



## Captain Dominador L. Soriano

May 4, 1916 - July 31, 2017

Captain Dominador L. Soriano (Dom as he was fondly called), U.S. Army, Infantry Division, passed away Monday, July 31, 2017. He was 101 years old. He was born May 4, 1916 in Guimba, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Patrocinia J. Soriano, whom he was married for over 63 years, baby son, Oscar Soriano, and great-grandsons Brendon Higuchi and Roman Haverly. He is survived by his 11 children, 41 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandsons.

In 1938, Dom was a 20 year old draftee, and in June 1939, he was commissioned as Captain for the Reserve Force, Philippine Army for the duration of the war and 6 mos. thereafter. On September 1, 1941, he was inducted in the USAFFE (United States Army Forces, Far East) as a 2nd Lt. and served as Commander of E.CO.83rd Infantry Regiment. In 1942, he was wounded in action in Cebu (Pacific Theatre), Philippines, and after the USAFFE capitulation, he helped organize a “guerilla unit” called the Blue Force, which joined the Liberation Army and fought until the surrender of Supreme Japanese Army General Yamashita. In July 1944, he was arrested and tortured by the Japanese at Manaoag, Pangasinan, Philippines. He was honorably discharged from the Philippines Army in May 1946. In July 1946, he was commissioned as 2nd Lt. in the United States Army and participated on the “Victory Parade” in Luneta Park, Manila, Philippines. He served the United States Army until 1948.

In 1949, Dom graduated from the Philippine Law School using his GI Bill benefits, and became a lawyer in 1950. In 1952, he assisted in organizing the Veterans Federation of the Philippines under President Magsaysay. He became a member of the Executive Board, in which he represented the Philippines Scouts. He earned a scholarship and attended Harvard University specializing in Labor Union. He became involved in the Philippines Labor Movement and entered politics. He was elected City Councilor in 1963. He immigrated to California in 1974. In 2016, he attended San Antonio's City Council Chambers for the City Resolution recognizing the heroic act of WWII, Filipino and American veterans. He became the Filipino community's voice and champion in "Military City USA". He eventually witnessed the enactment of Public Law 114-265 – "To award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the Filipino Veterans of WWII, in recognition of their dedicate service during the war".

Dom Soriano was very active in his Church's ministries such as being a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #15240, the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (he was assigned to count 125 snack bags of potato chips and 125 bags of bit size carrot sticks during food preparation, and he has his own personal bin of condiments [mayonnaise, mustard, salt, pepper] to pack into 200 snack size plastic bags), and the Silver Stars (he loved dancing even though he was wheelchair bound). He was a proud husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Dom Soriano was truly a devoted Christian, family-man, a great warrior, patriot, and loved his countrymen.

## SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Vigil Service/Rosary to begin at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78230. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 beginning at 10:00 A.M. with the Mass of

Resurrection at 11:00 A.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 4201 De Zavala Road, San Antonio, Texas 78249. A Reception will follow at the Henke Hall at the Church from 12:15 P.M. – 1:45 P.M. A Procession will depart the Church at 1:45 P.M. for an Interment with Military Honors at 2:30 P.M. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dom Soriano's memory may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church; contribution cards will be available at the Vigil Service/Rosary on Tuesday, and at the Church on Wednesday.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Vigil Service

AUG 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
4201 De Zavala Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78249

## Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
4201 De Zavala Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78249

## Interment

AUG 9. 2:30 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Carmelita my family and I offer our sincere condolences to you and your family for your loss. It is so difficult to lose a parent, but think of your father in a better place.*

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**Thalia Bonet** - August 08, 2017 at 07:41 PM

AA

“ *Ver,  
It is hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of such a well-lived and colourful life. May happy memories carry you and your family through this sorrowful time. Take heart. Time will soften the edges and ease your burden. GOD will complete his purpose.  
My heart aches for you. I am sorry for your loss*

*Alan Antonino*

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**alan antonino** - August 07, 2017 at 03:44 PM

RS

“ *I will miss you Dad.  
I will treasure those bonding moments including your life autobiography and the photos of your boyhood years, with Mom as a good husband and father, as a good companion during your both trips to Europe, as a war hero and your political life. You both raised us to be a good person , to be humble and have a strong faith in the Divine Almighty as shown in the dedicated care and love provided by my three sisters. My wife Diana as well as my children are very proud of you Dad. You will always be in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. We love you Dad.*

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**Ramon Soriano** - August 07, 2017 at 11:31 AM

DS

“ Thank you For your service as a Veteran and successful lawyer. But most of all thank you for your love and care of family , for my husband Ramon  
And sharing fun memories of your Boy Mayor days. You will always be in our hearts thoughts and prayers.My sincere condolences to all my in laws .

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**Diana Soriano** - August 07, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Captain Dominador L. Soriano.



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August 06, 2017 at 10:21 PM

EL

“ Lolo Dom,  
I know you are now in good hands in the name of Jesus, of course with Lola Pat. I am very sure that both of you are happy for being together now.  
Lolo, in behalf of my family here in Manila, specially Aunt Aida, we are grateful for the love that you in part with us. Thank you for the sweetest smile. Your memories will always remain with us forever and so with Lola Pat.  
May you Rest in Peace our beloved Lolo.  
Sent from my heart,  
Ella and family

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**Ella** - August 06, 2017 at 07:11 PM

DJ

“ Dad (Dominador Sr.),

*You are always in my morning prayer since you left the Philippines permanently for the U.S. in 2012. The night before you left, I mentioned to you that this might be the last time will see each other. True enough. I'm very happy and peaceful that you are now in God's hands. The day before you died, deep in my spirit, I felt something is happening/will happen. When the news of your demise came to me on the day you died, I was no longer surprised and peace engulfed me knowing that you are with the Lord.*

*I attached a newspaper article you wrote about us and your high regard and respect to the ministry. I'm sure you and Mom are enjoying the eternal life and happiness with the Lord.*

*Love,*

*Dominador Jr. (Jun)*

*August 6, 2017*

*P.S. John 3:3: "Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jew), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. "*

*John 3:5: "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

*John 3:6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

*John 3:7: Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again".*

*John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,*

*but have everlasting life".*

**MARANATHA!**



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**Dominador J. Soriano, Jr. - August 06, 2017 at 03:44 AM**