



Elizabeth "Beth" de la Cerna

December 16, 1949 - November 4, 2020

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Eulogy for Elizabeth O. de la Cerna, BSN

Elizabeth went to be with the Lord on November 4th, 2020 at 10:45pm, at UCSF Community Regional Medical Center. Elizabeth was born to Teofilo Ocampo & Silveria Sison in Lingayen, Pangasinan, Philippines on December 16th, 1949.

She married Jaime F. de la Cerna, MD, on September 4th, 1977 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Chicago. She gave birth to three wonderful children: Eric, a team member Development Manager at Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco, CA; Melissa, a CCRN at U Penn, Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA; and Felice, a Child & Adult Psychologist, San Francisco, CA.

Beth dedicated her whole life to being a critical care nurse for more than 36 years. Her mantra and prayer was, "May I never lose a patient during my watch Lord." That cost her dearly, because she got the most challenging cases all the time. She would come home extremely tired and exhausted but gratified she had done a great service to her patients. And despite her exhaustion she still served her family very well; she would always read books to the children after their assignments were done before they went to sleep. Beth also prayed the Rosary every night.

Her unwavering Faith to Jesus Christ and hope, despite her deadly illness, granted her to opportunity to witness the births of her grandchildren, Alexis and Luca.

A devout Catholic, she is a life long member of OLPH serving the poor at the Bethlehem Center. She served as Treasurer for FAATCO since its inception.

Her password "Sumpa Kitang Lahat". I struggled to interpret what she meant; I have concluded it to mean I am yours forever, for God and Family.

Despite her deadly illness, Beth traveled to Europe, Jordan, Jerusalem, the great US National Parks and participated in numerous medical missions in the Philippines.

We thank all who cared for Beth, especially Candy from Davita who was so caring to Beth's treatments for 4 years.

Your Loving Husband, Jimmy

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel and at the families request will remain private.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 15, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ Beautifully done to a beautiful woman! We love you David & Jacki

Jacki hall - November 20, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 15, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto Elizabeth Oh Lord and let Perpetual light shine upon her.May she rest in Peace Amen

Cora Gaspar - November 16, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Virginia Agcayab lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Beth" de la Cerna



Virginia Agcayab - November 16, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Jaime Dela Cerna & family for the sudden loss of our Cumadre, Beth dela Cerna. May God’s love heal your sorrow and may His peace replace your heartache with loving memories.

Mr. & Mrs. Nap Partida & family - November 16, 2020 at 02:50 AM



“ Condolences to the De la Cerna family. Rest in Peace Ninang.

Nathan Partida - November 15, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jimmy de la Cerna and children. Lord, eternal peace and happiness grant unto Beth. From Baby Foronda Sunga and family

clarissa f. sunga - November 15, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gellie Tolentino - November 15, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Dear Jimmy, on behalf of FresnoVIPs enclosed is our picture at Ching Quinto’s place in Fresno in September 12 2019. That time you and Beth came to join us was a precious moment of time. We thank you and Beth for visiting us. And on behalf of USTMedCletk’72, we all send our sincere prayers sympathy and condolences to you and your family and Beth’s family. We are sad to know Beth’s passing. May her eternal soul be Rest In Peace. We will Keep you in our prayer to be strong at this time of grieve and sorrow loosing your beloved wife Beth.
By Jelly Tolentino



Gellie Tolentino - November 15, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Rest In Peace ate Beth, Prayers and condolences to Dr . de la Cerna and kids. Eternal rest grant unto the soul of Ate Beth oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, she may Rest In Peace . Love and praying Delia and Francisco Magao.

Delia Magao - November 17, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ We are saddened by the loss of Beth, Jimmy’s dear wife and the kids’ mom,,, a life cut too short. We take comfort in the promise of the Lord’s Prayer - “thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” The fulfillment of that Kingdom promise will bring immeasurable relief. Love you all.

