

LEANDRO B. ECHAVEZ **(1953 – 2008)**

Leandro Echavez was the eldest of the ten children of the late Atty. Jesus S. Echavez and Victoria Belnas. Born on November 24, 1953 in Sta. Catalina, Negros Oriental, he attended elementary education in Sta. Catalina, graduating valedictorian in 1966. He went on to attend his secondary education in Silliman University High School and graduated in 1971. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree, major in Political Science in 1975.

After graduation, he applied for work and was accepted and employed by the Philippines Airlines, Dumaguete City. Motivated by ambition and following the footsteps of his father, he enrolled in the College of Law of Silliman University and graduated in 1980 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. Being a full-time employee with Philippine Airlines left him no choice but to engage in self review for the bar examination. With much patience, endurance and hard work he successfully passed the 1982 Bar Examination on his first attempt! He continued working with Philippine Airlines until 1993, when he chose to pursue his passion to practice law.

Leandro was a very active Christian youth leader during his school and college days. To name a few, he was once elected as President of the Negros District Conference Christian Youth Fellowship of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines; elected to the National Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association representing the Visayas Jurisdiction; served as the National President of Alpha Sigma Phi Philippines, Inc. in 1992-94.

In 1980, he married Grace Almero, a registered nurse, and was blessed with three lovely daughters; Gracelynn, Tiffany & Kiarra.

He suffered heart and liver problems during the later part of his life and joined our Lord on January 27, 2008.

Submitted by:
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