



Lolita Alcantara Picardal

March 17, 1932 - February 2, 2023

Lolita Alcantara Picardal, 90, of Sarasota, FL, passed away surrounded by loved ones on February 2, 2023 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Lolita was born on March 17, 1932 to Ruperto and Paciencia Alcantara in Bay Bay, Leyte, Philippines. She graduated from the University of the Philippines with a degree in business administration.

In 1960, she met the love of her life, Celso Picardal, and they wed in 1961 in Catarman, N. Samar, Philippines. They were both instructors at the University of Eastern Philippines. In 1972, they immigrated to the United States of America with their two children and initially settled in Detroit, MI.

Lolita worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, retiring in 1999 as a management consultant after 25 years of service. In retirement, she and her husband settled in Sarasota, FL and enjoyed traveling the world.

Lolita was an avid reader, loved crossword puzzles, kept a meticulously clean house, baked delicious cookies, and was a first-rate mahjong player. Known as Lola to her grandchildren, she shamelessly spoiled them and taught each of them to play mahjong at a young age.

She is survived by her husband, Celso; her children, Chelo (David Amble) and

Cecil (Lynne); her grandchildren, Annaliese (Jacob Ponder), Alexandra (Ryan Kalis) and Jakob Amble; her siblings, Remedios (Severino Raymundo), Mercedes, Anecia (Godofredo Abustan), Floro Alcantara (Eva), and Socorro (Jeffrey Todd); and many beloved nieces and nephews across the U.S., Canada and the Philippines.

Lolita's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 2pm at the Toale Brothers Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL, 34236.

Flowers may be sent to the Colonial Chapel by February 11 or a donation may be made in her name to Paralyzed Veterans of America, a nonprofit organization Lolita was passionate about.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.* ”



February 10, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.* ”



February 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Your Team from Nissan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.* ”



Your Team from Nissan - February 10, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.* ”



February 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.*



February 10, 2023 at 06:56 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.*



February 09, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.*



February 09, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.*



February 09, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.*



February 09, 2023 at 02:22 PM



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Cecil Picardal - February 08, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lolita Alcantara Picardal.*



February 08, 2023 at 09:51 PM

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“ Dear Picardal family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Lolita was a beautiful person with such a kind soul. She raised an amazing son, Cecil, who we are blessed to call our brother in law and uncle.

We've always called Lolita "Lola", as we have primarily known her as Anna and Alex's dear, kind grandma. So we just called her Lola too :)

Lola always had a friendly smile, a welcoming hug and delicious cookies. We remember the time Lolo and Lola welcomed us into their Sarasota home from Michigan to enjoy their beautiful garden, dinner and a night's stay. The following day we planned to go to the beach with them. As we packed the car with young Grace and young Madison and all of Lolo and Lola's beach gear we were surprised to learn they were not joining us! Lola did, however, send us off with a lunch she packed for us, in their cooler! So kind and so thoughtful, always :). And maybe a bit of a trickster, because we really thought they were coming with us!

Lola tried several times, over the years, to teach us Mahjong, around Lynne and Cecil's kitchen table, but we were not quick learners and never quite picked up the game. Someday we will learn, in honor of Lola, so Anna and Alex can beat us out of all of our money ;)

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and we are sorry we cannot be at Lola's service. I know her dear soul in resting in peace.

*With Love,
Don, Kim, Grace and Madison Seymour*

Kim Seymour - February 08, 2023 at 09:39 PM

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Thanks for the kind words, Seymours. Love you all!

Cecil Picardal - February 09, 2023 at 12:48 PM

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Cecil Picardal - February 08, 2023 at 04:25 PM