

In Memoriam

JAMES PALMORE

Died January 4, 2008

*From: thepalmores@gmail.com_
Subject: James Palmore_
Date: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 12:54:44 -1000
To: baligyabe@gmail.com*

My dad is with mom now, finally at peace after a long bout with Alzheimer's. He passed away 2:30 am January 4, Philippine time. We hope to be all in Dumaguete (David, Billie Grey and myself, Shelley lives there) for the memorial service on Tuesday.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,
Paul Palmore

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Sent: Thu, 3 Jan 2008 8:22 pm
Subject: [sumgc] Fw: James Palmore*

Dear Fellow Sillimanians,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the sad news of James Palmore's passing away. He will be sorely missed. Please include the Palmores in your prayers during this difficult time. For more details, please refer to Paul Palmore's email above.

Sincerely,
Joji

Joji Jumawan-Tonko

*From: Jvpal@aol.com
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Sent: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 12:42 pm*

Subject: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore

Dear Fellow Sillimanians and Friends,

I am forwarding to all of you an email sent by Joji Jumawan Tonko (newly elected President of the Silliman Alumni Association of Hawaii) announcing the passing of James Palmore.

On behalf of SUACONA, I would like to extend to David, Billie Grey, Paul, and Shelley our deepest sympathy. Our prayers for God's love and comfort to you in your hour of bereavement. Our prayers also for the eternal repose of the soul of James Palmore as he joins his dear wife Mimi, resting comfortably and peacefully in the everlasting arms of God.

Peace,

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To: Jvpal@aol.com
Sent: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 2:51 pm
Subject: Re: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore

Rest assured that the Palmores are in our prayers
in their period of grief.

Rev Jose Valencia

From: Alice Dumlao <adumlao@idx.com.au>
To: thepalmores@gmail.com; jojitonko@msn.com
Sent: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 5:21 pm
Subject: RE: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore

TO THE PALMORES.

My deepest sympathy to your family. May your Dad's deep faith and faithful service be a sustaining legacy for your family and all those who knew him. I want you to know that as part of our Silliman family we are out here praying for you all. May God's peace comfort you at this time.

Alice Dumlao
Sydney Australia

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Sent: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 12:55 pm
Subject: RE: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore*

Thanks for the information - my prayers with the Palmore family as this time of grief. May Mr. James Palmore, rest in Peace.

Dinah Penaflorida

*Date: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 22:20:26 -0800
From: jahara_hayudini@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore
To: dpenaflorida@hotmail.com*

Dear Dinah and all Sillimanians far and near, Our deep condelence to the Palmore Family and prayers to the eternal life of Mr. James and his wife.

Jang

Jahara Hayudini

*From: Alegado, Gideon <gideon.alegado@oregonstate.edu>
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Cc: Tipon-Silliman@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 7:59 pm*

Subject: [Tipon-Silliman] SHARING YOUR BURDEN OF LOSS AND GRIEF

Hello Paul, Dave, Billie Grey, Shelley, and Family,

Greetings with the deepest of sympathies from our family to yours over the passing away of a most loving and most beloved Dad.

Though our hearts are heavy, we glory in the thought that "Tatay Jim" is finally re-united with "Nanay Mimi" in the everlasting home reserved for the saints. The success of their missionary work in the Philippines, more particularly in Silliman University and the surrounding community, will always live on in the hearts and in the memories of those they have personally or virtually touched and/or influenced. We consider ourselves more fortunate and blessed not only to have known them, but also to have worked and served Silliman University with them. In many ways they served as "parents" to so many SU students, and that includes us.

Our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers will be with you as you celebrate his life and reminisce those sweet Silliman days gone by. May love, peace, and God's comforting joy fill your hearts. God bless you all always.

Very sincerely,

Gideon and Rachel Alegado and Family

*From: Fred Baliad <pastorbaliad@yahoo.com>
To: thepalmores@gmail.mail; Tipon-Silliman@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, 5 Jan 2008 11:46 am
Subject: [Tipon-Silliman] Entrance to the triumphant Church*

Dear Brother Paul,

Together with your family and friends, we CELEBRATE the life and work of JAMES PALMORE Your beloved father and our faithful fraternal worker, as he enters (join with MIMI} in the triumphant Church.

