



Agueda "Aida" Ybanez Ferrer

February 5, 1926 - July 10, 2025

Agueda Ybanez Ferrer (“Aida”) passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025 at the age of 99. Born on February 5, 1926, she grew up on the island of Negros Oriental in the southern Philippines as the eldest of 8 siblings. Aida was the only one of her siblings to ever come to the US when she immigrated in the mid-1950s.

Aida earned a nursing degree in the Philippines and came to the US as part of a program to address a nationwide nursing shortage. Her first stop was Chicago, where she took her nursing exams. Having grown up in the tropical climate of the Philippines, she often reminisced about stepping off the plane in Chicago and seeing snow for the first time in her life.

After passing her exams, Aida moved to Vallejo, California and met Richard Villanueva Ferrer, also a Filipino immigrant. They married shortly after and had three children, James, Mary and Eugene. At the time, Vallejo’s Filipino community was beginning to take root and grow, and Aida and Richard were among its most active members. Weekends were often spent hosting large backyard BBQs filled with Filipino food and attending events at the Filipino community center on Sonoma Boulevard. Aida would often recount why her English was so good: “Papa (Richard) was from Manila and spoke Tagalog, and I am from Negros and speak Cebuano (another Filipino dialect). We couldn’t understand each other, so we would practice our English with each

other!”

Aida spent 28 years working as an operating room nurse at Kaiser in Vallejo, eventually rising to become head operating room nurse before retiring in 1986. During her time, she was known as one of the toughest nurses at Kaiser, earning respect from fellow nurses and doctors for her high standards and strong work ethic in the operating room. A devout Catholic, Aida’s faith was foundational to everything she did. In retirement, she tirelessly volunteered at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Vallejo and served as a Eucharistic minister.

After Richard’s passing in 1978, Aida remarried in 1982 to Brigido (“Brig”) Tamayo, also a Filipino immigrant and a widower. Together they remained active members of the Vallejo Filipino community. Through Brig, Aida became active in the Vallejo chapter of the Filipino Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following Brig’s death in 1998, Aida remained active in the organization and served a term as its president.

In addition to her Catholic faith, her other passions were reading and travel. Aida regularly turned to books by the likes of Tom Clancy, John Jakes, and Danielle Steele, but in her final years she focused on scripture, reading the Bible and many daily prayer books. Though her nursing career afforded a modest life, Aida found a way to see the world, touring many European countries, sightseeing in Alaska, traveling to New York City to spend time with her grandchildren, enjoying the Hawaiian Islands (multiple times), and visiting her relatives in the Philippines. Aida proudly displayed a picture in her living room of her reaching out to the Pope during one of her trips to the Vatican. She was so touched by visiting Jerusalem, she went back for a second time.

In 2020, Aida moved to the Atria assisted living community in Lafayette, California where she spent the final years of her life.

Mama is survived by her sons James (Michelle) and Eugene (Michele), daughter Mary (Vince) and grandchildren Lucas Ferrer, Willa Ferrer and Camille Jacala.

Aida will be laid to rest with her late husband Richard in a private family ceremony at All Souls Cemetery, Vallejo.

The family requests that any memorial gifts be made to St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Vallejo, California.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Agueda "Aida" Ybanez Ferrer.*



July 13, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Auntie Aida was a true pillar of strength in our family and a beautiful role model as my ninang. I will always remember the deep sense of warmth and love I felt from her, especially during our family visits to their home in Vallejo. Some of my fondest childhood memories were spent in her house - surrounded by laughter, good food, and the comforting presence of someone who always made you feel cared for. Her example shaped the values I carry today.*



Our deepest condolences to James, Mary, and Eugene. Please know that our family is holding you in our hearts during this time. Auntie Aida's memory and love will live on in all of us.

*With love,
Tricia Popky (Corpuz Family)*

Patricia Popky - July 13, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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“*Agueda Ybanez Ferrer, is my Aunt and sister of my father. She is the second child in the family and has seven siblings. The eldest was a teacher but she passed away at early age and the rest did not finish college. Most of them relied on their parents’ livelihood which came from selling fish and running a small restaurant. Aunt Agueda, the only professional, highly regarded in our family because she supported us during our studies. Before every school year began, she sent money to our parents to help cover our school needs. She would also sent us care packages filled with shoes, vitamins, clothing and canned goods. We were always so happy and excited when her packages arrived. Back then, very few people in the Philippines had relatives working abroad, so it felt extra special. We were among the few wearing imported clothes in our neighborhood a big deal at that time.*

Whenever, she came home to the Philippines she made sure to spend time with her nieces, nephews and siblings. Those moments were filled with joy, we would go to the beach, have picnics and simply enjoyed being together as a family. Her visits brought happiness and lasting memories to all of us. As she got older, she stopped traveling back to the Philippines, and our communication became less frequent. In recent years, we stayed updated about her through her son James, especially now that social media makes it easier to connect. We were deeply saddened to hear of her passing. She was more than just an Aunt, she was a source of love, support and strength for our entire family. Out of her seven siblings, only one remains today named Martha Ybanez Zosa.

Though she is gone, Aunt Agueda’s legacy of generosity, sacrifice and love will always live on our hearts. She will forever remembered and cherished by all of us whom she helped raise and inspire. We always miss you, your memories remained forever in our hearts 🙏



Magdalena “Daday” Ybanez Galia - July 12, 2025 at 07:07 PM

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My Deepest Condolences to James, Mary and Eugene. We are forever grateful for Tiya Agued for what she has done in our family in the in Philippines. Tiya you are sadly missed. Once again thank for everything from the Bottom of our hearts Tiya Agued ❤️🙏🙏🙏 You are always in our Prayers 🙏🙏🙏

Suzi Murnane - July 15, 2025 at 08:40 AM

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“ *With Love, the Rivera & Tamayo Families purchased the Divine Light for the family of Agueda "Aida" Ybanez Ferrer.*



With Love, the Rivera & Tamayo Families - July 12, 2025 at 12:31 PM

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“ *With Love, the Rivera & Tamayo Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Agueda "Aida" Ybanez Ferrer.*

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