



Anacleta S. McKinney

December 29, 1939 - July 10, 2024

Anacleta Sarmiento McKinney of Susquehanna, PA passed away on July 10th at 84 years old.

Leta was predeceased by her father, Vicente Sarmiento; her mother and step father, Cirila and Ramon Cortez Sr.; her siblings, Rebecca, Agapito, Simeon, Conchita, Ramon, and Virginia; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Nina McKinney; and by a sister-in-law, Marieta Sowden.

Leta is survived by her husband, Melvin; their six children, John McKinney (Tamara), Rosemarie Kashou (Bahij), Jacqueline Topolski (Norbert), Amanda Cundey (Todd), Theresa Adams (Stephen), and Daniel McKinney; 11 grandchildren, Ty Cundey, Lila Kashou-McKenna, Ryan Adams, Joshua McKinney, Corey Topolski, Taylor Cundey, Jacob McKinney, Nicole Kashou-Ryan, Dylan Adams, Renee Kashou-Forbidussi, and Jenna Topolski; 8 great grandchildren, Emilia, Vivian, and Celine McKenna, Hayleigh Grace McKinney, Teagan Cundey, Beau and Callum Ryan, Soleil Topolski; siblings, Rosalinda, Esther, and Ricardo; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; two sisters-in-law, Jonyca McKinney and Doreen Cannon.

Leta was born in the Philippine Islands December 29th, 1939 to Cirila and Vicente Sarmiento. Her father was in the Philippine Scouts during WWII and survived the Bataan death march, but died several weeks later in a prison camp.

In 1958, as a high school junior Leta met and fell in love with her husband, Mel who was stationed at Clark Field. They married in 1959 in the Philippines,

where their son, John was born. In 1960, Mel returned to the family farm in Susquehanna, PA with his young family. Over the next 17 years, Rosie, Jackie, Mandy, Tessy, and Daniel were born. Leta dedicated her life to nurturing her beloved and ever-growing family, finding her greatest joy in their presence. Her Filipino dishes were the highlight of all of our gatherings. February 2024, we celebrated Mel and Leta's momentous 65th Wedding Anniversary in Florida.

Leta will be remembered for her unwavering love, her delicious cooking, and her devotion to family. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, strength, and cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Calling hours will be held from 5-8 p.m., Sunday July 14, 2024 at the Tuttle-Yeasley Funeral Home, Inc., Hallstead, PA. Should friends so desire, expressions of sympathy may take the form of a memorial contribution to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc.

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Joe Giannetto & Laurence Robineau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anacleta S. McKinney.

Joe Giannetto & Laurence Robineau - July 13, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



July 13, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



July 13, 2024 at 12:39 PM

DE

“ We would like to Extend Our Condolences to All the Family and Friends, We are Sorry for Your Loss. May She RIP, sincerely, Jane and Dennis McNamara

Dennis - July 13, 2024 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ Carol and I would like to offer our condolences for your loss. She was a wonderful lady who raised a beautiful family.

Sincerely,
Bob McNamara

Bob McNamara - July 13, 2024 at 08:07 AM

EL

“ Leta, Mel and their beautiful family were a joy to know. Our family, the Joivells, had many memorable visits in Hallstead & Pittston. Leta & Mel's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends are their legacy which will never end. Sorry we are unable to travel to your mom's wake, but we are there in spirit, remembering all the joyful times we were together. Leta, your mother, was one of the most graceful, memorable ladies I have ever known in my life. Her memory will bring you peace and joy forever.
Elaine Joivell Bellanca (Louis)

Elaine - July 12, 2024 at 06:42 PM

CF

“ Cindy and Bob Campagna and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



Cindy and Bob Campagna and family - July 12, 2024 at 12:33 PM

MC

“ Marie, Nicole & Carson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



Marie, Nicole & Carson - July 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM

DK

“ Diane Payne and Helen Klimasiewfski purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



Diane Payne and Helen Klimasiewfski - July 12, 2024 at 11:16 AM

AF

“ Anthony & Sierra Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anacleta S. McKinney.

Anthony & Sierra Family - July 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM

AF

“ Anthony & Sierra Family purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



Anthony & Sierra Family - July 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JA

“ So sorry. She was a beautiful lady in every way. God bless you all.
Sincerely Jo Ellen Adornato

Jo Ellen Adornato - July 12, 2024 at 09:16 AM

DM

“ Doreen Moat lit a candle in memory of
Anacleta S. McKinney



Doreen Moat - July 12, 2024 at 08:38 AM

DM

Mandy and family I am so very sorry for your loss.

Doreen Moat - July 12, 2024 at 08:39 AM

DS

Goodbye to a very special lady.

Dave Schwartz - July 12, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JD

I am so sorry to hear about leta's passing,I know this is late, but I hope the family is doing ok.I used to work with Leta in the 80's at magnetic labs and got to know her ,she was a wonderful lady. god bless you John, and all your family. {John Decker}

John Decker - January 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



July 12, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Tony & Jayne Cartagena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anacleta S. McKinney.

Tony & Jayne Cartagena - July 11, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anacleta S. McKinney.



July 11, 2024 at 09:21 PM

AY

“ I am Gus nephew of beloved auntie, my mother Rebecca told many stories about her families, particularly late auntie, I still remember when I was still kid, they always address me " bodioc" auntie conching, and Auntie Virgie may their soul rest in Peace., it was in 90's when uncle and auntie visited me in my place, first time saw them both after so many years , introduce to them my family. I cried when I saw auntie coz I will not forget the gesture bestowed on me whenever they meet me in the streets, she always give me money, she said " nanung gagawan mu ot bengi na atchu kapa keng dalam" she said what are you doing in the street its already dark. I loved auntie even we havent have communication , but i know she remembered me, Auntie I love you and uncle and all my cousins, God bless. May the soul of our beloved Auntie rest in Peace.

Augusto Yalung - July 11, 2024 at 08:33 PM