



Belen Antesoda Apayor

December 5, 1936 - June 18, 2025

Belen Antesoda Apayor passed away on June 18, 2025 at the age of 87.

Belen was born in

Intramuros, Manila, Philippines on December 5, 1936 to Maxima and Leon Antesoda. She was one

of nine children. Her father, a U.S. Army soldier, lost his life during the Bataan Death March and

Belen was raised solely by her mother and older siblings.

Despite many struggles growing up, Belen was able to attend San Juan de Dios School of Nursing

and graduated in 1958. She spent her career as a registered nurse, working in diverse specialties

which included Public Health, Family Planning, Home Health, and Mental Health. Nursing was her

passion and she always encouraged her children and grandchildren to follow the same fulfilling path.

Belen married the love of her life, Anselmo Apayor Sr., in 1961 and they were blessed with three

children: Lynnette, Anselmo Jr., and Lalaine. Due to the U.S. nursing shortage she was able to

emigrate to the U.S. in 1975 with her youngest daughter, Lalaine. Her husband and two other

children followed shortly after. Their family eventually settled in Vallejo,

California and continue to live there to this day.

Belen enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her six grandchildren; finding every reason to have a family gathering. Most of all, she enjoyed cooking for them. Her most popular dish amongst family members was her delicious flavorful ham. Fortunately, she was able to pass down her recipe to her daughters. In addition to family time, she enjoyed playing bingo and trying her luck at the casino.

Belen is survived by her three children, Lynnette Spinelli, Anselmo Jr., and Lalaine Abdon (René); her six grandchildren, Jacob Spinelli (Lysellah), Dillon Spinelli, Leilani Abdon, Jordan Abdon, Ariana Abdon (Jurwen), and Larena Abdon; her sister-in-law, Redencion Antesoda; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Anselmo Apayor Sr., and died on the day of his funeral to join him. Their lifelong commitment of marriage continues to eternal life.

Psalm 73:26: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary
1100 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 552-6696
twinchapels@aol.com

Vigil Service

JUL 13. 4:00 PM (PT)

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1100 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
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Funeral Mass

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Basil's Catholic Church
1230 Nebraska Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 644-5251

Tribute Wall

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lynn - August 06, 2025 at 01:46 AM

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“ Love the DeJesus family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Belen Antesoda Apayor.



Love the DeJesus family - July 09, 2025 at 11:04 PM

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“ Lynnette Apayor-Spinelli lit a candle in memory of Belen Antesoda Apayor



Lynnette Apayor-Spinelli - July 01, 2025 at 08:57 PM

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“ Mom, I love you so much! I miss you so much and all your stories. You and dad took a big part of me with you. I can't thank you enough for everything. Because of you and dad, I'm closer with the Lord. God showed me so many miracles and gave me a chance to be with you longer. My faith in God is stronger than ever because of you and dad! Peace be with you mom, you are free! Rest in Peace with God Almighty.

Lynnette Apayor-Spinelli - July 01, 2025 at 08:33 PM