



Ana Celia (Chelino) Ellin-Morales

October 10, 2017

Ana Celia (Chelino) Ellin-Morales, born in Puerto Rico, passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. She was 85 years old, the youngest daughter of Juan and Benita Ellin's 12 children.

As a young girl, she dropped out of school in the 6th grade and worked at home helping on the farm to raise animals, garden, cook, and clean. At 17 years old, she arrived in New York, where she would begin her family, learn English, and eventually receive her GED. Living in Brooklyn, she single handedly supported her young family of five by first working in factories (fish and laminating furniture), and for the next thirty years, worked in the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church as a housekeeper. Ana soon became the go to person at the church rectory, and her service to the church became both a job and a testament of her faith. Ana continued her ministry with the sick as a Health Care Provider with those who were home-bound.

Ana is survived by her children, Dr. Celia Reed, wife of Michael, Doris "Nene" Thornton, Desireida "Rita", wife of Tomas Venegas, Elaine, wife of Miguel Hernandez, and Carlos Manuel Moreno; 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, sister, Amelia Lamberty and a brother, Efrain Ellin, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her sister, Angela Velazquez, and brothers, Jose, Luis, Ruben, Manuel, Isaias, and Reinaldo Ellin.

Ana's story is one of personal strength and determination, her greatest pride always being the success and happiness of her loved ones. She lived every

moment hoping that her sacrifices would create a better future for her children. Her family will miss Ana's love and that unmistakable smile she saved for only those she loved best.

The family would like to thank the staff at Darway Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Forksville, PA, for their loving care given to her. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial for Ana on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Leo The Great Catholic Church, 2427 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 10:30 a.m. with The Rev. Bernardo Pistone Celebrant. The family will receive friends at The Groff Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange St. (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA on Friday, October 20, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with a family time of sharing at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until time of departure for the Mass. Final commendation and farewell will be held at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, 435 Manor Avenue, Millersville, PA 17551. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Pennsylvania, 2595 Interstate Drive, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Cemetery Details

Millersville Mennonite Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Mass

OCT **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Leo The Great Catholic Church
2427 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ana Celia (Chelino) Ellin-Morales*



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“ *Ana Celia (Chelino) Ellin-Morales*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



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Dr. Celia Reed - May 12, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ana Celia (Chelino) Ellin-Morales.*



October 20, 2017 at 05:37 PM



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“ *What an incredible woman and what a beautiful family she has to honor her! I am sending my love and condolences in this time of loss, praying that you find comfort in this emotional time. Although I had the privilege of meeting her on several occasions, I knew much more of Abuela through the larger than life stories that Linden would tell me about her, a fierce feminine presence that inspired everybody. I'm grateful to know her amazing family. <3*

Kate - October 14, 2017 at 03:03 PM