

JOSE FABRICANTE RAVANO, MD

Jose (Joe) F. Ravano, MD, passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at home with family at his side. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Paraluman (Lou) in December 2017, he was without his love for too long and now is reunited with her in bliss. He was the loving father of Edwin (wife, Rowena Pingul-Ravano), and Jose Jr. (wife, Irene Fraser); and adored grandfather to Alexandra and Felicity.

After graduating from the University of the Philippines College of Medicine, he came to Pittsburgh for his surgical residency training at Allegheny General and Montefiore Hospitals. He completed his fellowship in Colorectal Surgery at the Mayo Clinic and ultimately spent much of his career at Forbes Regional Hospital. He had a busy private practice, with offices in Monroeville, Connellsville, and Natrona Heights. He was very active with the Monroeville Rotary Club, where he was club president and rang the bell for Salvation Army donations and implemented a drive-up vaccination campaign he called "Drive-by Shots"; he later proudly served as a District Governor for Rotary District 7300. He was influential in the Filipino community in Pittsburgh, serving as President of the Samahang Pilipino Ng Pittsburgh (which later became the Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh), was a big supporter of the Philippine American Performing Arts of Greater Pittsburgh (where his granddaughters danced), and was also active with the Philippine American Medical Society of Western PA. His charitable work also extended to serving on the board of Brother's Brother Foundation, and he was proud to be able to deliver a state-of-the-art ambulance to rural Philippines. He loved to travel, traipsing around the world with his beloved Lou.

Most of all, he was a proud grandfather who would drive everywhere to watch his granddaughters' many activities and sports events, once driving 6 hours from Philadelphia to watch a dance recital for 3½ minutes then driving back to Philadelphia. He was beloved by all who met him because of his endless Dad jokes, funny stories, and obsession with hats, outhouses, and anything Marilyn Monroe.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Philippine American Performing Arts of Greater Pittsburgh, The Monroeville Rotary Club, or Brother's Brother Foundation. Friends will be received Friday, August 4, 2023, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the **JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC. (MONROEVILLE/PLUM CHAPEL)**, 445 Beatty Road, Monroeville (412-856-4747). Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Baptist Parish on August 5, 2023, at 12:30 pm. Interment to follow at Homewood Cemetery. Please add or view tributes at www.jobefuneralhome.com

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