



## Noemi Campomanes Woodward

November 15, 1947 - May 4, 2024

Noemi Campomanes Woodward passed away from cancer on May 4, 2024. She was 76 years old and spent her final days at home surrounded by family. Her life was characterized by her generosity, her devotion to family and her sweet, sweet smile.

Noemi was a loving wife, dedicated nurse, amazing parent and a Lola (grandmother) who often spoiled her two grandchildren in excess. Noemi was also a resilient fighter, having battled breast cancer for over 27 years.

Noemi was born to Felix and Generosa Campomanes on November 15, 1947. She grew up in Pasig, Philippines, with siblings Voltaire, Filipinas, Luzviminda, Luningning, Felixberto, Gumercindo, Elizabeth, and Sylvia. Known as Noems in school, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing. After working in the Philippines for 3 years, she took a job in the U.S. in order to send money home for her family.

Noemi started working at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta and moved to Maryland to live with her sister Medy. She began her work at Prince George's Hospital in 1976 and worked for 37 years as an operating room nurse of excellence on the heart team. In 2011, she won Nurse of the Year of Prince George's Medical Center, as voted for by her peers.

She met Brian Woodward at Prince George's Hospital in 1976, and they dated for 2 years and were engaged for nearly 3 before marrying on May 17, 1980. Their 47-year love story was filled with years of joy and happiness. Noemi raised their two children, Ruth and Timothy. Noemi supported lots of family members financially, and provided a home base for the family who came to Maryland. Their house became known as Hotel Woodward to all the family members they hosted.

Noemi and Brian traveled the world together once they retired, often with dear friends. In her later years, perhaps her favorite role was as "Lola", spoiling her grandchildren with gifts and treats.

Noemi loved Jesus and shared her love for Him through faithfulness and kindness at home and at church. She served various times as a choir member, deacon, elder, and Sunday school superintendent at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lanham, Maryland. She cared for those experiencing homelessness through the Community Cafe and Warm Nights Ministries. Now at Faith Community Church in Gambrills, MD she served in the Greeter ministry, Nursing Home ministry, Womens Ministries, VBS, and mission trips.

Noemi is survived by her husband of 43 years, Brian Woodward, their children Ruth Coleman of Severn, MD and Tim Woodward of Falls Church, VA; two grandchildren, Jonathan and Abigail Coleman; brother Felixberto and sisters Elizabeth Alpano and Sylvia Bernardino; as well as many, many nieces and nephews. The family is immensely grateful for the compassionate care Noemi received from her oncologist Dr. Carol Tweed.

A viewing is scheduled for May 20, 2024 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home at 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619. A funeral service is

scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 11am at Faith Community Church,  
1306 Riedel Road,  
Gambrills, MD, 21054.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wellspring Life Ministry  
(<https://wellspringlife.org/give/>) or the Susan G. Komen Foundation  
(<https://www.komen.org/>).

# Cemetery Details

## Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

Crownsville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Visitation

MAY 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Funeral Service

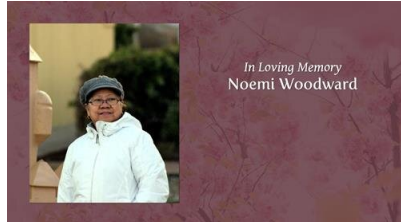
MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Community Church  
1306 Riedel Rd.  
Gambrills, MD 21054

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Noemi Campomanes Woodward* ”



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 09, 2024 at 11:15 AM

CJ

*Proverbs 31: 30-31 Holy Bible NIV*

*“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Honor her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”*

**Cruz Family (from Pasig & New Jersey)** - May 16, 2024 at 02:21 PM

SC

*This is beautiful compilation of Noemi’s well- lived, joyful life. So much love, joy, peace, and contentment is evident throughout this memory album of Noemi because of God’s presence in her life.*

*You’re an inspiration Noemi!*

*We used to sing in the choir during our younger years at First Presbyterian Church of Pasig in the Philippines; now you are enjoying your heavenly life singing praises to Jesus!!*

