

## 2021 Obituaries

Here we are in 2022, putting a difficult year behind us. Before we move on, let us remember those who left us in 2021. I only wrote a couple of sentences for each since their obituaries have already been published in our Orosa Clan Facebook page. You may scroll down the 2021 entries for their full obituaries and memorials. They may physically be gone, but their spirit lives within us.

Cesar Q. Orosa – Cesar passed away at age 73 in December of 2019, after battling prostate cancer. He was the youngest son of Nicolas Y. Orosa and Laura Quinio. His interment service was not held until January of this year due to the back up from Covid. Cesar lived in southern California most of his adult life, operating a limousine business, catering to a lot of celebrities and Middle Eastern families. You would have loved his stories. Among his regular clients were Jane Wyman (first wife of California governor and later President Ronald Reagan) and Jackie Gleason. Framed on his living room wall were generous checks representing tips. Some of the Hollywood crowd were generous tippers.

<https://www.missionhillsmortuary.com/obituary/7312819>

Dr. Luis Fajardo Orosa – Luis and his family of dentists founded the [Orosa Dental Clinic](#), a thriving, modern dental practice, among the first to pioneer dental implants in the Philippines. He and wife Lydia had celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary two years before. Not only was he a successful and respected dentist, he was an accomplished musician as well. Luis was 78. The practice is now headed by his son Dr. Louie Orosa.

Raoul Saldana Orosa – Chef Raoul was a serial restaurateur, founding restaurants all over the U.S., from Dallas, Texas to Cincinnati, Ohio to Hawaii, where he spent the last few years. I had the pleasure of meeting him and enjoying all the menu options at his Ohio restaurants. He operated two restaurants in Cincinnati, Rice Rocket and Chicken Joy. He died of cancer at age 56.

<https://www.diamondheadmortuary.net/obituaries/Jose-Saldana-Orosa/#!/Obituary>

Albert Saldana Orosa – “Big Al” was the younger brother of Raoul. Al owned and operated a restaurant, [Tiny Al’s Kitchen](#), with takeout and delivery service in Manila. He created a lot of innovative dishes, which you can still see on YouTube. He even coined a menu called Quarantine Cuisine. Al was only 39 when he died of an apparent heart attack.

Maria Elena Ibanez Ilagan – she was the wife of Conrado “Dado” Orosa Ilagan. Elena and Dado immigrated to Canada in the 1970s, settling in Vancouver BC, where they raised their six children. Elena was 88.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/north-vancouver-bc/maria-ilagan-10107480>

Rosario Orosa Hilario – Charito passed away from Covid complications at age 86. Charito and husband Pepe were married for 62 years. They were pillars of the Parish of Sta. Rita in PhilAm, Quezon City. At 89, Pepe survived his battle with Covid. To get an idea of her impact on the Christian Family Movement, Charito’s Zoom Mass was attended by hundreds. Besides Pepe, she is survived by their four sons - Dondi (Nancy) of Singapore, Jimmy, Frankie (Cecile) and Joel (Bambie) of Huntley, IL; and four grandchildren - Austin, Bea, Tobey and Kiten.

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Apolinario N. Orosa – Naring passed away in his sleep a month after celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. 95 is now the record longevity for the men in the Bauan branch of Orosas. Like our uncle Jose Y. “Tio Pepe” Orosa, Naring earned an MBA at Columbia University. Naring is the only Orosa to have attended Oxford University. Naring is survived by his wife Melinda (nee Bartolome), their daughter Diana (Raymond) Sarol and four grandchildren - Philip of Milwaukee, Heidi of Tokyo, Japan, Mikaela and Bianca. Years ago, at my request, he composed an essay about his family’s history and various events in Bauan, including occupation during World War II. <http://orosa.org/Memories%20by%20Naring%20Orosa.htm>

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