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Evaristo “Bert” Agcaoili Albano, 95, of San Francisco, CA, joined his Creator on May 30, 2019 while his beloved family bid their goodbyes. At his core, Bert was a life-long student and teacher. His passion for learning and teaching was intimately woven into his life story. Born on April 14, 1924 in the town of Vintar, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, Bert was the ninth of ten siblings. Growing up as a child, his parents and grandparents sparked and nurtured his desire to study hard and excel in school. In his youth, he joined various student activities that honed his leadership skills. Those early memories were the foundation to his later career in teaching. He put himself through school by working as a clerk for the US army office based in Manila. Balancing work and school during the war was difficult for him, but he persevered. He strongly believed that getting a good education is an important stepping stone towards a good career. Through his discipline, dedication and determination, he was able to achieve his Bachelor’s Degree in Banking and Finance. He would later teach his students that these qualities, the “Three D’s”, were the keys to success. After working in a bank for three years, Bert was still in search for a more fulfilling career and started teaching part-time. He fell in love with the academe and pursued his Bachelor’s Degree in Education in 1966 and years later, his M.A. in Education. To him, no career was more beneficial to mankind than educating the youth. He first taught at St. Joseph’s School in San Jose, Nueva Ecija, where a Franciscan nun introduced him to Josefina Rustia, his wife of 61 years. They were married on April 10, 1958 and blessed with two daughters. Bert’s academic career took off when he became a teacher of Ethics and World History and then vice principal of the boy’s high department of Malate Catholic School in Manila, a private K-12 school run by St. Columban priests and nuns and later the Religious Order of the Virgin Mary. For 24 years, he touched the lives of thousands of students and guided them to be true to their faith by serving in the church and community through Student Catholic Action



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where he served as their adviser. He truly cherished his time at MCS and kept in touch with his students through the years, always present at alumni homecomings and reunions. (Note: The MCS Alumni Association will soon launch a scholarship fund to honor their "Sir Bert's" legacy.) In November 1984, Bert and Josie relocated to the United States and made San Francisco, CA their new home. To familiarize himself with the American educational system, Bert took further studies at the University of San Francisco. He taught for ten years to 5th Graders at St. Joseph's Elementary School until his retirement in 1992. While at St. Joseph's, he was nominated by his colleagues and became a recipient of Project Star, the Teacher's Award of Honor and Merit given by the City and County of San Francisco. As Bert would often say "A teacher never truly stops being a teacher. While enjoying retirement, he continued to teach his grandchildren, passing on his wisdom through captivating stories at the dinner table. He taught Catechism at St. Joseph's and St. Patrick Church for 30 years. He was very active in the Eucharistic Ministry of St. Patrick, the Legion of Mary, the Mother Ignacia Del Espiritu Santo Movement and their Charismatic Prayer Group and the Rosarian Community of San Lorenzo Ruiz Center. His apostolate was bringing communion to home-bound seniors. Most of all, Bert continued to teach anyone who was blessed to know him how to be young at heart and live a full life rich with love, laughter, and faith. Those who will miss him dearly are his wife Josefina, daughters Marie Therese Locsin and Marie Anne Yupangco, son in law John Martin Yupangco, grandchildren Stephen and Linda, Katrina and Asumu, Kimberly, Kiara, Karlo, Christjan and Michelle, his youngest sister Francisca "Paquita" Calapini, sisters and brother in law Virginia Paraiso, Leticia Miranda and Dr. Sergio Rustia, nieces and nephews, close friends, parishioners, SLRC community, former students and fellow teachers. He is reunited in Heaven with his parents Jovita and Mario I Albano and siblings Rizalina Cera, Beatrice Figueras, Uderica Pacis, Pacifico Albano, Robert Albano, Mario Albano II, Alicia Albano, and Alfonso Albano. Visitation and vigil to celebrate Bert's life will be held at St. Patrick Church on Thursday, June 13 from 6:30pm-9pm. Funeral Mass at St. Patrick will be held on Friday, June 14 at 10am, followed by his interment at 12pm at Skylawn Memorial Park, Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402.



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AF

Arlene Cenon-Frazier posted:

Mr. Albano was a pillar of gentle and firm strength tempered with kindness. He stood tall among the finest MCS educators. Fond memories of Mr. Albano from the not-so-distant Malate Catholic School girls' campus.

