



## Elena Laboy

August 27, 1943 - December 21, 2024

Elena Melendez-Laboy, was born on August 27, 1943, in the picturesque town of Patillas, Puerto Rico, to her devoted parents, Blas Melendez and Aleja Echevarria. From an early age, Elena exhibited remarkable resilience and a strong work ethic. She diligently attended local schools while simultaneously nurturing her younger siblings and laboring on the family farms under the Caribbean sun.

In her adult life, she met Nicolas Laboy, her enduring partner whose love and support would shape her journey. Together, they built a family filled with love and laughter, welcoming four delightful children: Wanda, Luis, Israel, and Wilda Laboy. In addition to her children, Elena opened her heart and home to countless foster children, embodying a spirit of compassion and selflessness that knew no bounds. As a breast cancer survivor, she not only exhibited remarkable courage but also pursued holistic healing practices, demonstrating her commitment to well-being.

Faithfully, she participated in the vibrant community of St. Katherine Drexel Church, where she formed cherished connections and contributed to the spiritual life of her community. Elena's character was marked by a profound kindness and generosity that touched everyone she encountered. Her unwavering dedication to serving others was a testament to her remarkable spirit and character. While she humbly acknowledged her imperfections, she

set an inspiring example as a loving wife, devoted mother, caring sister, nurturing aunt, and devoted grandmother—all roles she fulfilled with grace. Her home, a sanctuary filled with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and the warmth of open arms, was a haven for friends and family alike.

In her later years, Elena discovered a newfound passion as an enthusiastic supporter of the Philadelphia Eagles, embracing the thrill of camaraderie and fervor that accompanied her team. Her family honors her life with deep gratitude and everlasting love, cherishing the hope of one day reuniting with her.

Elena Melendez Laboy, now joins her departed family members in eternal rest, including her parents, Blas Melendez, and Aleja Echevarria; her beloved husband, Nicolas Laboy; her brothers, Ezequiel Melendez and Leoncio Melendez; her sisters, Maria Moyet and Iris Melendez; her cherished grandson, Robel Laboy; and her great-grandson, Jayceon S. Moss.

She leaves behind a legacy of love through her four beloved children: Wanda Laboy, Luis Laboy (Dora), Israel Laboy, and Wilda Laboy; her supportive brothers, Tito and Basilio Melendez; her caring sister, Leonides Melendez; twelve grandchildren who carry her memory; eight great-grandchildren who will hold her legacy; and an extensive network of loving family members and friends. The indelible legacy of Elena Melendez-Laboy marked by compassion, service, and an unyielding spirit will forever inspire those fortunate enough to have known her.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street  
Chester, PA 19013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic Church  
1920 Providence Ave.  
Chester, PA 19013

## Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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