

ICHRIE REMEMBERS

Rosalinda "Linda" Lagman-Hoops



Rosalinda "Linda" Lagman-Hoops joined our Creator on 11 March 2026 at the age of 90. Linda is survived by her loving husband, Ray, former President of University of Southern Indiana, and their daughter, Victoria. Linda was a devoted wife and mother and a wonderful person, who was loved by people whose lives she touched both personally and professionally.

Linda was born in Manila, Philippines to a family of devout Catholics. She obtained her secondary education from St. Scholastica's College, a Catholic-owned exclusive school for girls. She received her bachelor's degree in Nutrition from the University of the Philippines (UP) in Quezon City. She completed her Master of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Administration, Foods, Nutrition and Institutional Management at Oklahoma State University and her doctorate at the State University of New York.

As the first lady of the University of Southern Indiana, she was a gracious hostess at university functions and was active in the Evansville community. She served as a member of the Board of Directors for SWIRCA and other local organizations. She will be remembered by her many friends in the university for lending support not only during social events but also in times of need and bereavement.

She was widely recognized in the field of hotel and restaurant management at a national and international level. She held the distinction of being one of the very few non-restaurant owners who was elected to the National Restaurant Association Board of Directors. Linda also served as a Trustee of the National Restaurant Association Foundation. She was elected President of the International Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Education (ICHRIE). She was known for her decisiveness and indefatigable service as ICHRIE president. Her various international engagements included Seoul, Korea; Montreux, Switzerland; Vienna, Austria; and the Philippines, to name a few.

Linda's impact as an academic also earned for her numerous awards namely, ICHRIE's Howard Meek and The Stevenson Fletcher Award in recognition of her lifetime contributions and outstanding service in hospitality education; Oklahoma State University Hall of Fame; The Patnubay Award from the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Educators of the Philippines, and the Lamp of Knowledge Award from the American Hotel and Lodging Association. Another milestone of Linda was she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Southern Indiana.

At the University of the Philippines, Linda was well-respected as an outstanding alumna not only for bringing honors to her alma mater but also for her nurturing character and generous donations to her College especially to the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management. The DHRIM is very grateful for her generosity in sharing knowledge and providing financial support. She organized US exposure and educational trips for faculty and students; sponsored UP's institutional membership in ICHRIE/APacCHRIE, faculty registration to ICHRIE conferences, including hotel accommodations. She also donated numerous books on hospitality and tourism, and food laboratory implements.



Let us all offer prayers for the eternal repose of our beloved Dr. Rosalinda Lagman -Hoops.

She will be dearly missed, remembered and loved.



Mrs. Hoops Obituary

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