



## Lina Ledda Ninobla

July 6, 1940 - December 2, 2022

Born in Balaoan, La Union, Philippines, Lina Ledda Ninobla lived most of her life in Vallejo, California, and passed away after a year-long battle with cancer on December 2nd, 2022. Passing in her Vallejo home, lovingly surrounded by her husband and children.

Lina was born on July 6, 1940, to her parents Ruperto Zambrano Ledda and Basilisa Olivar Ostrea. In Manila, Lina spent four years studying medicine at the University of Santo Tomas (UST). But in 1959, she decided to transfer to Far Eastern University (FEU) to proudly graduate with a bachelor of science in nursing 1963. That same year, Lina stayed in Manila and started her nursing career at San Lazaro Hospital (est. 1577). This is where she met her first roommate and future sister-in-law, Concordia Ninobla (Moreno). In 1965, Lina took the giant leap to immigrate to the United States where she would start her first nurse position at the Hospital of Jefferson Medical College (now Thomas Jefferson University Hospital), and she would reunite with her roommate Concordia (“Connie”) where she would first meet her U.S. Navy boyfriend & future husband, Guillermo “Gil” Ninobla.

In 1966, both Lina & Connie had plans to transfer their nursing careers to Chicago, Illinois, but their navy boyfriends convinced them to stay on the east coast where they would instead transfer to Presbyterian Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. November 4, 1967, Lina would marry her navy boyfriend Gil at

St. John the Evangelist Church back in Philadelphia and would settle in their first home as newlyweds in Fall River, Massachusetts. She would work at Union Hospital for over a year before she would follow her military husband to his new assignment in Charleston, South Carolina. And in 1970, Lina was blessed with the birth of her first son Joseph. Finding the right hospital to work at while being a new mother was a challenge, but an opportunity arose again with Lina, Gil & baby making the move to the west coast.

1972 was the year when Lina's family arrived in Alameda, California where her first job was at Alta Bates Hospital. Her husband would later change his status to a U.S. Navy reservist and the family would finally buy their first and only home in Vallejo, California in 1973. Lina would find her next career at Kaiser Hospital Vallejo as a hospital floor nurse (floating but mostly in pediatrics), and later working in the nurse's clinic. Lina's family also grew with the birth of her second son William in 1976 and the birth of her daughter Gemmalyn in 1978. But after 33 years at Kaiser, Lina finally retires in 2006 where she spend time with her hobbies like bowling, growing orchids, and traveling which included many visits to many religious sites around the world. However, she decided to come out of retirement one last time to work a few years as a home health nurse to assist in the opening of Mare Island Home Health in Vallejo. In the last years of her career, she had the opportunity to work alongside her son Joseph who remains working there today.

Lina was also passionate about her Catholic faith. In the 1980s, Lina & Gil devoted over 10 years to a crusading group that prayed the rosary daily at invited homes all around Vallejo. In the 1990s and onward, Lina & Gil were involved in the mission to build the 10 Commandment Tablets for catholic churches all over the country starting at St. Augustine Church, Daly City to Our Lady of Peace Church, Santa Clara, and eventually, her parish home, St. Basil's Church.

She was a loyal member of the St. Basil the Great Church in Vallejo where she was blessed with her children receiving their sacraments while also being active in the youth choir and youth group ministry. Lina was often seen attending Sunday Mass as well as Weekday Morning Mass in her later years. Years later, she accepted the privilege of being a Eucharistic Minister. She helped take lead in raising funds to send her children along with the youth ministry to Denver, Colorado to attend World Youth Day 1993 with Pope John Paul II. Lina was involved in the committee to bring the Sinbang Gabi masses to St. Basil's regularly each Christmas season. Since she was young, Lina's devotion to Our Blessed Mother was reflected by her support of the daily rosary of Fatima as well as starting the Prayer of the Seven Sorrows of Mary at the church. She was instrumental in bringing the statue of Our Blessed Mother from Portugal to be placed in front of Mary's Chapel. Lastly, St. Basil's blessed Lina & Gil by commissioning them to lead the newly formed Rosary-Making Committee. Thousands of handmade rosaries were made by their group and they continue to donate to people and causes around the world. Her faith shined through her actions in her life as well as her love for her family and friends.