**Syl Cruz** - May 16, 2024 at 02:24 PM



*Noemi has been like an aunt to me throughout my life. I am so grateful for her prayers, her love, and her passion for Christ, that has sown seeds into so many through multiple generations of those who I have also loved and been blessed by in my circles of friendship and fellowship. She has also been, in my memory, someone who teemed with a beautiful joy. I loved her laugh and smile. What a blessing it has been to have been part of Noemi's circle of influence, and for so long. To lose her, is to lose an immense treasure on the earth. And I am hoping that heaven's rejoicing is overwhelming, because sometimes my tears and sadness at her being gone here, feel they could be greater. I only know how much more she is missed by her closest family and friends. May Noemi forever live on in all of our hearts. We, who have appreciated and received her kindness and generous compassion, we who have benefited from such an amazing presence and gift in our lives. I know that we, together, continue to hold her memories onward and thus she continues to live on with us, what we have learned and been blessed by, in her warmth and embrace. Our remembering her together continues to keep her alive, and may there never be an end to those circles. Christ completes them because he was always with her and he has always been with us too, and so drawing near to Him, I know I draw her closer in my heart too.*

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**Jenny Smart** - May 19, 2024 at 11:59 PM

LC

“*Noemi was truly an inspiration. She lived life to the full, rejoicing in her family and friends, traveling, learning and not letting a moment go to waste. She was kind and welcoming, the very spirit of loving hospitality. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know her.*

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**Linda Coleman** - May 23, 2024 at 10:27 AM

LK

“*Linda K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.*

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**Linda K.** - May 23, 2024 at 10:19 AM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dahil Mallari** - May 21, 2024 at 09:43 PM

CF

“ *Dèar Noemi, we feel honored and happy that when we chose to purchase a new home 21 years ago, that we chose a home next door to you & Brian. We immediately felt at home & blessed by the genuine kindness & friendship that you showed us. Thank you for all the treats you brought us from your vacations & your compliments of our garden. We will miss you dearly but know you are in the embrace of our Dear Lord and all pain & suffering is now gone. Brian- we know you have your family and friends but know that we love you and are here for you as well. Much love & condolences!*  
*Clarence & Elris Davis & Family*

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**Clarence Elris Davis and Family** - May 20, 2024 at 10:29 PM

DB

“ Noemi was and is a gem. She radiated quiet strength. Not needing to be heard, she knew how to listen, love, and put others first. Humble, joyful, with bedrock faith, Noemi was a faithful servant. She carried other's burdens, not focusing on her own. She had a humorous, witty side too. I had the privilege of being in a home group bible study with her just a couple years after I got married. At one point when we were doing a marriage study, she leaned over and quietly said to me, "The husband may be the head, but the wife is the neck that turns the head." Through her depth of character, quiet strength and love, Noemi deeply influenced my life. She faithfully ran her life race, fought the good fight. My heart goes out to Brian, Ruth, Adam, Jonathan, Abby, Tim and other family members. Kevin and I continue to uphold you in prayer, asking for God's comfort and grace moment by moment. With our love and deepest sympathy,  
*Diane and Kevin*



Diane Bayly - May 20, 2024 at 12:09 AM

FF

“ Freimayer/ Johnson/ Webber family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



Freimayer/ Johnson/ Webber family - May 19, 2024 at 02:36 PM

CW

“ Charles, Diane & Heike Woodward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.

Charles, Diane & Heike Woodward - May 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CM

“ Remembering Noemi during our younger days and actively involved in many church activities at First Presbyterian Church of Pasig. Noemi always came with a reassuring smile, very supportive and with calm demeanor whose company we enjoyed - in Choir, Christian Youth Fellowship, church related out of town trips, including many nights of Christmas caroling, Bible studies, and other church activities. We remember Noemi’s generosity and hospitality when we visited in Maryland.

To Noemi’s beloved families- Brian Woodward and their children Ruth and Timothy and their grandchildren, as well as the Campomanes families - we feel your loss and sending our heartfelt condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you! Time and distance has not affected our memories of Noemi’s kindness which will always remain in our hearts.

Sincerely,

Cel Masanga, Sonny Masanga, Joey and Josie (Masanga)  
Enriquez, Taniel and Raquel (Bonifacio) Miguel

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**Cel Masanga** - May 16, 2024 at 10:01 PM

SC

“Noemi and I attended the same home church where we were choir member sopranos. I remember Noemi’s smile - she would always greet with a smile and kind encouraging words. I noticed then that her presence exudes confidence which is a reflection of her trust and faith in the Lord.

