



CYNTHIA LOUISE CALDER
DEPENDENT DAUGHTER OF LTCOL DAVID CALDER, USAF
SECTION A, PLOT 2A, GRAVE 15H



Cynthia was the second of three daughters adopted by Lt. Col. David Calder, USAF and his wife Evelyn, when they were stationed in the Philippines at the Clark Air Force Base 1974 to 1977. The family lived in base housing. The Calder family adopted three young girls, none of whom were related. The oldest being Jennifer and the source of information. Cynthia was the second, born November 16, 1976. She died a few weeks later on December 2, 1976.

This story demonstrates the long and rich relationship of the American and Filipino communities that included intermarriages and adoptions. Cynthia found her sister from the www.cvcra.org web site and interactive data base after noticing that there was a spelling error in the data base and headstone which read Dalder vice Calder. She is in the process of correcting the error which is on both the headstone and master listing maintained by the VFW.

Below is an extract of several emails between Jennifer Kono and the VFW Post 2485 Cemetery Administrator July 2011:

Hello! My name is Jennifer Kono and I was born in the Philippines in 1975. My parents adopted me and my two younger sisters there. One of my sister died in Dec. 1976 and I believe was buried at the military cemetery. I am wondering how I can find out if she was or was not. Her name is Cynthia Louise Calder DOB 11.16.1976. She died a short time later. Any information about this or who to contact would be greatly appreciated.

I just found my sister buried at the cemetery. Her last name is listed wrong. On the database link you sent me her name is listed Cynthia L. Dalder, not Calder. She is there and it brought tears to my eyes. Would it be possible to have someone photograph her headstone for me and email me the picture? I know I am asking a lot. Just knowing she it there brings me peace. My family will do what we can to help you and

your teams effort to restore the cemetery.

I was adopted by a military family who was stationed at Clark Air Base from 1974-1977. We lived on base. My father's name is Lt.Col David Calder(Ret) and my mother's name is Evelyn Calder. They adopted me and my two younger sisters. We are from different family's. I am trying to locate my birth mother and have emailed the civil registry but haven't heard back from them yet. My birth mother's name is Norma Abnes she was 23 at the time when she had me. She lived on San Francisco St, I was born where she lived not a hospital. My birth name was Lorelie Abnes DOB 2-19-75. I could use some help with where to start locating her. If you know of anyone or someplace other than the Civil Registry there in Angeles city I would appreciate it. (konoohana04@gmail.com)