



Ma Socorro "Baby" Gamboa

July 4, 1953 - January 7, 2026

Ma. Socorro "Baby" E. Gamboa, 72, of Troy, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital, following complications from an advanced stage of aggressive lymphoma.

Born on July 4, 1953, in Zamboanga City, Philippines, Baby grew up in Zamboanga and Basilan. She earned her degree in Elementary Education before embarking on an exciting early career as a model and actress. She later worked as a bank teller until she found her truest calling: motherhood.

On February 4, 1975, she married the love of her life, Rogelio "Roger" H. Gamboa. Together, they shared 44 years of marriage and a lifetime of adventure. Baby spent fifteen years as a dedicated homemaker in Zambia, Africa, before living in the Philippines and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and eventually settling in Troy, Michigan.

Baby enjoyed a variety of sports her entire life, particularly pursuing golf as her ultimate interest, earning her numerous championship titles and the rare feat of two holes-in-one in Zambia. Beyond her hobbies, her faith was her foundation; she was a deeply religious woman who remained an active and devoted member of every parish she joined.

Baby is survived by her children: Zrs (Jib), Ai, and G (Ryan); her three cherished grandchildren: Ia, Ryu, and Gwyn; her older sister, Teresita; and a wide circle of beloved family and friends. She is reunited in peace with her husband, Roger, who preceded her in death in 2019.

Previous Events

Instate

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IF

“ So sorry to hear of this great loss. May eternal rest be granted unto the soul of Baby. Sending our love and condolences to Nene and the Gamboa family as they remember and pray for her.

ibanez-Brightwell family - January 10 at 07:53 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ma Socorro "Baby" Gamboa.



January 10 at 07:44 AM

LS

“ Love - Ibanezes, Bersamins, & Socorro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ma Socorro "Baby" Gamboa.

Love - Ibanezes, Bersamins, & Socorro - January 10 at 07:44 AM

LW

“ Love, Kym and Jim Wegner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ma Socorro "Baby" Gamboa.

Love, Kym and Jim Wegner - January 09 at 08:53 PM

LW

“ Love, Kym and Jim Wegner purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ma Socorro "Baby" Gamboa.



Love, Kym and Jim Wegner - January 09 at 08:53 PM

LN

“ Love, Roy, Anna, Kyle & Nate purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ma Socorro "Baby" Gamboa.



Love, Roy, Anna, Kyle & Nate - January 09 at 07:40 PM