Soli Deo gloria,

Fred & Bebe Baliad
St. Petersburg, Florida

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Sent: Sat, 5 Jan 2008 5:40 pm

Subject: [suaconabod] Fwd: [SUAANC] Fwd: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore

To David, Billie Grey, Paul and Shelley,

Our deepest condolences and sympathy to the untimely death of your father, Mr. James Palmore. My sister, Felicidad Opena Merced, is vacationing in Dumaguete City til March and I have requested her to represent our local chapter, Silliman University Alumni Association of Northern California (SUAANC) during the funeral services.

Gigi Opena Swezey

President 2006-2008 - SUAANC

From: Agaton Pal <agapal85@gmail.com>

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Sent: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 12:37:53 -0600

Subject: MY CONDOLENCE

MR. PAUL PALMORE & SIBLINGS

Our Neighbors & Fellow Sillimianians:

We are with you in your hours of sorrows.

Jim and Mimi - and I started started in the same year as staff members in Silliman University.

Then, we became neighbors in the Silliman Campus.

When Jim was pursuing Graduate work at Cornell University, I was also a graduate student at Cornell University. I remember those evenings I had supper with you at that Catherine Street house in Ithaca where Mimi cooked pancit.

A month after my wife passed away in Dumaguete in 1996, Jim invited me to your house, He showed me his SHELL COLLECTIONS. I thought he had some which are rare .

He invited me to stay for lunch. I declined because I did not want to inconvenience him. He asked the maids, who are all the same maids when they were at the Silliman Campus. All the maids assured him and me that my staying for lunch will not be a problem - it will be a pleasure.

We had a very good lunch of fried semi-dried mackerel, and good coffee.

Together, we enjoyed making recollections of of our joys and sorrows in Silliman.

When I visited Silliman in 1993, after an absence of 24 years, I missed Mimi. At the Silliman Church, I could tell Jim's voice in the choir.

In 2005, I was in Silliman. I missed Jim's voice in the choir. I endeavored to engage Jim in conversation; he was no longer very coherent. I was sad. I could sense that he was lonely.

Silliman University, and the Philippines, have been fortunate to have had Jim and Mimi, with their children, live and work in the Philipines, in the prime of their lives.

Sincerely,

Agaton Pal

*From: Erlinda Demeterio <erlinda_demeterio@yahoo.com>
To: Tipon-Silliman@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 11:38 pm
Subject: [Tipon-Silliman] Thoughts of you!*

To Paul, Dave, Billie Grey, Shelley and families,

The recent news of your Dad's demise was shared electronically with the Silliman University alumni in the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area, Houston, TX.

Personally, I had the privilege of knowing and interacting with your parents, Jim & Mimi while growing up in Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines. The journey then was filled with joyful memories that included, but not limited to: family visits, trumpet playing, sing-alongs, merienda-cenas, and informal Bisayan "lessons."

As you celebrate Jim's life this coming week, allow me to share this passage:
Listen, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep; but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye; at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will all be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable; and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting."

I Corinthians 15: 51-55

Blessings & Peace,

Linda

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Sent: Sun, 6 Jan 2008 11:45 pm
Subject: RE: [Tipon-Silliman] Entrance to the triumphant Church*

To the Palmore Family:

At this time of sadness, the Silliman family condoles with you on the demise of your Dad.

Your family contribution to the work of Silliman University is acknowledged to be very substantial and we are grateful to both Mr. James and Mrs. Mimi for their work of love, compassion and empathy.

In the early 1960's, Mimi had to have surgery; Dr. Fred Florendo assigned to me the task of doing the History and Physical Examination, and assistant surgeon during the operation. I also did the follow-up daily during her recovery. The event is etched in my mind.

May you know that many students and graduates of Silliman have been touched by the kindness and involvement of your parents in the College of Business Adm., School of Music and at the Medical Center. We know that they had a reunion in the mansion of the Lord of Hosts.

~ **Dr. Eusebio C. Kho**

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Sent: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 3:01 am
Subject: RE: James Palmore*

Dear Paul, David, Billie Grey and Shelley,

Our deepest SYMPATHIES and CONDOLENCES for the passing away of your dad. May happy memories soften your loss. Our prayers will be with you at this sad and difficult time.

