



Apolinaria Galang Derecho

September 21, 1942 - December 25, 2025

Apolinaria Galang Derecho, lovingly known as “Polly,” was born on September 21, 1942, in the Province of Tarlac, Philippines, to the late Andres Matias and Potenciana Galang Matias. She passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Polly was the devoted wife of Nestor Barriga Derecho, with whom she shared more than 60 years of marriage, built on love, faith, and commitment to their family. Polly dedicated her life to caring for others, working as a registered nurse at multiple hospitals throughout the Charleston area. She was a very personable woman who never met a stranger and always put others before herself. She deeply loved her family and found joy in cooking for them, traveling together, and especially going on cruises. She was an avid mahjong player. She was also actively associated with the FILAM, FCC, and FNA where she proudly celebrated her heritage and remained connected to her cultural roots.

She is survived by her loving husband and caregiver, Nestor Barriga Derecho; her children: Daphne Fulda (Walter), Michelle Robinson, and Marlon Derecho; her grandchildren: Shannon Fulda (Tony Collins), Brenden Fulda (Danica), Christina Robinson, Benjamin Robinson (Katelyn), and Andrew Robinson; as well as her beloved great grandchildren: Owen Collins, Harper Collins, Kennedy Fulda, and Olivia Fulda. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2026, from 6pm to 8pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. The funeral mass will be held at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church on Friday, January 2, 2026, beginning at 11:00am. Burial will immediately follow at Plantation Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
28 Sumter Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

JAN 2 (ET)

Plantation Memorial Gardens
3345 S. Live Oak Drive
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love April Velasco and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.



Love April Velasco and family - January 02 at 05:37 PM

EW

“ Our sincerest condolences to the family, friends and nursing colleagues of Nurse Polly. Thank you for your nursing service, compassion and servant's heart. From the Nurses Honor Guard of SC.



Ethel Wax Wander - January 02 at 03:12 PM



“ 150 files added to the album Life Tributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 01 at 09:10 AM

TF

“ *The Bogtong & Miller Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*



The Bogtong & Miller Families - December 31, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JF

“ *Jerry, Gima & Glecy Crisologo and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*



Jerry, Gima & Glecy Crisologo and Family - December 31, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JF

“ *Jerry, Gima & Glecy Crisologo and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*

Jerry, Gima & Glecy Crisologo and Family - December 31, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*



December 31, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LF

“ Lucas family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.

Lucas family - December 31, 2025 at 01:13 PM

VF

“ Villanueva and Lewis Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.



Villanueva and Lewis Family - December 30, 2025 at 09:09 PM

VF

“ Villanueva and Lewis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.

Villanueva and Lewis Family - December 30, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LP

“ Love from the Robinsons and the Phalens purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.



Love from the Robinsons and the Phalens - December 30, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.



December 29, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ Emmie, Linda & Cris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.

Emmie, Linda & Cris - December 29, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ Parent/Cagle/Robinson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.



Parent/Cagle/Robinson - December 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM



“ Parent/Cagle/Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.

Parent/Cagle/Robinson - December 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TF

“ *The Robinson Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*



The Robinson Family - December 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*



December 28, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ *The Bernstein Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*

The Bernstein Family - December 28, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.*



December 28, 2025 at 05:15 PM

EM

“ Erme M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.

Erme M. - December 28, 2025 at 05:15 PM

TF

“ The Tom and Dina Collins Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Apolinaria Galang Derecho.



The Tom and Dina Collins Family - December 26, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Our most heartfelt condolences to the Derecho Family, may she rest in peace in God's kingdom. Sam & Cora Coquia

Corazon Coquia - December 26, 2025 at 04:24 PM

CG

“ Ate Polly is my first cousin. She was loved by my dad Rizalino Galang. She used to come and visit us. She was still a nursing student in UST. She was the tallest that's why I always looked up to her.

The last time I saw is when.i was 9 yrs old and after all those yrs, she met me in AZ when her kids was stationed in Luke base.

She always requested home-cooked food like dinuguan, binagoongan, adobo and atchara homemade by my mom and my dad will mailed it to her in the US

I used to call her and prayed with her on the phone. But the last few yrs it took a lot for her to speak but I kept her in my prayer. When she goes back home she never failed to come and see us.

She never forgotten her roots.

Extending my deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, that the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ be fully manifested in your midst and find comfort, peace, strength and His sustaining grace. Praying

Carmen Galang - December 26, 2025 at 04:11 PM

EL

Mr.Derecho and Family, Bereavement is so personal that few of us, unless we have experienced it ourselves, can comprehend its.Polly was loved by all of us who worked with her in the hospital.Her pleasant Vitality was a continuous inspiration. We hope that our caring will lessen the sorrow you bear. Sincerely, Elenita Ledesma

ELENITA LEDESMA - December 27, 2025 at 12:41 AM

EL

Rip.. Polly 🍷🌹🌸🌟🏛️🕊️🌙🕊️🎵

ELENITA LEDESMA - December 27, 2025 at 12:49 AM

CA

Our deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers to our dearest Polly and family . May her soul rest in peace and eternal flame shine upon her. May God comfort your family with gracious love and consolations in this time of sorrow and grief . God bless your family always. So sorry for your loss . Love you, Polly . From Corazon Arenas and family .

Corazon Arenas - December 27, 2025 at 01:20 PM

AU

RIP Sweet Polly. First time I met Polly I was on my knees in her kitchen trying to clean up rice I'd been pranked into spilling from her rice measuring machine. She just laughed and said I wasn't the first non Filipino to have been tricked. Unfailingly cheerful and kind she lives on hearts and memories. Condolences to Nestor, her beloved children and grands and community who loved her deeply. Autumn

Autumn - December 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM