



## Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio

May 24, 1947 - December 26, 2023

Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio (nee Uypico), has joined her daughter Antonette, in eternal repose on December 26, 2023 at age of 76 years old. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones.

Devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend, Aida was born on May 24, 1947 in San Pablo City, Laguna, Philippines to Sulpicio and Gertrude Uypico, both deceased. Aida left behind a legacy of love that she nurtured throughout her life. She had many names - Honey, Sweetheart, Mom, Mommy, Ma, Momski, G-Ma, Grandma, Lola, Auntie, Tia, Tita but for all, she was their HERO. She helped everyone with her generosity and kind heart with no reservation. She was devout Catholic. She attended church on a regular basis regardless of her health. She prayed her rosary on a daily basis. Her religion and loved ones gave her the strength to continue life despite the illness she was presented with. She is the strongest woman anyone could have ever known.

As someone said about Aida to her daughter: "When I die and have a chance to come back, I want to come back as a spirit of Aida. She has struggled with cancer for so long but remained positive and selfless". THAT SHE WAS!!!

Her journey through life was full of adventures, excitement and ever flowing happiness, challenges and most importantly, love. Aida was a born leader. Before immigrating to the U.S., she was a businesswoman in the Philippines. She owned, operated and managed single-handedly a bakery in order to support her young children Michael, Antonette and Suzette whom she loved

dearly at young age of 27. However, her journey had just begun at this point. She wanted more for her family and in year 1978, she made a heart-breaking decision to leave her children and emigrated to the U.S. and face the challenges that may lie ahead for the betterment of her family's future.

Her early life in the U.S. was not without its struggles and obstacles, however, she strived through it all. She took odd jobs to support her family back in the Philippines. And in late summer of 1982, she finally met the love of her life, Joe, and married on September 28, 1985 and settled in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Soon after, Aida and Joe were joined by her children, in the United States and together, they formed a big, beautiful and happy family.

Aida and Joe lived a blissful life with their children and grandchildren. They enjoyed sailing together on the Barnegat Bay. Aida learned to sail with no hesitation. They participated in many activities such as playing racket ball, tennis, and other watersports. She loved the outdoors and she loved hiking and enjoyed gardening tremendously. They enjoyed watching their grandchildren's sports and school activities. In her later years, she enjoyed playing Mahjong with her three children. This was their Friday night bonding.

Aida was always a mother and wife first, and second a businesswoman.

However, Aida's first love was cooking. Soon after Aida and Joe met, she owned and operated her own luncheonette in South Plainfield, New Jersey called "Aida's Favorite Spot" in 1983. Her luncheonette soon became a real favorite spot for the locals. She honed in on her skills further to serve her customers with home cooked, delicious and filling meals. She treated her customers like family. She fed them like she fed her husband and children. She was really proud of her luncheonette and what it did for the community. She worked hard at it. She woke up every day at dawn to prepare for the day ahead and after closing in the afternoons, she physically shopped for the following day's ingredients for the meals she was serving. She only believed in serving fresh meats and produce to her customers as she would her family. Regardless of her long hours at work, she still believed in providing her family fresh home-cooked meals every night. After years of operating her business,

Aida decided to pursue a different path. But she continued to pursue her love of cooking and serving her meals to others.

