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GLENDALE, Calif. — Eulalia “Nelly” Sayas (pictured above), mother of distinguished litigation lawyer C. Joe Sayas Jr., passed away on May 26, 2019.

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A native of Silang, Cavite, where she raised seven children — Leo, Evangeline, Cora, Emma, Veronica, Cynthia and Joe — by working long hours operating her small noodle restaurant and a mom and pop store, was married to the late Conrado Sayas Jr., a World War II veteran.

Nanay valued education but poverty prevented her from pursuing the formal schooling that she had always dreamt of.

“As a mother, however, she never gave up that dream for her children,” Atty. Sayas said of his mother.

With her indefatigable energy and spirit, she made it happen.

Nanay worked extraordinary hours operating her small noodle restaurant and her mom and pop store.

“Yes, a small retail business, but thinking and working big, she and Tatay successfully supported all their children towards having their college education,” he added.

With the recognition of Sayas Sr. as a World War II veteran, the couple was able to migrate and were naturalized as U.S. citizens.

They eventually had three grandchildren born here in the States — Clare, Patricia and Christopher, all of whom fulfilled Nanay’s dream of completing their degrees in reputable U.S. colleges.

Her remains was buried at Forest Lawn Glendale after a memorial mass on June 1 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Glendale.