



**Born:** September 14, 1940  
**Died:** May 17, 2023  
**Member Since:** 2009

**Positions Held:**  
**Regional Director**  
**Rosary Visitor**

# The Legacy of Nieves Maningas Lazaro

## Her Legacy:

Nieves will be remembered as a true Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to all the members of the Rosary Apostolate!

She was active in many parish organizations, Eucharistic ministry, RCIA, visiting ministry, Totus Tuus summer camp, First Communion preparation, and a parish money counter.

It was on November 11, 2013, that Nieves became a Regional Director in Markham 1 Region.

When she joined the Rosary Apostolate, she wrote: "I believe children are precious children of God, good learners and they are curious to learn about God." She desired to foster love and prayer in students by being a role



model for them and by sharing her deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many said she did an outstanding job working with children. She was a loving, compassionate, devout, and kind person. She was a very cooperative person, always willing to step in to assist in any need.

For the 10 years of dedicated service to the Rosary Apostolate in the Schools Program, with all our hearts, we thank you Nieves for answering Our Lady's call.

May you remain forever close to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in heaven.

**Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.**  
**President & Spiritual Director**



## Obituary:

Nieves Maningas Lazaro, 82, of Markham, Ontario, passed away on May 17, 2023, at the Markham Stouffville Hospital following a short illness. Born on September 14, 1940, in Cabanatuan, Philippines, she was the daughter of the late Juan and Nieves Lazaro.

A graduate of the University of Santo Tomas, she worked for Citizens Bank and then E.S. Baltao & Co., Inc., expanding the company's portfolio of hotels, resorts, hospitals, and other businesses, before emigrating to the United States in 1972. Two years later, she settled in Canada.

During her career, she was employed by several hotels in the Philippines and Canada before moving to the Canada Revenue Agency, where she worked for over 30 years, supervising multiple teams.

Nieves loved to travel, visiting more than 20 countries for pilgrimages and vacations. She spent much of her life serving others in a variety of capacities and was actively involved with Markham's St. Patrick's Parish and Our Lady of Barangay prayer group.

She leaves behind her dear friend of almost 50 years, Psyche San Jose, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers Juanito and Buenaventura Lazaro, and her sister Elenita Lazaro Odicata.



**Marianne Wickremarachchi  
Regional Director  
Markham Region 1**

Nieves was a generous, faithful, and reliable Rosary Apostolate Visitor and Rosary Apostolate Director (Supervision Director) at Markham 1.

She started in 2009 and took her commitment to the Rosary Apostolate seriously and carried out all her duties faithfully. She volunteered to help when there were absences and did it cheerfully.

There was wisdom in her advice and practical suggestions at our Rosary Apostolate meetings. We miss her. May her soul rest in peace.

**Vivian Valenzuela  
School Leader at St. Patrick's Catholic School,  
Regional Director,  
Orientation and Training  
& Supervision Director  
Markham Region 1**

Working with Nieves for many years as a Rosary Apostolate Rosary Visitor and Regional Director in Markham 1, led to a friendship that I will treasure

forever. Always responding whenever we needed help in our school(s),

Nieves was always happy to give a helping hand with a smile. She has been a good friend and I will miss her.

**Nelita Pilla  
School Leader at San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School,  
Regional Director,  
Supervision Director  
Markham Region 1**

I am not sure when Nieves started with the Rosary Apostolate. I only know that when she recruited me to join in 2012, she was our School Leader at San Lorenzo Ruiz.

After 5 years, in 2017, of praying with the school children with her, she decided to retire from being the school leader but still continued with her Rosary visits with us. Nieves asked me and prepared me to take over as the next School Leader. She was my mentor and my support, and she saw to it that I got comfortable with this new responsibility. I was

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overwhelmed at first but her availability to help at all times

helped me a lot. She then took on the position of Regional Director, Supervision.

Her latest assignment was Regional Director, Reference until her cancer diagnosis in December 2022. I will surely miss her a lot. Let us say One Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory be.

Eternal rest grant unto Nieves Lazaro, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen (3 times). It would also be beautiful if we can pray together at her viewing as Rosary Visitors.

Thank you all and God bless us all through Mary our Mother.

**Consuelo Co**  
**Former Rosary Visitor**  
**Markham Region 1**

I knew Nieves as a very God-loving, strong-willed woman that will go out of her way or even take extra steps to help people in need. It was an honour to be associated with Nieves and I will deeply miss our laughs, conversation, and her food that she brought over to my place.

My friend, enjoy the company of angels and watch over us. Rest in peace Nieves.

**Imelda Lamasan**  
**Former School Leader at Sir Richard Scott Catholic School,**  
**Former Regional Director,**  
**Supervision Director**

**Markham Region 1**

Below: Holy Rosary Apostolate picture taken after Rosary celebration at Sir Richard Scott in Markham Ontario. Our dear Nieves Lazaro standing at the very back near the Virgin Mary. 5th from the right. Best remembered as a loving, helpful friend.

Rest in peace Nieves. Our gratitude to you. May you rest in peace.

**Joy Christine de Leon**  
**Former Rosary Visitor at San Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School,**  
**Former Regional Director**

**Markham Region 1**

I am deeply saddened by Tita Nieves Lazaro passing. When I joined SLR, she was the School Leader who is and was a role model for me to try and follow and no doubt she was for many other Rosary Apostolate volunteers, friends, and acquaintances.

Her faith shone through in the way she lives her life, always putting others before herself. I am so glad to have known her and counted her as a very good friend and mentor.

Eternal rest grant unto Tita Nieves Lazaro O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

