

Dorothy “Dottie” Usi

February 6, 1952 - May 27, 2026

Dorothy "Dottie" Usi passed away peacefully on May 27, 2026, at her home in San Jose, California, surrounded by her son and daughter. Born in the Philippines, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Santo Tomas before immigrating to the United States in 1973, first settling in Seaside before making San Jose her home in 1980. For more than forty years, she dedicated her life to caring for others as a registered nurse, with a career spanning convalescent care, intensive care, dialysis, acute care, and head trauma rehabilitation. Nursing was more than her profession—it was an expression of her generous spirit and her lifelong desire to serve others with compassion, skill, and dignity. Even in her own illness, she never quite stopped being a nurse, often bringing a smile to those caring for her with her insight and concern for others. Dorothy built a remarkable life through faith, perseverance, and hard work, creating opportunities for her family born from sacrifice and determination. Above all else, she was a devoted mother and grandmother, finding her greatest joy in spending time with family—celebrating milestones, sharing meals, laughing together, and watching her grandchildren grow. Her quiet generosity, steady strength, and unwavering love shaped the lives of those around her and will continue to do so for generations.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Minerva and Antonio Candelaria. She is lovingly survived by her son, Michael Usi; her daughter, Christine (Tina) Montoya; her son-in-law, Mike Montoya; her grandsons, Mano, JonJon, and Tyson Aylesworth; her granddaughter, Bella; and many beloved siblings, nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, former colleagues, and classmates whose lives were enriched by her kindness and friendship. She will be remembered for her resilience, intelligence, generosity, humor, and steadfast devotion to those she loved. Though she is deeply missed, her legacy lives on in the family she cherished, the countless patients she cared for, and the many lives she touched with compassion.

In Loving Memory of

DOROTHY CANDELARIA USI

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"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23