



Tito De Leon Sr.

April 6, 1935 - June 8, 2026

In Loving Memory of Tito de Leon Sr.

Tito de Leon Sr. passed from this world on June 8, 2026, two months and two days after his 91st birthday. A man of great intellect and resoluteness, Tito studied Political Science and Spanish at the University of the Philippines, Manuel L. Quezon University, and De La Salle University, while also pursuing postgraduate work in Spain. His passion for learning led him to a career in education, serving as a teacher, principal, and eventually a professor at the Technological Institute of the Philippines, the University of Manila, and the University of the East.

Throughout his life, Tito faced adversity with remarkable courage and resilience. In 1973, he and his wife immigrated to the United States, fleeing political repression and in vigorous pursuit of the American dream. Within sixteen months, they were able to bring their five young children to join them as they began building a future that would benefit generations to come. Against steep odds, Tito established himself as a successful real estate investor and serial entrepreneur.

In 1980, he survived a devastating 20-foot fall where he suffered severe internal injuries, a crushed jaw, and facial disfigurement, leaving him hovering between life and death. With granite determination and faith in God, his

broken body and spirit healed. Roughly five years later, he faced another near-fatal ordeal when a bull he was tending mauled him, breaking several ribs and almost piercing his chest. Each challenge only strengthened his resolve to fulfill his role as a husband, father, protector, and provider. Through decades of sacrifice and tireless effort, he laid a foundation upon which his children and descendants continue, both collectively and individually, to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

In his late 70s, Tito "retired" in name only. In the subsequent years, he divided his time between the United States and the Philippines, where he generously helped individuals and families uplift their lives and economic circumstances. When diagnosed with cancer in 2025, he faced the illness with the same bravery, unwavering faith, and sheer force of will that defined his life. Though his psyche remained strong and his tenacity formidable, his body could not overcome the disease.

Tito is now reunited in heavenly peace with his infant son, Jose Tito.

Tito de Leon Sr. leaves behind a lasting legacy as an intellectual warrior, humanitarian, linguist, orator, farmer, builder, traveler, husband, father, and God-fearing man. A wandering and wondering Renaissance pioneer, he has traveled onward but remains with us through the family he cherished and the lives he touched. Dressed in his Barong Tagalog and barefoot, Tito will be laid to rest in Colma, California.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Lily; his children, Pauly, Cecil, Tito Jr., Tito III, and Lisa; daughters-in-law Lyn, Lexie, and Nancy; his grandchildren Ethan, Elijah, Olivia, Faith, step-grandson Sean, Lianne, Sophia, and Celyn; and Manga, the family's frisky cat.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests prayers and Mass intentions for

the repose of his soul.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Fairfield Funeral Home
1750 Pennsylvania Ave.
Fairfield, CA 94533
(707) 425-1041
info@fairfieldfuneral-home.com
<http://www.fairfieldfuneral-home.com/>

No food or drinks allowed inside Chapel area. Water only allowed

Funeral Mass

JUL 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

St. Augustine
3700 Callan Blvd
South San Francisco, CA 94080
staugustinessf@aol.com
<https://www.staugustinessf.org/>

Burial

JUL 1. 12:00 PM (PT)

Holy Cross Cemetery
1500 Mission Road
Colma, CA 94014