

Cindy Lou (McKinney) Layaye

October 22, 1946 - February 20, 2026

Cindy Lou McKinney of Chino died February 20, 2026 in the presence of her family. She was born on October 22, 1946 to her parents, John and Verla McKinney. She was raised in the City of Pomona and graduated from Pomona High School in 1964. After graduating high school, she worked at the Cal Poly Pomona library and later as an executive secretary at Pomona Tile. Through mutual friends, Cindy was introduced to her future husband, Edouard Layaye, in 1972. After a year of dating, Ed and Cindy were married on February 10, 1973. In 1974, they moved to Chino where they purchased a home and maintained residency for the past 52 years.



In 1977, Ed and Cindy welcomed their only child, Ryan into the world. While Ed worked for the County of San Bernardino, Cindy focused on maintaining the home and being a mother to her son. However, she never lost the desire to further her education and enrolled at Cal Poly Pomona obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) in Liberal Studies in 1986. After obtaining her degree and teaching credential, Cindy worked for a few years as a substitute schoolteacher for the Chino Valley Unified School District before returning to being a homemaker for her family as she found a greater purpose in being an active participant at her son's school and sports activities.

Cindy had a passion for adventure and seeing the world. Her trips included visits to Europe, South America, Caribbean, Canada, Mexico and several other countries. She also understood the importance of community involvement and cared deeply about the city that she called home. After the birth of her grandchildren, she also found great joy in being an educational resource to them and biggest cheerleader at their sporting events.

Cindy is survived by her husband of 53 years, Edouard; son, Ryan; daughter-in-law, Rosalina; grandchildren, Ryan and Audrey; sister, Linda VanTassell; and brother, Steve McKinney. She will be greatly missed by all she touched in her lifetime.

In remembrance of Cindy, a celebration of life ceremony will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 5500 Francis Avenue in Chino at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026.