Lina unconditionally & unselfishly loved her children and supported them all her life through the many highs and difficulties of their lives. She was blessed in return with her only son-in-law Anthony 2005, the return home of her eldest son in 2008 to support her & husband in their retirement years, and the final special blessing of the birth of her only grandchild Temple in 2018. She also made it her mission to continually help all of her & husband's relatives as many were slowly immigrating from the Philippines.

To say that her family and friends will miss her greatly is an understatement. Her laughter and smile brought joy at any gathering, and she would be the first to get everyone involved once the line-dance music started playing.

Between the many patients she cared for, fellow nurses and doctors she worked with, and the many friends & relatives she kept contact with all over the world, Lina was a well-respected and cherished colleague as well as a loyal friend & family member to many. In short, she was loved by all. It was said Lina was unselfish & kind to a fault. Often neglecting the needs of herself for the needs and well-being of her many friends and family. She will not be forgotten.

She is survived by her husband Guillermo, sons Joseph & William, daughter Gemmalyn Robles, son-in-law Anthony Robles, and grandson Temple. Survived by her Ostrea Ledda family of sisters Elsie Lucena & Judy Octaviano, brothers Junior, Nonong & Litong, remembering her passed sister Betty Abad, and all their families. Survived by her Pimentel Ninobla family of sister-in-laws Connie Moreno & Lucy Czejdo, brother-in-laws Manuel & Pol, remembering her passed brother-in-laws Lodring & Dr. Junior, and all their families.

Flowers can be sent to Lina Ninobla's Viewing starting 2:00pm to 8:00pm with a Vigil Service at 5 PM on Monday, December 19, 2022, at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo, CA 94590.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30am on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at St. Basil's Church, 1200 Tuolumne St., Vallejo, CA 94590.

Burial will be will start at noon on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at All Souls Cemetary, 550 Glen Cove Rd., Vallejo, CA 94591.

Cash and Check Donations (checks made out to her daughter: Gemmalyn Robles) for any additional funeral expenses and memorial may be handed to any children of Lina Ninobla.

Online Donations for any additional funeral expenses and memorial may be sent to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lina-ninobla>

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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

## Vigil Service

DEC 19. 5:00 PM (PT)

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Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 552-6696  
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## Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Auntie Lina I want to thank you again for communicating with us when Lola died. If not for you, we won't be there to say our last goodbye. And now time has gone so fast and I'm so sorry that you have been ill but I know that your wonderful loving and caring family were next to you. You were surrounded with love until your last breath. I remembered our short stay and acquaintance made us feel close to you and everyone there. We're sorry because we couldn't come or attend your ceremonies, our time difference and work is the reason why. Thank you for your hospitality. You will be missed Auntie. Rest in peace now. 🙏



**Cora Sebastian** - December 19, 2022 at 08:04 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



**Josie Connerley** - December 18, 2022 at 11:46 PM

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“ *Josie Connerley lit a candle in memory of Lina Ledda Ninobla*



Josie Connerley - December 18, 2022 at 11:39 PM

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*Rest in Peace auntie Lina*

Josie Connerley - December 18, 2022 at 11:42 PM

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“ *Tribute to a beautiful woman, a wonderful wife, a devoted mother, and an admirable and awesome friend. From her generous and loving heart, she took it upon herself to obtain donations from friends to help support the Breath of Life Foundation that provides a ventilator (OstreaVent) to premature and sick, newborn infants in the intensive care nursery to give them a chance in life. Thanks, Lina for your generosity and concern. The little infants in heaven welcome you with open arms thanking you for the help they received -*

*Dr. Buddy Ostrea*

Enrique Ostrea Jr., M.D. - December 16, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lina Ledda Ninobla.*



December 14, 2022 at 04:37 PM

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“ Love, Tina and Lito purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lina Ledda Ninobla.



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**Love, Tina and Lito** - December 14, 2022 at 01:31 PM

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**Ruben Lucena** - December 13, 2022 at 06:54 PM

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**Ruben Lucena** - December 13, 2022 at 06:47 PM



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Joe Ninobla - December 13, 2022 at 01:59 PM

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You are gone Sister, Niece Lina but not forgotten ! Your beautiful memories remains in our hearts forever❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹

Eva Delmendo - December 13, 2022 at 07:41 PM



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Twin Chapels Mortuary - December 13, 2022 at 01:43 PM