June 13 at 10:29 AM

MS

Maria Teresita C. Salcedo posted:

My dear Sisterette TESS, Your Papa was a true servant of God. What a wonderful life he lived! Thank God for all he gave and shared with you while he was around. My prayers for the eternal repose of Papa Bert 🙏... Had him included in PICC's First Friday Mass intentions last week. Sincerely, Sis MAITE

June 11 at 9:36 AM

LR

Luis Rustia posted:

Written by: Luis Rustia
Hi MariAnne and MariTess: Thank you for sharing! I found your Dad to be kind, humble, great listener and great person to be around. He was always smiling and happy when I would see me. The very best to all of you. I will be there Friday. Luis Rustia

June 11 at 1:18 AM

JV

Josie Vicera posted:

To family of late Mr. Albano, May God give you comfort and support in these difficult time. May his soul rest in peace. And the perpetual light shine upon him. Love, Vicera Family

June 10 at 1:33 AM



ET

Ed Timbungco posted:

Message delivered during the Memorial Service at Malate Catholic School on 09 June 2019: If Andrew Macatangay, our Student Catholic Action president (Batch 82), were here, he would have been the more fitting speaker to talk about our honoree, Mr. Evaristo Albano. But sadly, he passed on last December. Richie Loberiza, the president of the Altar Boys Society, would have also been a shoo-in for this task because apart from being guided by Mr. Albano in the ABS, they were neighbors in Pasay City so their affinity went beyond the academic walls of Malate. Kaya lang Richie is still out of the country. But any way, the ball landed on my lap when Atty. Nina Serrano asked me to say something about Mr. Albano. So I gladly embraced the chance. I guess I would be speaking for Batch '82 when I say that Mr. Albano was an important, constant figure during our growing up years in high school. Apart from being the vice principal, he was often the lector/commentator during the 6 am daily Masses at the Malate Church. On some days, he would even help during communion as a Minister of the Holy Eucharist. During the daily flag ceremony, all he had to do was to stand at the entrance of the gym and all of us would know that it was time to line up for the morning calisthenics. He had a certain air of authority that commanded our respect. With his mestizo features and his demeanor, one could easily mistake him for a priest if one didn't know who he was. Nonetheless, we regarded him with reverence. The diligence he showed as he went through his responsibilities as a lay minister in the Mass, as a school administrator, and as a moderator of SCA and ABS was truly admirable. Looking back, I now realize that it was how he taught us to live the Malatean motto of being 'True to our Faith' – minus the proselytizing. When I heard about his passing from our FB group, fond memories quickly flashed through my mind. As SCA moderator, we would go to Mass every Thursday morning and have Cell Meetings after our classes. He would always cap the meeting with his personal reflection of the gospel. And then there were the Leadership Training Courses he would give the SCA members once a year. Of course, apart from the workshops and the inputs from Mr. Albano and Ms. Dolly Soriano, his counterpart in SCA at Girls' High, these live-in seminars were usually co-ed. I think a big motivation for us to join SCA at the time was the chance to mingle with girls, especially during the social work we did during Saturdays. These included playing with orphans at Hospicio de San Jose along Ayala Bridge and the street children of Silungan Center in Quiapo; or rolling cotton balls at Ospital ng Maynila or spending time with the kids of Leveriza and Dakota; or washing soiled linen of infants at the Daughters of Charity Center in Tondo. Plus pogi points siyempre yon sa girls kapag nakakasama ka nila sa mga works of charity na katulad nito. Tapos ang masaya pa, we all gather at Harrison Plaza at around 5 pm to prepare for the anticipated Mass at six o'clock. SCA members formed part of the choir that helped animate the Mass at that Mall. Choir leader at guitarists namin sina Andrew Macatangay at Jong Mariano (who is now based in Japan). Tapos may replay pa yon kinabukasan during the 10 am Sunday Mass sa Harrison Plaza din. During October, we would also pray the Rosary at noon time at the Marian Garden. And in November, we participate actively in the Novena Masses leading to the Fiesta of the Our Lady of Remedies on the third Sunday. That's how we spent high school under Mr. Albano's mentorship. His constant, reassuring figure helped us form the habits that we would later depend on as adults facing life's exciting twists and turns. Perhaps if I would be given the chance to talk to him on a personal level, I would like to ask from him some tips on how to continually sharpen your saw as a teacher. I would like to hear his interesting stories about taking care of his two lovely daughters. Or how he adjusted to being a migrant Filipino in the US. I would like to ask him whether he even entert



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June 9 at 3:23 PM



Marie Fidela Paraiso December 29 at 12:27 AM

I love to hear about Tito Bert and see him in a different light and envision the great educator that he was. What an incredible legacy!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Evaristo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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