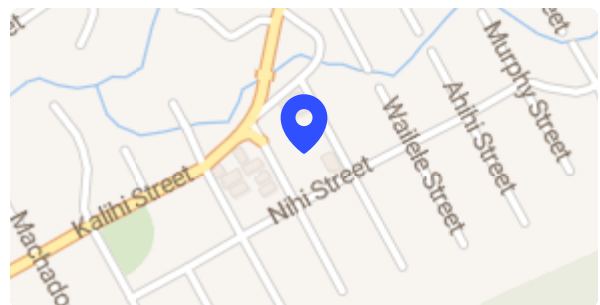
Service

- Monday**, August 19, 2024
- 6:00 PM HST
- Valley of the Temples Main Chapel**
47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744



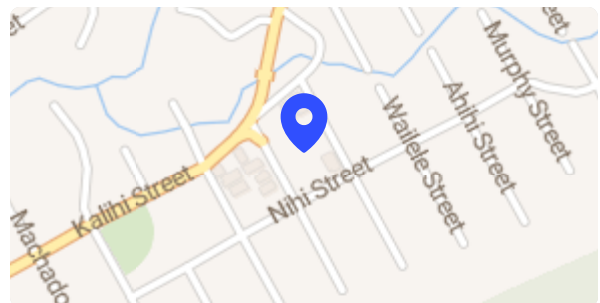
Additional Visitation

- Tuesday**, August 20, 2024
- 9:00 AM HST
- Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church**
1614 Monte St., Honolulu HI 96819



Mass

- Tuesday**, August 20, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM HST
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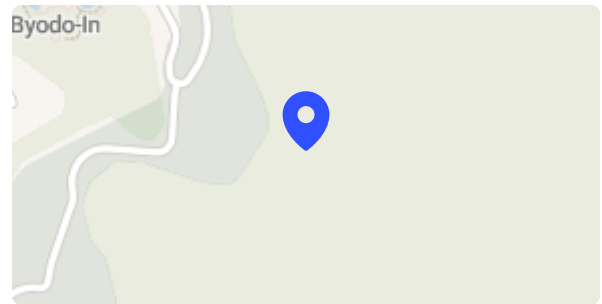
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Burial

 **Tuesday**, August 20, 2024

 1:00 PM HST

 **Valley of the Temples Memorial Park**
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Tribute Wall

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Reynante And Cheryl Andres shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest in God's eternal peace Auntie. Your smile, pleasant demeanor and care will never be forgotten. We will cherish the memories especially the last time we visited you (May 2024) and enjoyed the small chat. Love, Reynante and Cheryl Andres



August 17 at 1:35 AM



Cherlynn shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Grandma Floring exuded strength, resilience, and was steadfast in her ways. I will always remember her for the love she gave, the kindness she showed, and the lessons she taught. Grandma will be missed, but never forgotten.



August 1 at 1:50 PM



Alex Ingel posted:

My sincere condolences to your mom... It was a pleasure knowing your mom since the elementary days to high school and beyond. It's so hard to believe... I have utmost respect to your mom. She was a lovely, kind, happy go lucky lady. Your mom lived a long happy life...cherish the many memories you have. Gone but never forgotten...Alex ingel

July 31 at 2:13 PM



Bill Goff posted:

Auntie is a beautiful lady inside and out. She was always helpful when anyone needed it. I always enjoyed visiting with her. An all around very special woman. Memory of her fills my heart. Thank you Auntie. All my love Bill Goff

July 30 at 8:10 AM



Ben Gutierrez shared a photo to the **Memories** album.



July 27 at 6:23 AM



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Libby Zabala Herbert posted:

The first time I met and got to know her, Manang Floring was in 1982 when we went to visit Hawaii for the first time. She, Manong Ricarte and Ben were at the airport waiting for us. They took us everywhere on the island, and Manang Flo had told me how happy she was being married to my brother-in-law, and how much she loved his son, Ben, my nephew. I told her she was doing a great and wonderful job and it showed in what Ben had become. I visited them again this last December and she looked wonderful. She looked healthy just a little bit of hearing loss, but she had not changed her love for her family. Ben loved her. She was his mother that raised him and spent time with him growing up. You are in our hearts, despite of sadness we feel as you depart from us. May you rest in peace.

July 26 at 11:44 PM



She lit a candle in honor of Florenda.

I have many fond memories of Grandma, but the most lasting is how she shared her passion for learning. Grandma is one of the main reasons I went into the field of education. Seeing her teach and impact the lives of students has been inspirational in my career and in how I raise my kids. Her love of literature made me an avid reader and writer. I loved getting letters and cards from her, and I continue that tradition today. I'll miss Grandma a lot, but I feel good knowing she's in heaven, still guiding me. Rest in peace, grandma. We love you. -She



July 25 at 1:43 PM



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With Auntie Libby, December 2023



Memories only last if you share them

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



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