We both went to the US; Noemi who arrived two years ahead of me would often make sure I attend and join church activities and fellowship. I felt, and I told her this, that she made sure I don’t go astray. When I moved to Baltimore, I got to spend many weekends with Noemi and her Ate Ning and felt our togetherness was like being in fellowship with the Lord at all times, more so when their Mom- Ka Rosa visited. I felt blessed and felt their generosity of time and love as well; I felt loved and cared for, treated like their own sibling when around them.

Then Noemi met Brian and fell in love. I always remember the twinkle in her eyes and different smile just mentioning Brian's name. They married and a blessing to one another with their love and devotion that is God-centered as they nurtured their growing family! I will miss Noemi who never miss sending me Christmas cards; as one of my prayer warriors, her prayers will be missed, thank you Noemi for your concerns and prayers when I too was sick and continued to pray while you can.

I will never forget how you touched and affected my life. I wished I’ve told you.

Thank you Noemi for all the memories and legacies.

Proverbs 31:28 & 31

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”

“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

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Syl Cruz - May 16, 2024 at 05:38 PM

SC

“ Our sincere condolences to the Woodward and Campomanes’ families on the loss of dearly beloved Noemi. We grieve with you and are with you in prayers! As one of the hymns says “Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.”, God bless you all and May you find peace and comfort, feeling His presence that surrounds you as you cope.

*From the families of Jose & Sylvia Cruz of NJ; Aaron & Erica Bjerke of NYC; Totie & Nitz Cruz of Pasig, Philippines; the Santiagos of Pasig*

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**Syl Cruz** - May 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

NA

“ Nann purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



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**Nann** - May 15, 2024 at 02:35 PM

TT

“ The ManTech Security Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



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**The ManTech Security Team** - May 15, 2024 at 02:33 PM

FF

“ From Fajardo & Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



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**From Fajardo & Family** - May 14, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JL

“ How very sad to loose a wonderful person like Noemi but comforted and rejoicing knowing she now has moved on to that heaven life with Jesus. Though our families had known each other in the Philippines, I did not get to meet her face to face until I moved to Baltimore and my first and fond of her was being taken to their Bowie house by Beth. Right away I sense God's presence in that house. She and Brian were so welcoming. Ate Noemi had this sweet gentle loving spirit. And of course I enjoyed our Nurse chats. Craig my husband got to know them too being members of the same Church . Years later Ruth became our Flower girl! She was just awesome. Goodbye Ate Noemi. I am sure the Lord said “Well done good and faithful servant” for you truly were.

*Love and prayers From Craig and Joji of Virginia*

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**Joji Ilesher** - May 14, 2024 at 08:45 AM

FF

“ From your Condo 6 Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



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**From your Condo 6 Family** - May 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM

FF

“ From your Condo 6 Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.

From your Condo 6 Family - May 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



May 13, 2024 at 08:43 AM

FL

“ FCC Bible Study Grp Brent Chris & Ladies purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



FCC Bible Study Grp Brent Chris & Ladies - May 13, 2024 at 06:57 AM

FL

“ FCC Bible Study Grp Brent Chris & Ladies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.

FCC Bible Study Grp Brent Chris & Ladies - May 13, 2024 at 06:57 AM

PC

“ Noemi's love of Jesus and God's word were reflected in her servant-minded life and the quietly shared wisdom we were blessed with for decades in our Bible Study group. What a joy to have participated with Noemi and Brian in travels to holy sites in the Middle East and Greece, as well as South Africa and, of course, so many years to the Outer Banks. Hard work, hospitality and generosity were her trademarks. How very much she will be missed!

Peggy Cairns - May 10, 2024 at 11:22 PM

GJ

“ Gary, Kevin and David Jacobsen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



Gary, Kevin and David Jacobsen - May 10, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We have so many memories from camping, women's retreats, and many gatherings.



David, Joanne, and Samuel Bergsten - May 09, 2024 at 08:35 PM

MF

“ Monette, Chris & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



Monette, Chris & Family - May 09, 2024 at 11:43 AM

MF

“ Monette, Chris & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.

Monette, Chris & Family - May 09, 2024 at 11:43 AM

KL

“ Kathy Linden purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.



Kathy Linden - May 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM

KL

“ Kathy Linden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Noemi Campomanes Woodward.

Kathy Linden - May 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM