

Esmeralda "Laya" Figueroa Pieretti

Esmeralda "Laya" Figueroa Pieretti, 102, of Lancaster, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 25, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center after a brief illness.

Born June 8, 1906, in Yauco, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of the late Alejandro Figueroa Sepulveda and Alejandrina Pieretti. She was married to Arturo Rodriguez who passed away in 1991.

Laya was a dedicated homemaker as well as a loving mother and grandmother. Over a period of 60 years, she enjoyed working with her husband raising coffee, gandules, oranges, bananas and other tropical products on their farm in Sierra Alta, Yauco.

In Lancaster, she was an avid participant in the Senior Center at the Spanish American Civic Association and at Landis Homes.

She is survived by a niece she raised as her daughter, Maria Aurora Pieretti, wife of David J. Walborn, of Lancaster; a grandson, Michael D. Walborn; and two sisters, Lola Figueroa Sinigaglia and Lizerda Baez. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Mario, Aurelio and Antonio Figueroa; and a sister, Hipolita Figueroa.

A Funeral Mass will be held at San Juan Bautista Catholic Church, 425 S. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, August 29, 2008 at 2 PM with Father Allan F. Wolfe as Celebrant. Interment will be in Yauco, Puerto Rico. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit with the family at the church between 1 and 2 PM on Friday. Please omit flowers. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Laya's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at:

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