A new path had taken her to a new career. As a businesswoman, she always wanted to take control of finances. What better way but to help her husband in his accounting practice as well work as a full charge bookkeeper outside her husband's firm. She diligently worked for Stephen Liebow, CPA in Hillsborough, New Jersey from 1992 to 1997 then, the firm merged with Shapiro and Shapiro, CPA in Warren, New Jersey and she continued to work there until her retirement in 2012. However, she continued her career by working part-time with Lane and Lane of Somerville, New Jersey until 2022. Even with her long bookkeeping career, she continued with her love of cooking. She took classes to learn more in French and Italian cuisine. She relentlessly learned and improved her skills by cooking and entertaining her family, friends and colleagues. For anyone who knew her, she was Aida, the Chef, the hostess with the mostest. She entertained and fed everyone with a smile on her face. She truly took pleasure in seeing everyone enjoying the fruits of her labor. Aida's name is synonymous to "Best Rice Pudding" ever - her specialty. Her skills, of course, were not limited to this. She was a champion of Italian, French and Filipino cuisine. All will truly miss her cooking. Aida left behind many who loved her, her husband Joe, her daughter Suzette and her husband Steven of Middlesex, her son Michael and his wife Tina of Lanoka Harbor. She left her grandchildren whom she loved the most, Giuseppe Raymundo of Somerville, Janvier Raymundo of Bridgewater, Megan Reyes of Indiana, Tristan Reyes of New York, Joseph McCauley of Middlesex and Helda McCauley of Colorado. She also left behind her sister, Virgie Nepomuceno and brother, Dante Uypico of the Philippines, her niece Fe Stephenson of Australia and her numerous nieces and nephews in the Philippines, Canada and Australia. She was predeceased by her sisters, Gloria, Noemi, Adora, Marissa, and Leticia, her brothers, Joselito, Ramon, Efren and Melvin. She also left behind many extended family and friends.

The visitation will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. The Funeral will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 8:00 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 10:00 AM Mass at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876. Burial will follow at St. Bernard Cemetery in Bridgewater, NJ.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Bernard Cemetery

551 State Route 28  
Bridewater, NJ 08807

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 2.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747  
Manville, NJ 08835  
(908) 575-8512  
info@ketusky.com  
<https://www.ketusky.com>

## Mass

**JAN 3.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
35 Mountain Ave  
Somerville, NJ 08876  
(908) 725-1112

# Tribute Wall

“ Love, what is it?

*Well... back on 8/21/2017 which was the day of the total solar eclipse, I was not happy with Keane's behavior at age 9, and I was letting him know it. So he responded with, "Do you love me mommy?" I guess he associated my reprimands with not loving him and that made me think about it. So much so, that I wrote 2 poems about LOVE that same day, even though I am no writer. Below is an excerpt of one:*

*Is love something we can touch,  
Something we can see, or  
Something we can hear?  
Yes, it is all of that and more.*

*Love can be as simple as an embrace  
between a man and a woman,  
between a child and a parent,  
or a hug between friends.*

*We can see it in the way  
that another person treats us,  
With compassion, kindness and warmth,  
or a smile that lights up a face.*

*That there, sums up the amazing woman, mother and grandmother that I lovingly referred to as Aidamom. She knew how to show love. We hail from similar backgrounds where the words "I love you" doesn't need to be said because it is there in everything that we do for our families. As her grandkids said, she would correct their behavior but still provided unwavering love and support.*

*Even though families come in all sizes, culture, color and personalities, there are only 2 kinds - those that we are born into and those that we choose. And that's how we became a family – we adopted each other. Aidamom is a passionate woman who opened*

*her heart and home to us. Every holiday was an opportunity for a family gathering where we ate, drank, talked and laughed while “assisting Chef Aida” or doing the dishes.*

*Later on, her and her husband Joe gave Tony and I a letter of recommendation for parenthood on our journey for a family by adoption. Couple months later, we had a baby boy and they visited us in Raleigh NC to see grandkid #6, Keane 🥰*

*Aidamom was a very determined and strong woman and with the support of her adoring husband, she successfully achieved her goals in whatever venture she sought. My family and I are fortunate to have known her and though our hearts are filled with sadness, we know that she is finally pain free and at peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Naseem and family.  
1/17/2024*

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**NASEEM K GARCIA** - January 17, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ The news was heartbreaking, to say the least. We knew the history but hoped against hope the result would change. Unfortunately God had other plans. She was a great Lady, a dedicated wife and mother and nothing ever stood in her way. She was loved by those who knew her, met her and got to know her. We are so sorry we could not make the services, but between Texas and work here, it was just an impossibility. Our hearts and tears and memories were there with no doubt, despite our absence. To Joe and Family, as I said before, no words can ever soothe the loss, but the knowledge she WAS HERE AND MADE A DIFFERENCE is the provable fact. We have made a donation in Aida's name to a local charity that will insure here memory will endure. Joe, you should receive confirmation via mail. We hope you and the family approve our choice. With Love to All, May Aida Rest in Peace and may she be enjoying some laughs with Aunt Theresa and the rest of our families.

