



## Merlinda Balaoeg Jackson

May 30, 1953 - December 27, 2025

“Mama Lola • Bala • Merly”

Merlinda B. Jackson passed away peacefully on December 27, 2025. Her warmth, generosity, and unwavering devotion to her family and faith touched everyone blessed to know her.

Born with a nurturing spirit, Merlinda found joy in the simple, beautiful rhythms of life. She was an avid gardener, tending to her plants with the same care and patience she offered the people around her. Her heart was always drawn back to her beloved Philippines, a place she cherished and visited often, reconnecting with her roots, her culture, and the people she loved.

Merlinda was a devoted member of, living her faith with quiet strength and steadfast commitment. Her life was a reflection of her beliefs—kindness, humility, service, and love.

She treasured every moment spent with friends and family, creating memories filled with laughter, stories, and the comfort of togetherness. Her presence brought light into every room, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew her.

Merlinda leaves behind her beloved children: Percival B. Basila III and his wife Theresa, Angelica B. Olmedo and her husband Arjay, Jerome Basila and his

wife Lisa, and Bjorn Basila, who will forever carry her love, lessons, and legacy in their hearts. She is also survived by her much-loved grandchildren: Ken, Dominique, Stefano, Alexa, Virgil, CJ, Mariel, Acy, Ande, Claire, Jasmine, and Kayla, each of whom brought her immense joy and pride.

Merlinda leaves behind her cherished siblings: Orlando Balaoeg, Alte de Leon, Teresita Abero, and Evelyn Dacuyan, as well as many nieces and nephews who adored her and were deeply influenced by her kindness and guidance.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Percival A. Basila Jr., her second husband, Arthur D. Jackson, and her loving parents, Marina and Rodrigo B. Balaoeg. Their memories remained close to her heart throughout her life.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Scott Ward Funeral Home in Conyers, Georgia.

#### A Psalm of Togetherness and Peace

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." - Psalm 133:1 This verse reflects the spirit of Merlinda's life - a woman who nurtured unity, forgiveness, and love within her family and among all who knew her.

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her family, friends, and the many lives she touched with her compassion and grace.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 2, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a reception at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted online at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
699 American Legion Road  
Conyers, GA 30012

## Graveside

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens  
677 American Legion Rd NE  
Conyers, GA 30012-4855

# Tribute Wall



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**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - December 30, 2025 at 02:13 PM