



Ruth G. Calisterio

May 2, 2021

Ruth was born on May 17, 1934 and was the second of seven children of the late Antonio Guanzon and Adoracion B. Guanzon of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, Philippines. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Rev. Tomas V. Calisterio, and six siblings – Manuel, Arturo, Alma, Alberto, Augusto and Avelio.

She lived a fulfilling life as a loving mother to Daryl Faith, Tom, and Francisco; a good mother-in-law to Stanley, Ana and Arlene, and a caring grandmother to Abigail and Stephanie with husband Keith Aranas.

Ruth had a degree in Pharmacy and in Elementary Education. She worked as a public School Teacher and later became the Principal of the school. She was a supportive wife to her husband Tom who she met at the Barotac Nuevo Evangelical Church when he was serving as a student Pastor there and she was the backup organist. They were married on May 17, 1957 on Ruth's 23rd birthday.

Tom and Ruth had a blessed ministry in the Philippines from 1957 to 1982 and later also in the United States. Ruth was the constant support of her husband while he served in various ministries: as the Director of the Baptist Student Center, as the Pastor of Baptist Center Church – in Iloilo City; and as the Pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Quezon City, Metro Manila. In 1982, they

came to the U.S. for Rev. Calisterio to do his Doctorate in Ministry on a scholarship at the Eastern Theological Seminary. They became part of the ministry of Chestnut Street Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Upon an invitation from colleagues in Houston, Texas - they pioneered the First Philippine Baptist Mission Church there. They later came back to Philadelphia where Ruth faithfully served as a partner in her husband's ministry as the Senior Pastor. She sang in the choir and got involved in various ministries that needed her help.

Ruth was widowed for seventeen years before her passing-on in Dallas, Texas on May 2, 2021. She enjoyed singing hymns, playing the piano, reading her Bible and loved praying to the Lord. She was a prayer warrior! On television, she loved to watch her favorite preachers, the news, and some game shows like Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. She was happiest when her children visited and they could gather as a family. She loved to treat them with Filipino food. She loved to cook for the family, and later she continued to serve even amidst the limitations brought about by health problems.

Truly she will be missed by her family, relatives and loved-ones: her children, grand-children, three sisters-in-law – Nene Esther, Del and Celia; her cousins, nephews and nieces whom she would occasionally call to check on them.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ruth G. Calisterio*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 03, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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Praise God for the life and legacy of Tita Ruth! Grateful for the privilege to join you online. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you" (2Thess 3:16).

Moises Mosquera - July 03, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Ruth G. Calisterio*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Ruth G. Calisterio*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Ruth G. Calisterio*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Stanley - July 05, 2021 at 10:57 PM

LB

“ We will miss your sweet smile, tita Ruth. Palangga ka guid namon.

With Love, Nanay (Erlinda/Linda), Tatay(Norberto/Cano), kuya Limbert(Toto Limbs) & Lynnor(Baby Doll) Bontigao

Condolences to the Calisterio-Uy family also from Lenny, Jacob, and Sofia Ortiz



Lynnor Bontigao - July 03, 2021 at 04:55 PM

CL

“ *Manay Ruth as I fondly remembered, was always cheerful and so accommodating especially when I and my siblings would visit at the parsonage. She was beyond reproach and so supportive of Manoy Tom as a loving and very supportive pastor's wife. My husband Abdul remembers her as a sweet, caring and gentle mom. Her children have inherited her and Manoy Tom's generosity, kindness and compassion to all of those around them.*

She is now happiest being with Jesus!

Manay Ruth, we miss you and we know that someday we, including the Lagandaon family, will meet you again.

In Christ's love,

Carla, Abdul and Caleb Lagayan

Carla Lagandaon Lagayan - July 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ WE THANK THE LORD FOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. RUTH GUANZON CALISTERIO. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. In the future, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2Timothy 4:7-8, The Legacy Standard Bible). We are both saddened and comforted with the "passing on to glory" of a woman of God. Thank you, Tita (Aunt) Ruth Calisterio, for bringing me along with you one Sunday morning to attend Queen's Row Gospel Church (QRGC) and letting me listen to Sunday School - first with the adults and then with those my age. It was the first time that I experienced being in a community of caring believers who love Christ. Thank you for being a supportive pastor's wife to uncle Rev. Tom Calisterio (of Faith Baptist Church in Quezon City) in helping plant QRGC in our village. Thank You, Lord, for the legacy of Tita Ruth in the lives of Inday Daryl Uy, Kuya Tom Calisterio, and Kuya Francis Calisterio - your in-laws and grandchildren. Our heartfelt prayers of God's comfort and peace to the Guanzon, Bontigao, and Calisterio clans. We pray that the Lord may find us faithful to the end as you have been. We love you, Tita Ruth! We will miss you, but we will see you - together with our loved ones who went ahead of us (especially Tatay, Nanay, Lola Cayo, Mama Eles, and Inday Bing)...🙏🙏🙏



Moi Mosquera - July 02, 2021 at 10:05 AM