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Corazon was born in 1942, in Tariric, Minalabac, Camarines Sur, Philippines. She attended Tariric Elementary School, University of Neuva Caceres, in Naga City and The University of the Philippines in Manilla. She studied textiles, fabrics and apparel design at the College of Alameda, in California and has owned several apparel businesses and fashion boutiques in Northern California. Corazon met Rick in the Philippines, where she was attending the University of the Philippines, studying electrical engineering. They married after a three-week courtship. The marriage took place at the Manilla City Hall, on June 12th, 1968, a Philippine holiday: Independence Day.

In 1972 they received orders to Alameda Naval Air station, in California where they stayed until they received overseas orders to the Philippines in 1975.

Some close friends urged them to receive marriage blessings before they left, so they were married in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in San Francisco, by Father Fred Bitanga on August 13, 1975. (Monsignor Fred Bitanga has since married them again in 1993 on their 25th anniversary, in 2003 on their 35th anniversary and 2014 on their 46th) After their return, with their children, Stateside in 1977 they made their home in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2004 an opportunity arose to purchase the Carole Lombard House, a bed and breakfast, and Corazon promptly became a very popular innkeeper. Her special banana pancakes pleased the palates of many guests and her friendly smile won many hearts. She was an angel to Rick's parents, making their last days comfortable and caring for them.

Gardening was her heaven-on-earth and she loved growing many kinds of flowers: lavender roses, root-beer irises and Scheherazade lilies were among her favorites. She grew many tropical plants and moved them outside in the Spring and back into the solarium in the Fall. She loved and enjoyed making dresses, gowns, she loves reading the Bible and helping people who are in need. She has 3 sons and 4



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daughters. 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Her wish was to spend her final days in California with her children and attend the Lady of Penafrancia festival in San Leandro. The Pain in her final hours was diminished by the presence of her children and husband.

The pain of her parting is lessened by our hope of joining her at the end of the world.



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Rick Brandt posted:

I seem, still to be at a loss of words. It's been eight months since you left the world and I still haven't adjusted to the loss of your presence. I have responsibilities that keep me busy, yet nothing can fill the emptiness, the void left by your passing. It is written that 'and the two will become one flesh'. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. I then have become half a person, missing my better half. In 1969, you left your family behind and came to America all alone; you came thousands of miles to a strange land after knowing me for such a short while. How daring that was! How brave you were! And with God's guidance we brought others to America like Moses and Zipporah, bringing people to the new land. We lived many places in our lives partly because of my Navy career and partly because of other opportunities, but we nearly always went together, experiencing new places, meeting new people; you were always the catalyst, the socialite, I was the income earner, the supporter. You made connections, I made things happen. I found the note you wrote the day we sat in Clark Gable's Deuseberg: "This is the happiest day of my life! I sat in Clark Gable's car". I had no idea it meant so much to you. While you were sick we all had hope that you would recover, yet you knew that was not to be. I found the notes you left me when I returned to the house after the funeral. Notes of praise and love. I miss you so much. I love you and will love you forever. I look forward to awakening with you at the end of time when The Lord recreates Heaven and Earth in perfection. 2nd Corinthians 6:4 "...he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus...". I love you...asawa mo.

June 19 at 1:52 PM



Anonymous posted:

This Thanksgiving, I had a lot to be thankful for. Looking over the list, I realized that most of these came from the amazing support and advice from you. Sometimes I would just be feeling down and doubt myself, but your confidence in me made me always strive to do better. Now, looking back on that, I just wanted to say thank you so much and you have no idea how much that meant to me. Your cheerful attitude and powerful intuition is a true blessing to us all, and you will be missed dearly. I love you.

November 29 at 8:42 AM



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AL

Allyson posted:

There aren't enough words that will stress how much of an impact you were in my life and I'm sure to many others. I've enjoyed all the times we've shared and will surely keep them close forever. I remember when you rode with us to Los Angeles to go to Auntie Viol's house you patiently sat in the car next to us the whole 8 hour drive and every hour or so you'd whisper to me "Ohhh Allyson, this car ride is so boring. I just look outside the window and look at the tumbleweeds." It's hard to believe you're gone because I can still remember the little things about you so vividly like your voice, your perfume smell, and even the gentlest touch when you'd stroke my hair and comment on how long it's getting. As long as I'm alive I'll probably never forget the night when me and Adam slept over you and Grandpa Rick's house in Hayward when my mom went to the hospital. I'll never forget how you and Grandpa Rick tried your best to comfort me when I was in tears during the middle of the night because I was crying for my parents. When you and Grandpa Rick stepped in to take care of me and Adam it just comes to show how much you both love us and I'll always remember that. You have the kindest heart. You would never resist giving money or food to any homeless person you saw. One time we were in Chinatown waiting for my mom in her appointment and I was so hungry but we didn't have food. You knew I was hungry but you didn't have any food either so instead you gave me ricola cough drops. I admit it wasn't very filling but I knew that was all you had so I ate it anyways, it was the thought that counted. You always put people before you, it's amazing. I didn't know it was possible to have the qualities of selflessness, bravery, kindness, and intelligence in one person, but you had them all plus more. I miss you and love you so much, Lala. Thank you for everything you've taught and done for all of us.

November 2 at 3:03 AM

DK

Deborah Kaufman posted:

You were the best next door neighbor I have ever had. I will always cherish the times we spent outside talking about plants, marriage, husbands, life, and traveling to the Philippines. Sometimes just talking and laughing about silly stuff. You were a bright light to everyone who met you and will continue to shine in the hearts of so many people. Thanks for being my friend.

November 4 at 4:34 AM



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AL

Adam Luber posted:

I love you lala and you will be missed very much, but this is NOT a good bye its an "ill see you later" there are so many great memories we shared together, when it was visiting you in your shop watching you make dresses to you babysitting me and allyson when we were younger. I remember always going to your house and watching spirited away or kikis delivery service warming up pizza rolls, or the time me and allyson slept over and allyson was crying all night looking for my mom and dad, i remember her crying and yelling "i want my mommy right now" and you telling her that everything is going to be ok and everything will be ok because you're no longer in any pain, you are probably looking down at us smiling and waiting for us to come see you again. Thank you for everything you taught me thank you for being the best grandma to me and to allyson and thank you for being the best great grandma to aiden. I love you very much lala and you will always have a place in my heart. "see you later alligator"

November 3 at 4:24 PM

JM

Josie Mejia posted:

Cora had been a dear and trusted friend for many years. We shared laughter, sadness, and life in general. She always expressed gratitude for Rick's presence in her life. Her devotion to her children was paramount and her unwavering faith has led her to a peaceful place. I will miss you but keep you in my thoughts always. Josie Mejia

November 2 at 3:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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