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Carol, Amanda & Ron Skrzysowskii - January 03, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.



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January 02, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.



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January 01, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.*



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January 01, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *Mike R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.*

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**Mike R.** - January 01, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.*



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December 31, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Your Family at Sofar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.*

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**Your Family at Sofar** - December 31, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.*



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December 31, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.*



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December 31, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *To one of the strongest women I've ever known. You were of the highest character and truly defined perseverance, courage, and selfless love. We are so grateful to have been welcomed into your family for so many years and for playing the role of friend, mother, and grandmother to the Garcia's. We will miss you dearly and your spirit will live on in what we learned from your example. Rest peacefully in heaven until we are all reunited.*

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**Tony Garcia** - December 30, 2023 at 07:47 PM

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“ I have known and called you ever since I was a kid my loving, generous and kind Tia Aida. You are indescribable. I remember getting excited every time Inay would say, your Tia Aida is coming [Balikbayan]. You never failed to give us pasalubong, My siblings and I could only taste the 'mansanas and ubas as well as the Hersey chocolate every time you came back to visit. I have known you as a great chef, your chicken potato salad when I was a kid and your spaghetti meatballs which my family and I were able to enjoy eating during our visit in 2016, that will surely linger in our palettes. Tia Aida, as I've said there are not enough words to define you, but I know you have left a mark on my heart and nothing will ever erase it. It is indelible in my heart and everyone. You are more than a gem and will remain to be cherished and loved by us. You have fought so hard till the end, and you won the race. Fly high with your wings, and please continue to watch your loved ones and us, which I know you will. You will be forever loved. Bye, for now, rest in peace in our loving God's hands. □□□□□ 🙏🙏  
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Love Mylene and Family

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**Mylene** - December 29, 2023 at 11:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.



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December 29, 2023 at 11:00 PM

MI

“ Mom or Momski as I call her is an inspiring woman. She’s the most generous person I know and most importantly, she is caring. Mom thank you for everything. Say hello to Tonetteski and give her a big hug for me. I will always remember you as superwoman.💔

Michael - December 29, 2023 at 05:23 PM

CM

“ Clem Carfaro III & Sara Mallia purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Adelaida "Aida" Vecchio.



Clem Carfaro III & Sara Mallia - December 29, 2023 at 05:13 PM

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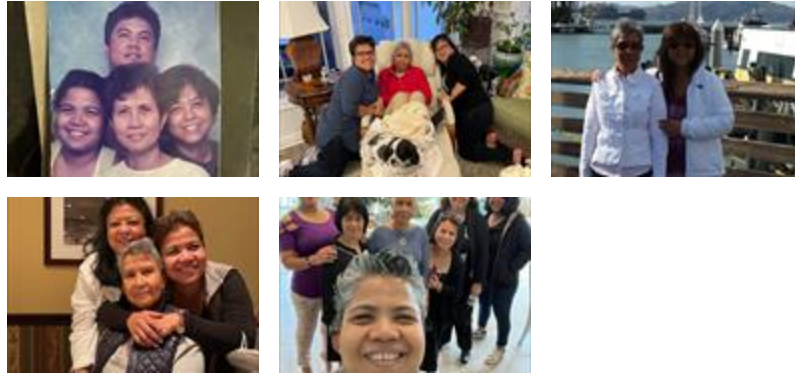
“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Sue McCauley - December 29, 2023 at 04:30 PM

SU

“ 37 files added to the album *Our Rock*



Sue - December 29, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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“ Mom - She is still my rock and my inspiration. It is my consolation knowing that she is now rested and pain free and with my sister and her parents and brothers and sisters. I will sorely miss her for eternity. I love her soooooo much!!!!

Sue - December 29, 2023 at 03:59 PM

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She is also with both my dad and mom. I know how lovingly unselfish it feels to know our beloved ones are now free of pain and suffering.

Grace - December 29, 2023 at 10:13 PM