



MARIA CORAZON VERZOLA TRILLES '68
An Agent for Change, Community Organizer

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Marizon Verzola Trilles was the incumbent President of the SLANF, USA when death claimed her. Her death was so sudden and unexpected and that completely took everyone by surprise. Her passing triggered the order of succession as provided by our Constitution and Bylaws.

Marizon's avocation and passion was to make SLANF, USA succeed in its endeavors and be true to its mission. She wanted to bring our organization into the twenty first century by computerizing its operations. Her dynamic and far reaching leadership for the past decade had been evident in her lifelong devotion to our alumni association. For all these, we, the alumni owe her our debt of gratitude.

Maria Corazon Ramos Verzola was born to Damiana Ramos and Gonzalo Verzola on May 17, 1947, in Laoag City, Ilocos Sur. Her father died at an early age and her mother worked overseas. She was raised by her grandmother, Albina Ramos, and her aunt, Justa Nicolas Ramos. She often said that her grandmother's strength and integrity greatly influenced her life.¹

She aspired to be a nurse from a very young age. This dream took her to St. Luke's School of Nursing where she graduated in 1968.¹

On December 6, 1969, she married Dr. Francisco Trilles. After the birth of their son Richard Verzola Trilles at St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City the following year, the couple moved to Oahu, Hawaii, where they both worked at Wahiawa General Hospital for three years before moving to Jersey City, New Jersey. Their second child Aileen Verzola Trilles was born there on October 11, 1974. Marizon's mother, Damiana joined the family to help raise the children. Marizon worked to help start and run her husband's medical clinic in Jersey City for 20 years. She later became a marketing manager for health care products, first with Diamite and then Symmetry.¹

She passed away in her New Jersey home on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005.¹

Her passing will leave a big void in our hearts.

¹ Mike Quane "In Memoriam", SLANF News, Vol. 16, No. 1, June 2005