



Melquiades M. Diegor

December 24, 2022

Melquiades “Mel” Diegor, age 90, passed away during the early morning hours of Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022. The youngest of 13 children, Mel was born in Manila, Philippines, to the late Ricardo and Paz Diegor. A wonderful storyteller, he often told vivid stories about his time as a young boy in Manila during WWII and growing up in the tough neighborhood of Tondo. He joked that his older sisters, who were teachers, would lecture him because he was often caught playing hooky from school. It was a surprise to them, and himself, when he placed 5th in the nation during the Philippine architectural board examination following his graduation from National University. The honor made him a top recruit for Adrian Wilson, a U.S. architectural firm where he worked as a contractor for the U.S. Navy in Saigon. He was later transferred to America, where he ultimately retired from Jeter, Cook, and Jepson Architects in Hartford. However, the best part of moving to America was meeting the love of his life, Judy. In 2019, Mel and Judy celebrated 50 years of marriage surrounded by friends and family. Together, they were active in the Filipino community where they were founding members of the Philippine Association of Connecticut, Inc., and Mel later served as its Vice President in the late 90s.

He is survived by his loving wife Judy, his daughter Melody (Andrew), and his beautiful grandchildren Jack and Olivia. They were the center of his world. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law Leticia Peralta of West Hartford, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and truly great friends. Calling hours will take place

on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at 9am at the Church of St. Timothy in West Hartford followed by a funeral service at 10am. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Streaming link:

<https://youtu.be/sI9R2aE-m6k>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Mass of Christian Burial

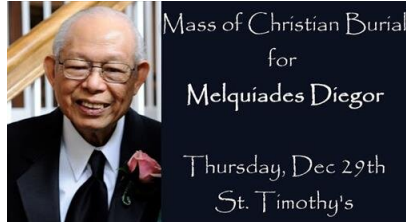
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Tribute Wall



“ Molloy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melquiades M. Diegor



Molloy Funeral Home - December 29, 2022 at 08:48 AM

HL

“ My deepest condolences to the Diegor Family. Prayers for comfort during this difficult time. - Helena Lyttle

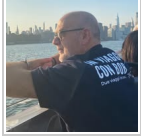
Helena Lyttle - January 03, 2023 at 08:38 AM

MF

“ Although he is no longer with you, you created moments together that will shelter your hearts with peaceful memories, redefining how the love you shared is still your guide. “When the family chain seems broken, nothing seems the same, but even as we are called one by one, the chain somehow links again.” - unknown



Mildred & Robles Duprey Family - December 29, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ We are very close to you in this moment, we want to send our condolences to all family! A big hug

Roberto Marongiu - December 29, 2022 at 12:22 AM

ML

“ May you Rest in the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, dear Tito Mel. I will fondly remember Tito Mel being kind, giving, selfless, happy and always with a smile. He did not want much for himself but rather for Tita Jo and Melody, the apple of his heart. Please pray and watch over your family and for all of us, when you join our Lord Jesus, our Blessed Mother Mary, and Saint Joseph. May Eternal rest be upon you Tito Mel and let Perpetual light shine upon you, in Jesus Most Holy Name. Amen.

Mary Anne S. Llamas-Millar - December 28, 2022 at 10:16 PM

MG

“ Praying for the Diegor family at your time of loss. He was a remarkable man who left an incredible legacy. Please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months to come. Meg Gorecki

Meg Gorecki - December 28, 2022 at 03:34 PM

SM

“ I'm profoundly saddened for the loss of your father. Thinking of you & your family and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember someone who was so close to you. You will be in my prayers ~Stephanie Mott



Stephanie Mott - December 28, 2022 at 01:39 PM

TB

“ On behalf of my family we extend our deepest condolences to The Diegor Family. We will be praying for you through this difficult time.

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal"

Tom Battles

Thomas Battles - December 28, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Melquiades M. Diegor.



December 28, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melquiades M. Diegor.



December 27, 2022 at 09:00 PM

JL

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of being a colleague of Mel's at JCJ for a very long time. He was a wonderful man and part of the bedrock of our practice. He is fondly remembered by many and he left a remarkable legacy.

James LaPosta - December 27, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melquiades M. Diegor.*



December 27, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Melquiades M. Diegor.*



December 27, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. Mel is one of the first friends we met when we moved to CT. We will always remember him for his jokes. May he rest in peace. I am sorry I will not be able to pay my respects as I am in CA. Will be praying for him and his family.*

cecile - December 27, 2022 at 12:44 PM