



Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly"

April 1, 1944 - August 1, 2024

Born on April 1, 1944 in Claveria, Cagayan, Philippines, Mr. Taruc was the son of the late Maximo Taruc, Sr. and Justiniana Leaño. He started his career as a school teacher and worked his way up the career ladder to a Head Teacher, to a Principal I and Principal II, and eventually earned his PhD in Education to become a District Supervisor. His career as a Supervisor in the Philippines was distinguished for many years before he retired at the age of 65. He also played the clarinet in a band which was his side gig for a few years and which he pursued as a hobby. As a Musician, he was granted a college scholarship to earn his degree in Education; he was also the Conductor for his Rondalla and a Choir Master for school competitions. He was a strong advocate for the promotion of his deserving co-teachers, often writing recommendations to the Division Officer. He inspired the practice of giving awards and recognition to both pupils and teachers. Mr. Taruc was best known for his fair judgement and equal approach to everyone working under him. This resolute desire to help others was shaped by his humble roots. Being the oldest of 8 children, he helped his parents by selling magazines on foot and travelling to nearby towns selling slippers. From this humble beginnings came the spearheader of an organization, as one of the founders of what is now known as the Claveria Agri-based Multipurpose Cooperative. He became an entrepreneur by owning an appliance center and becoming the biggest distributor of propane gas in Claveria. Because of this, he was able to provide 100% of his daughters' education through Nursing, Physical Therapy and Medicine. He was

respected for his strict, yet loving approach as a father to his five daughters by instilling his core values of generosity, honesty and respect, humility and kindness, discipline and competence, courage and endurance, indomitability and willpower, optimism and hope, and fear God. He was a devout member of the Couples for Christ, the Cursillo of the Catholic Church, and a pious attendee of Catholic masses.

His zest for life manifested through his love for outdoor activities like traveling, a walk in the neighborhood, dining out, going to the movies, and shopping. In his last months, he enjoyed driving to the Veteran's Park in St. Petersburg, FL. and travelled in his own style to London, Paris, and Italy for his 80th birthday. He had a great appetite for food and enjoyed his occasional coffee jelly and taro boba and treats from Red Ribbon. Mr. Taruc was very social and he kept his connections from home through his Facebook social media. He had a collection of his happy selfies and warm smiles.

His deep love for his family and his keen insight into people made him a cherished figure in the lives of those who knew him. Like a wondrous ray of light that shone in resplendence, he will be deeply missed by all.

Mr. Taruc was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Edelwina, and his brothers Roldan Taruc and Maximo Taruc, Jr.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Rosita Taruc; his daughters Florosita "Chita" Castillejos (Gil), Linaflor "Lina" Hernandez, Cherryll "Cherryll" Libed (Boyet), Mylene "Mylene" Ladera (ex-spouse, George) and Verlyrose "Verly" Torres (Kim); 11 grandchildren; his siblings Blesilda Zamora, Espedita

Jarabe, Blanche Nacar, and Reynald Taruc; his sister-in-law, Dialita Mandac (Elpidio); and special family members Eden, Ron, and Len.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 8, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7809 46th Way, Pinellas Park 33781, followed by burial at Calvary Cemetery. Reception follows.

Memorial Service and Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 7, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, R. Lee Williams Chapel, 3530 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL. 33710

Donations to the family can be made through Zelle to Cherryll Libed at 817-456-8110 or on venmo at @Clibed.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

5233 118th Ave N.
Clearwater , FL 33760

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory (Formerly R. Lee Williams & Son) - St. Petersburg Chapel
3530 49th Street N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
<http://DeGusipe.com>

A Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
7809 46th Way North
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Burial

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Catholic Cemetery
5233 118th Ave N.
Clearwater , FL 33760

Tribute Wall

GT

“ Gilbert, Michelle, Mia and Luz- from Tx planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".

Gilbert, Michelle, Mia and Luz- from Tx - August 08, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ Yellow Roses and Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".



August 08, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ The Lucky 9ers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".

The Lucky 9ers - August 07, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".



August 07, 2024 at 10:29 AM

GH

“ George & Helen purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".



George & Helen - August 07, 2024 at 09:33 AM

ML

“ Mona/jack L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".

Mona/jack L. - August 06, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".



August 06, 2024 at 11:40 AM

L+

“ Love from Big 10 Family +1 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".

Love from Big 10 Family +1 - August 06, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".



August 05, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



cherryll - August 05, 2024 at 06:44 AM



“ The Ladera Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".

The Ladera Family - August 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM

TF

“ *The Ladera Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".*



The Ladera Family - August 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Vey Torres - August 04, 2024 at 03:02 PM

GL

“ *Graciela Ladera purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Verulo Alfino Taruc "Rolly".*



Graciela Ladera - August 04, 2024 at 12:33 PM

CH

“ *cherryll lit a candle in memory of Verulo Taruc*



cherryll - August 03, 2024 at 11:23 PM

ML

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Mylene Ladera - August 03, 2024 at 05:23 PM