



Loretta Edita Cabacungan Silvagni

September 15, 1950 - January 15, 2013

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1950-2013

Loretta Edita Cabacungan Silvagni passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at her home in Napa.

Loretta was born in the San Antonio barrio of Narvacon Ilocos Sur in the Philippines in 1950, and moved to San Jose, Calif. when she was 5 years old.

After graduating as the salutatorian of her class at Lincoln High School, she attended Santa Clara University, where she met her future husband, Steven Silvagni. They married and attended graduate school together at San Diego State University.

Loretta and Steven moved to Napa together in 1978. She worked many different jobs as a licensed clinical social worker over the years, ranging from employment at the Napa State Hospital, having her own successful private therapy practice, teaching at Pacific Union College, and therapy and mentoring in Napa Valley Unified School District.

She loved singing and participated in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church Choir and the Napa Valley College Chorale.

She was a fourth-degree black belt (Yodan) in jujitsu and provided many years of service to the American Judo and Jujitsu Federation as manager of examinations. As sensei of her own dojo, Napa Valley Jujitsu, she shared her love of the sport with her students who ranged in age from 5 and 6 to those in their 50s and 60s.

In the last few years of her life, Loretta suffered from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) which slowly robbed her of the ability to do all of the activities she loved. But nothing about the disease changed the love she had for her family, which surrounded her until the end.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Steven Silvagni; her mother, Angela Cabacungan; her daughters, Sarah DeFelice and Teresa Silvagni, and their husbands, Marcus DeFelice and Ryan Nuñez; and her two grandsons, who loved taking rides on “Nonna’s chair,” Marcus DeFelice, II, and Dominic Nuñez. She is also survived by cousins in the Cabacugan and Raymundo families, as well as many other friends and relatives.

A rosary will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Napa on Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will take place at St. Thomas on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Condolences to the family may be left at claffeyandrota.com. Donations may be made in Loretta’s name to: Forbes-Norris MDA/ALS Research and Treatment Center, 2324 Sacramento St., Ste. 150, San Francisco, CA 94115 (415-600-3604).

Events

JAN **Rosary** 07:00PM

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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
2725 Elm Street, Napa, CA, US, 94559

JAN **Mass** 12:30PM

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Comments



“ A woman like Loretta is a fleeting thing in this world. She was a wonderful teacher to me and she seemed to have a soul that was unshakeable. I am sorry that my time with her was short but I am glad that I did have some of her time. My heart goes out to Steven Silvagni who was also my teacher and the rest of Loretta's family. She will be missed.

-Alex Peralez

alex peralez - February 20, 2013 at 06:27 PM



“ Loretta was an inspired team leader when she worked at the Children's Program, Napa State Hospital. Diplomatic, decisive, just, kind and smart, she was highly respected by the "youngsters" for whom she served as Social Worker. The staff fully trusted her. Loretta's positive influence reaches wide.

Elaine Herrick

Elaine Herrick - January 21, 2013 at 11:14 PM



“ Dear Steve and Family, Our sincere condolences for your loss of Loretta...much too young! It is strange, but I had recently heard someone talking about the USC fight song and thought that somewhere in the recesses of my mind, I had memories about a tuba playing daughter of someone I knew... makes me think there are forces out there that exist beyond our every day world. Spirits and memories do live on.

Regards, Marvin, Jean, and Kentaro Sakakihara

Marvin D. Sakakihara - January 21, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ Sr Murphy lit a candle in memory of Loretta Edita Cabacungan Silvagni



Sr Murphy - January 19, 2013 at 09:29 PM



“ With deep regret Steve and family You are a faithful husband who showed what marriage vows mean .I stand in awe of your example.With prayer and Blessing Sr Olive murphy

Sr - January 19, 2013 at 09:32 PM



“ Dear Steve, Theresa, Sarah, Angela and Family, I am sorry for the sadness you have at the loss of Loretta. I met Loretta when she was mentoring my daughter, teaching jujitsu. Loretta was also teaching courage, dignity and honor with an undertone of affection. As I sat watching Loretta teach, I also learned from her. I think that I was able to be a little better mother because of Loretta's example. I miss Loretta and so I can only imagine your loss. My prayers are that you may find comfort in your memories of Loretta and your love for each other. Sincerely, Pat Walter

Patricia Walter - January 18, 2013 at 05:55 PM



“ Steven and family, My thoughts are with you. My daughters, now in their late 20's/early 30's, were members of some of Loretta's fun classes, and i can still remember how excited they were to show their daddy what they had learned- especially the bowing. I've also had the honor of teaching with Steven at Harvest Middle School. Again , I'm sorry for your loss.

monette straily - January 18, 2013 at 09:46 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Loretta Edita Cabacungan Silvagni.



January 17, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ Dale and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of Loretta. She was a warm, vivacious and intelligent woman. We enjoyed knowing her in our parenting days at the Alternative and I as a colleague over her career. Maryellen Vander Sluis

Maryellen Vander Sluis - January 17, 2013 at 04:19 PM



“ Steve and Family and Antie Kilang ~ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God help her soul rest in peace.

Cousin Loretta, we miss you, you're always in our hearts, Aloha and Mahalo for everything... til we meet again

Aloha,
Jean Cabacungan Adona Cabras
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jean Cabacungan Adona Cabras - January 18, 2013 at 08:01 PM



“ Steve, Sarah and Theresa, I am so sorry for the loss of Loretta. She was a kind and gentle woman, with such grace. I know you will miss her greatly and my prayers are with you all.

Mary Szymanski

Mary Szymanski - January 19, 2013 at 12:36 PM



“ Dear Steve,
I don't know if you remember me from your St. Helena teaching days but I remember you well.

I was so very sad to read of Loretta's passing. I also remember meeting her with you on a number of occasions.

You're in my thoughts,
Loraine Stuart

Loraine Stuart - January 20, 2013 at 08:20 PM