

"Bill" Comia, MD





Bill passed away on July 30, 2015 in his home town of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro province in central Philippines. He was 81 years old.

After his studies at the University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Leovigildo Comia worked as a resident at the Philippine General Hospital in Manila. Then he joined Operation Brotherhood (OB) in Laos from 1966 to 1969. He returned to Manila and went into private practice there before settling in Bongabong to establish the Wilhemina Comia Memorial Hospital, named after a sister Wilhemina, an OB registered nurse who died in a vehicular accident in southern Laos in April 1969. Another OB doctor, the late Felix Romero, joined his staff.

Bill was born August 30, 1933 in Bongabong , the second of seven children of Demetrio Comia and Claudia Martinez. He was married to Nelly Llave and they have six children-- Lynnel, Boy Jr., Lily May, Leah, Leovigildo III and Lorelie Gay. He and his wife Nelly who is also a medical doctor operated the Bongabong hospital before she passed away in 1993. After her death, he sold his share of the hospital and moved to Roxas, Oriental Mindoro and opened a private clinic. He remarried to Llezl Cay with whom he has one child Angel.

In Laos he was a member of the medical staff at the OB 100-bed hospital in Vientiane, the capital city. As part of his duties, he trained a number of Lao radiology assistants. Forward messages in the care of Lynnel Comia-Perez at 2219 Otterbein Avenue, Rowland Heights, California 91748; email lynn_per07@yahoo.com.

Kindly forward this obituary to persons who knew Bill during our Laos times. Attached are photos of those days with him. First two photos show Bill in Vientiane; in the third group photo he is seated front row, far right.

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