



Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski

April 30, 1947 - June 8, 2026

Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski (née Talosa), age 79, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer and kidney failure.

Born on April 30, 1947, in Buguey, Cagayan, Philippines, Josefina lived a life defined by faith, sacrifice, hard work, and an unwavering devotion to family. Raised in a small coastal village, she often shared stories of growing up without electricity, surrounded by family, fresh seafood, and a close-knit community that helped shape the values she carried throughout her life.

As a young woman, Josefina left the Philippines to build a future for her family in the United States. Though she never forgot the homeland and loved ones she left behind, she embraced the opportunities and challenges of her new life with remarkable strength and determination.

As the wife of a Navy serviceman for much of her adult life, Josefina built homes and communities wherever life took her. Over the years she lived in Alaska, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, Georgia, Cuba, and elsewhere. No matter the location, she created a home filled with warmth, laughter, and love.

Josefina spent many years caring for children in military daycare programs before later working for The Gap and Old Navy until her retirement in Georgia.

She was known for her warm smile, welcoming personality, and ability to make friends wherever she went. She loved to laugh, enjoyed crocheting blankets for family and friends, and never lost her appreciation for the seafood and traditions that connected her to her childhood in the Philippines.

Above all, Josefina loved her family. She encouraged her children to work hard, pursue their goals, and care for one another. Her greatest wish was for her family to remain connected and continue sharing the love that she devoted her life to giving.

Josefina is survived by her beloved husband, Frank Angelo Kozlowski; her sons, Christ Robert Nielsen V and Hans Eric Nielsen; her daughter-in-law, Casandra Nielsen; her grandsons, Christian Nielsen, Ryan Nielsen, and Evan; her sister, Trinidad "Trini" Baker and husband Fred Baker; her niece, Christina Plamondon-Ritchey and husband Stephen Ritchey and their daughter, Hannah; her nephew, Jason Plamondon and wife Brandi and their daughter, Isabella; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

Her family finds comfort in knowing that her legacy lives on through the lives she touched, the opportunities she created for her family, and the love she shared so freely with others.

Funeral and memorial arrangements are being handled by McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia. Services will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia 30263 with visitation at 1 pm and funeral service at 2 pm.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JUN **12**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 11 at 12:10 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 11 at 09:20 AM

KM

“ *There are many fond memories I have of Josephine. Her cooking was magical. Always filled your belly and heart with the love she poured into making it.*

My favorite story I heard from my brother about Josephine was when they went out and a little girl came up to her and asked if she was Pocahontas. Her hair was something I truly envied. She was absolutely beautiful inside and out. She always had kind words and her heart shinned through when you were in her presence. She will be greatly missed.

Karen Miura - June 12 at 02:43 PM

Jl

“ Joy and Peggy Pealor and Lesa Inglis purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski.



Joy and Peggy Pealor and Lesa Inglis - June 11 at 03:30 PM

VS

“ Vertiv Services! purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski.



Vertiv Services! - June 11 at 12:37 PM

VS

“ Vertiv Services! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski.

Vertiv Services! - June 11 at 12:37 PM

CH

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Christine - June 10 at 03:39 PM

CR

I remembered Auntie speaking ilokano with her sister, my mom. My brother, cousins, and I knew we did something "kid stupid" hearing our names in all that chatter. My cousins, brother, and I looked at each other wondering what we did because we didn't know what they saying. After, we would pretend to speak ilokano, sounding gibberish. Auntie and mom heard us, laughed, and made fun of us for doing it.

Living in a multilingual home always made life rich. She did that for us when she and her family moved down to Corpus Christi to be with our family. This strengthened her relationship with mom. Mom felt a little lonely until they moved down to Texas. She was my second mom. I was blessed to have my Auntie Fina.

Christina Ritchey - June 11 at 11:36 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski.



June 10 at 03:10 PM

AH

“ All of us at Smith + Howard purchased the Garden Wreath for the family of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski.



All of us at Smith + Howard - June 10 at 01:33 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of Mom happened when I was around ten years old. I had recently learned to ride a bike and was out riding with friends after a rainstorm. I turned a corner too sharply, crashed, and landed hard on my hands. My thumb was out of place and hurt badly.

I ran home crying for Mom. She took one look at my hand and calmly told me to look away. A second later she popped my thumb back into place. The pain was immediately gone.

Looking back, that moment perfectly captured who she was. No panic. No drama. Just confidence, care, and the belief that she could make things better. Throughout her life, she did exactly that for so many people. Whenever one of us was hurt, scared, or struggling, Mom somehow knew what to do.

Hans Nielsen - June 10 at 11:26 AM

FB

“ Fred and Trinidad Taloza Baker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Josefina Simplicia Kozlowski.



Fred and Trinidad Taloza Baker - June 10 at 11:26 AM

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Fred and Trinidad Taloza Baker - June 10 at 11:26 AM