



Lilia A. Gaano

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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and matriarch, Lilia Aparente Aragoncillo Gaano, who departed this life on July 15, 2025, in Deptford, New Jersey, at the age of 76. Born on January 23, 1949, in Manila, Philippines, Lilia lived a life filled with deep love, quiet strength, and unwavering devotion to her family.

Lilia was the devoted wife of the late Ferdinand Gaano, and together they built a home rooted in faith, kindness, and enduring love. She was a proud and loving mother to Steven Gaano, Andrew Gaano, and Stephanie Duke. She welcomed with open arms her daughter-in-law Rose Gaano and son-in-law Michael Duke, cherishing them as her own.

Lilia found her greatest joy in being a grandmother. She was affectionately known as “Lola” to Quinn and Zoe Gaano, and Jayden and Dominic Duke. Her presence in their lives was a source of endless comfort, stories, laughter, and unconditional love.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Fidel and Veronica Aragoncillo, and her brothers Ludivindo, Lorenzo, and Lamberto Aragoncillo. She is survived

by her brothers Leonardo and Leandro Aragoncillo, who carry on her memory with love and pride.

Lilia's life was anchored in deep faith. Her relationship with God guided her every step, and she modeled grace, prayerfulness, and compassion in both quiet moments and daily acts of love. Her rosary was never far from reach, and she often prayed for others before herself.

She was also a passionate Philadelphia 76ers fan, proudly cheering on her team through every season. Whether watching a game with family or wearing her Sixers gear around the house, Lilia's love for basketball—especially her Sixers—was a source of fun and connection for everyone around her.

Her gentle spirit, warm smile, and quiet resilience touched all who knew her. Whether she was cooking a favorite Filipino dish, offering thoughtful advice, or simply sitting beside you in silence, Lilia had a way of making everyone feel seen and loved. Her love language was service, and she gave without asking for anything in return.

Though she has left this world, her legacy lives on in the values she passed down, the memories she created, and the family she so fiercely loved.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a viewing on Monday, July 21, 2025 from 10am to 12noon at Infant Jesus Parish at St. Margaret's RC Church, 3rd & Beech Sts., Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12noon at the church.

Entombment New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Stroke Association

by accessing: <https://www.stroke.org/en/>.

For condolences, please visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Infant Jesus Parish at St. Margaret's RC Church
3rd & Beech Streets
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097
(856) 848-0047

A Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097
(856) 848-0047

Entombment

JUL 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

New St. Mary's Cemetery & Mausoleum
515 W. Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
(856) 931-1570

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sharon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lilia A. Gaano.

Sharon - July 25, 2025 at 04:42 PM

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“ Sharon purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lilia A. Gaano.



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TF

“ The Schmoyer Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lilia A. Gaano.



The Schmoyer Family - July 20, 2025 at 06:23 PM

EF

“ Eric Gaano and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lilia A. Gaano.



Eric Gaano and Family - July 18, 2025 at 05:59 AM

JA

“ Jose & Sara Abraham purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lilia A. Gaano.



Jose & Sara Abraham - July 17, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JJ

“ Joan Jack lit a candle in memory of Lilia Gaano



Joan Jack - July 17, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JG

“ Please take comfort in the fact that your mom was surrounded by a loving and caring family. I am sure that she felt that love and was proud of each and every one of you. Take care of each other.
Sincerely, Joyce Gonzalez

Joyce Gonzalez - July 17, 2025 at 02:49 PM

BF

“ My condolences to the whole Gaano family. So sad to learn about your mom Andy. She was a dear friend from way back working in the same UPenn environment. Rest in Peace dear Lilia . I pray for peace & comfort to you Andy & your family. Always, Bernie Funtanilla.

Bernie Funtanilla - July 16, 2025 at 07:05 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album *Mom*



Steven - July 16, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Steven - July 16, 2025 at 04:28 PM