



Dr. Demetrio Penafiel Potente

October 8, 1922 - June 3, 2022

Dr. Demetrio "Deme" Penafiel Potente, age 99, passed away on June 3, 2022 at the NC Little Hospice House in Edina, MN. Deme was born on October 8, 1922 in the Philippines to Felipe Potente and Dolores Penafiel. Deme studied in the Philippines to be a doctor. Deme served in the USAFFE (United States Armed Forces of the Far East) during World War II and then continued in medical practice for several years in the Philippines. He then came to Minneapolis, MN to further his medical education and specialize in urology. He worked as a urologist in several metro hospitals, including Asbury Methodist and Minneapolis General Hospital. He met his beloved wife, Bethel Weiss RN (registered nurse) while working in this setting. Deme and Bethel were married May 17, 1958 and enjoyed 64 years of marriage together.

Later in life Deme worked in research, he and Bethel loved traveling in different countries as well as in the US. They were avid walkers and when the Mall of America opened, they were the face of the Mall Walkers group and walked over 1000 miles. Deme always wanted to learn more, reading anything he could get his hands on, studied music, history, geography, languages and current affairs among other things. He loved being with family and friends, was kind and caring of all and was so loved by all his relatives and friends.

Funeral service to be held Thursday, June 16 at 11 AM at Calvary Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley. Visitation one hour prior.

Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley
7520 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Church Service

JUN 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Thank you for your love and generosity our dear uncle nonoy, as we fondly call you. forever you will be loved and remembered. rest in peace on His love and glory. till we meet again. love, wanda and family.

Aunt Bethel, though we have never met you, we love and respect you highly as our uncle nonoy described you to be a loving and compassionate wife to him. thank you very much for loving and taking care of him and to all your siblings, nieces and the rest of your family. on this darkest times we are one with you, please accept our sympathies. be strong and stay safe. love, wanda and family

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“ To my beloved Uncle Demy, I will never forget my visit to you and Aunt Bethel's home during my journey to my freshman year in college heading to New England. Traveling solo for the first time in the US mainland from Guam, it was very nerve racking to say the least to be on my own and so far away from home. Yet, your constant words of encouragement and assurances that you're just a phone call away really helped me feel at ease. You have always been so gracious with your time and never hesitated to lend a helping hand. Your life's accomplishments have inspired generations of your family members in the healthcare industry. And lastly, it is such an honor to have had you and Aunt Beth travel to California to participate in my wedding. I can still recall how happy beyond words, it made mom, your kid sister, that you have joined her in California to celebrate the marriage of her first born. Thank you for everything that you do, Godspeed Uncle Demy.

Noel Potente Muyco



Noel Potente Muyco - June 16, 2022 at 03:16 PM

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“Demetri was a colleague and friend of ours (both John and Betty Kendall) at General Mills Chemicals/Henkel at the East Hennepin Labs. We were saddened when we lost touch after Henkel moved out of state. I've shared the obituary with some of our former colleagues; remembering him brings back wonderful memories. I've copied a couple of clippings about Demetri -- one is an article honoring the "inventors" for the company and the other was the page about him from the "mass retirement" event at Jax Cafe in NE Minneapolis.

We know from our shared Christian Faith that Demetri is rejoicing with Jesus now in Heaven!

John and Betty Kendall
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Betty Kendall - June 12, 2022 at 09:09 PM