Prayers from the MANCAO family,
Christian, Faith, Joy, Leonard and Luther

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Date: Fri, 4 Jan 2008 03:59:38 -0500
Subject: James Palmore, R.I.P.*

To the Palmore family:

The words that Paul used in announcing the sad news about Jim's passing away (My Dad is with Mom now) were few but eloquent because they put everything into proper perspective. It affirms our common belief that those who leave us have passed on to the Eternal Life that our Lord has promised to us through his disciples. Furthermore, to say that Jim and Mimi are now together is also to affirm that both in life here and hereafter, the two of them are to be remembered and admired together since the legacy that they left behind is inseparably theirs.

Without meaning to offend anyone who may disagree with me, I cannot think of anyone among all the missionaries and fraternal workers who have served Silliman University longer, loved their adopted country more and served as bridges between cultures better than James and Mimi Palmore. What they both have done for their family, for the community, for Silliman and for all of us will never be forgotten.

Farewell to Jim as we whose life he has touched celebrate his life. There is a special place in heaven because of the way he lived and because our Lord has gone to prepare a place for him.

Faithfully,
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Subject: JYAs join in remembering Jim and Mimi*

Dear Palmores,

I just got a fwd about the passing of Jim. He and Mimi were our advisors when we were JYAs (Junior Year Abroad) at Silliman and we remember them very fondly. They took very good care of us!! I was a JYA 56-57, so probably knew some of you "kids" as we ate lunch with Jim and Mimi many times, were at your house often etc. Also, I returned with my niece in 82, and we spent time with them as I recall, along with Processo Udarbe, Luz Ausejo and many others.

WE remember our JYA time at Silliman very fondly and are thankful to your parents for their important part. Our warmest wishes to you all, and our hope that the warm wishes of friends and the high esteem in which your parents are held will comfort you in your time of grief and loss.

Best regards,

Janey Thompson

(JYA/ Silliman 56-57)

From: Rowena Torrevillas <rowena.torrevillas@gmail.com>

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Sent: Mon, 7 Jan 2008 12:53 pm

Subject: [Tipon-Silliman] a thought

Friends,

Jim Palmore was dear to many of us, and he and Aunt Mimi are institutional figures at the heart of our experience of Silliman.

Erlinda's idea about sending messages of condolence directly to the Palmores is the fitting way, I think, of expressing our oneness with their loss. I myself sent a message to Paul and Helen as soon as I heard of their loss. Since grief is a deeply personal experience, I am a bit uncomfortable with sending our messages of comfort through this avenue. E-mail is a somewhat impersonal medium to begin with, and a listserve, I think, takes some of the direct voice and touch away from our well-meant eloquence.

I would suggest we open an "in memoriam" thread to hold our recollections of him, as well as our thoughts on the mystery and yes, the humbling majesty of death in our midst. Our common loss is an occasion for us to grieve together, and to affirm our unity in the faith exemplified by the Palmores.

Our condolences can go directly to the Palmore family at their Gmail address, and I feel it's up to them to publish the individual messages on this medium, whenever they feel it would be right to do so.

Just a thought.

Sincerely,

Rowena

Rowena Tiempo-Torrevillas

From: RevFJB@aol.com
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Sent: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 7:00 pm
Subject: Re: [Tipon-Silliman] James Palmore

Dear Palmore Family Members,

Like thousands of students who had been to Silliman during the 1950's to 1970's I had the great chance of worshipping at Silliman University Church and met and heard the singing of the choir where Jim was a member and Mimi played the organ.

My most vivid memory of Jim was the Christmas Cantata in the university church where he, with Tating Bernardez and Tom Lang sang that modified version of "O Come All Ye Faithful". Of often picture angels as female. But every time this famous trio sang together that Christmas anthem, the sound like angels, male angels.

For the Palmore children and grandchildren, you are all loved and your parents ministry in the Philippines, particularly at Silliman University community is well remembered and appreciated.

May the New Year bring new hope and renewed commitment to serve God and to serve our fellow human beings as Jim and Mimi did with graciousness and abiding love.

Peace & Joy,

Frank J. Beltran
Chaplain (LTC) US Army (Ret.)

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Sent: Wed, 9 Jan 2008 9:32 pm
Subject: RE: James Palmore

Dear Paul

Our thoughts are with you and to David, Billie Grey and Shelley during this difficult time. We know you will miss your Dad greatly.

May it comfort you that that so many people care and are thinking of you at this time. You are continually in our thoughts and prayer.

May our loving God grant James Palmore eternal repose of his soul and may he rest in peace.

With our deepest sympathy,

Enrico P. Garcia Jr.

On behalf of Silliman Alumni Association of Sydney,
Australia