Virginia Gryder - November 15, 2020 at 04:28 PM



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The Gryder family - November 15, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Dear Jimmy, Eric, Lisa & Felice,

I'm deeply saddened when I learned about the passing of Beth, my BFF since elementary school. You guys attended our 20th HS reunion in LA, that's when we met the whole family although Jimmy & I met when we were in Med School. I kept Beth informed about our subsequent reunions. I was so honored when Beth asked me to be Eric's godmother by proxy since I was still in the Philippines.

Today's mass was offered for Beth & a candle was lit after mass. We include Beth & your family in our daily rosary with our HS friends. She was always included in our intentions. I'm at a loss for words but may you find comfort that a lot of our classmates have sent words of sympathy through my Facebook post & many are praying for Beth & your family. Rest in Peace my friend.

Love from Linda & Jessie Ombac & The Gang.



Linda & Jessie Ombac - November 15, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ Dear Doctor Jimmy and Children,

Sending you my deepest sympathy and prayers on the loss of your beloved wife, mother, lola, and our dear friend and classmate, Beth. May our Loving Creator grant her eternal joy and peace and may you find consolation and strength in the Resurrection.

My name is Gloria Santos. Beth (Zabet as we called her) was my classmate from elementary to high school, and she was one of my close friends. However, since we left high school we never met again nor had any form of correspondence... yet she was one of those I often asked or inquired about from former classmates or relatives who had seen or met her. Dr. Mike Cua, who was also a UST alumnus and who is married to my first cousin Marlyn, had informed me years back that she was married to you Dr. de la Cerna.

Because I have chosen a different life's road (I am a religious missionary nun-a Columban Sister) I miss opportunities to meet up with former classmates and friends, as many do when on home vacation, but I have never forgotten them. I carry them all somehow in my memories and on the wings of prayers.

I really don't know if for some distant relation I was related to Beth because as I remember, when I was a child, my mother would drop by their house in Jacoba to send something with Beth's father, "Mama Teofilo" for my older sisters and brothers who were studying in Manila. Please convey to Beth's siblings, and other family members my condolences.

May Beth pray for us now and for our world that we be freed soon from the pandemic soon.. she who had always cared for the well being of people, intercede for all. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Sister Gloria C. Santos



magloria - November 15, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Beth in the ICU at KDHCD. She was an awesome nurse, role model & mentor. I don't remember ever hearing her complain. She took excellent care of her patients and always took time to help her colleagues. Thank you Beth for your part in my career development. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Pamela Lockman - November 15, 2020 at 12:34 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to you, Jimmy and family for your loss. Beth will be so sadly missed. Knowing that she is now with our Creator will give so much comfort. May she rest in the loving arms of our Lord.

Raulie & Inday Rodrigo - November 14, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ Beth ,thank you for all that you had done for FAATCO. May you rest in peace my friend .I'm going to miss you. I respect all this privacy but it hurts me that I can't see one more time.



Cora Gaspar - November 14, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ We are so saddened about this but knowing of Beth's faith, she's now enjoying the paradise our Lord promised. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Doc, Eric, Lisa and Felice. May your faith be your strength during this difficult times Beth, we love you and miss you!

Mary Jane Wilfong - November 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ We are so sad to hear about Beth's passing. On the other hand we are reconciled by the thought that she is now resting peacefully in God's graceful and loving embrace. To Jimmy, Eric, Lisa, and Felice, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Alexander Villarasa - November 15, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Cora Gaspar sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Beth" de la Cerna



Cora Gaspar - November 14, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ Cora Gaspar lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Beth" de la Cerna



Cora Gaspar - November 14, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Doc and the family. Beth and I worked together at KDMC ICU until she retired. We continue our friendship and accompany her to her therapy appointment and others. We had very good friendship that sometimes she pours out her feelings inside and all I can do is listen. Even though I don't see her children, it seems that I know them enough. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be included
to the Europe River Cruise. I thought we would have more time to visit each other but due to Covid the opportunity was restricted. May you rest in peace my dearest friend. Now you meet the Lord and be with Him in paradise. No more suffering

Cora Gaspar - November 14, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Dear Jimmy and family,
In the handful of occasions that I encountered Beth, her quiet serenity stood out for me knowing she was dealing with a serious illness, which at any moment can turn catastrophic. Her demeanor in all these times impressed me.
Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dearly beloved wife and mother.
Sincerely,
Rachel V.Quinto, M.D.
USTCLERKS'72

Rachel Quinto - November 14, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Brod Jimmy, we are so sad to hear the passing of Beth. Our warmest condolence!
“Rest in Peace with Our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Tony and Cristina Alferez

Tony Alferez - November 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Our condolences to Jimmy & family. So glad to meet you at our Hilton Head class reunion. Prayers offered for her soul.

RIP

Joe & Eve Duran-Arboleda

Evelyn Duran-Arboleda - November 14, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ My sincere prayer and sympathy and condolence to you Jimmy and to your families and Beth families. My prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered for the repose of her soul today 11/14/'20 May she Rest In Peace. I was glad to met you both in your USTMedClerk'72 Reunion at Hilton Head SC where I was invited as Honorary Member of your class through my Late husband your classmate Froilan Tolentino. So sorry for your loss. I found Beth a sweet and kind lady as we chat in the SC Airport while we all wait for our flight going back home. Be rest in God's love and peace Beth.

From, Jelly Tolentino

Miguelina “Jelly” Tolentino. - November 14, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Prayer for the repose of the soul of Beth dela Cerna

Miguelina “Jelly” Tolentino. - November 14, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ My name is Irma Nacino, a former classmate of Elizabeth in the elementary. Saddened by the news of her passing and very unfortunate that we did not have a chance to meet earlier on. May her family find comfort in the knowledge that she is now home and at peace with the Lord. Condolence to the family. Got the news from Dr. Linda Ombac

Irma M. Nacino - November 14, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ (our family previously emailed this to Jim and Beth's children)

Dear Eric, Lisa and Felice

Our family is very saddened by your mom's passing. I know that the sadness you feel cannot be expressed in words. It will get better in time but for all of us who've lost parents and loved ones, the void will always be there. We will be praying for your whole family and will be holding you in our thoughts. You have all turned out to be excellent individuals; she could not have been prouder or happier with the family she has raised and now must leave.

Your mom was a happy person, hard working and preferred life's simplicity. I remember her asking me a long time ago "hey Tess what is a yuppie?" and because then it meant being well off people, I laughed and said "it's someone like you Beth." She did not get it of course because money and the appearance of having it were not important to her. She much enjoyed the little gatherings of Filipino families, the birthday parties at the park held for you guys, our Christmas caroling at friends' homes and the camping trips. She took pride and pleasure in each of your victories and achievements. Her faith gave her a lot of strength.

I know that you will take care of your dad. We know what a good, caring person and physician he is. He's showing that he's strong and life goes on but this is so, so hard on him. They loved each other and were best friends and now half of him is gone. Please know that there is so much love and respect their friends have for them.

We'll always love your family and very grateful for the good memories.

During difficult times of loss I like to read passages from a poem to remind me that the loved one is not lost but just beyond our earth. It goes:

" Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,

And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun-split clouds, --and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of.

... and, while with silent lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space,

Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

Love,

Auntie Tessie, Uncle Dave, Chris and Eddie and their families.

Tessie David - November 13, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ Dear Dr. DeLaCerna,

I am so sorry for your lost. Beth was very good to everyone and she will be greatly miss specially when we have The Simbang Gabi during her birthday. May she Rest In Peace and The Perpetual light shines upon her. God Bless you and your family Lina Naylor

Lina Naylor - November 14, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ Lorenzo Menchaca & Gong Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth O. de la Cerna.



Lorenzo Menchaca & Gong Families - November 13, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O. de la Cerna.



November 12, 2020 at 01:30 PM