



## We remember Cory...

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Words of remembrance and thanks for Cory Aquino, who showed that people and peaceful protest can make a difference.

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C-Cimpel mourns the death of Cory Aquino. The Filipinos can be proud of the democratic legacy she brought back to the nation. We honor her life and legacy, if as a people, we move on to live the values of integral politics and governance that she has consistently espoused. - **C-Cimpel executive director Marilu Chiongbian**

The demise of our President Cory is a great loss to the country not just because she was a champion of democracy, but also because President Cory has been a beacon for good governance and unconditional dedication to the public service. Both in life and in death, Tita Cory, as she is fondly called by our people, has wielded the famous Cory magic by uniting the Filipino people in faith and prayer. Her death is truly a reiteration of Ninoy's eternal words —the Filipino is worth dying for. Our prayers goes to Tita Cory and her family. - **Lapu Lapu City Mayor Arturo Radaza**



We are saddened by her death. It was during her presidency that the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program was made into law. Although it has loopholes, there were farmers who were able to assert their rights and able to avail of benefits due them. Even after her presidency, especially at this time where there is graft and corruption and some who want to perpetuate themselves in power, Cory Aquino stood up with the farmers. - **Estrella Catarata, executive director of the Central Visayas Farmers Development Center**

Mao ba, namatay na siya? Kung makakita kog yellow nga color, maka-remember jud ko niya, because for me it symbolizes unity, sama sa iya gibuhat para natong Pilipino. (Is that so, she already died? If I see the color yellow I always remember her because she symbolizes unity. It's what she did for us Filipinos)" - **Allan Malingin, security guard of M. Lhuillier Pawnshop**

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We lost an important icon of our time, one who rallied unity for truth and democracy. Her memory will continue to inspire any nation gripped with killings, corruption and dictatorships. *Sayang*, we lost her at a very critical period of our nation's history. - **Vince Cinches, executive director of the Central Visayas Fisherfolk's Development Center.**



May her death serve as a catalyst to resolve the country's governance in similar manner that Ninoy's death hastened the dictator's fall. Cory will remain in the hearts of many who remember her courage for seeking the truth. - **Lito Vasquez, Freedom from Debt Coalition-Cebu**



*Usa siya sa maayong presidente sa atong nasud base sa akong mga nadunggan, but-an man pud gyud siya. Maayo na lang pud kapahuway na gyud siya (I heard that she was a good president and a good person. It's better that she is now at rest.)* - **Jojo Cagid, out-of-school youth and vendor**

*Gulang na man pud siya, maguol ta sa iyang pagkamatay pero malipay na pud ko, kay di na kaayo siya mag-antos, sama sa pag-antos niya sa pagkawa sa iyanag bana ug sa pagkuha balik sa atong demokrasya. (She's already old and I am saddened by her passing. But I am also happy that she can now rest from her suffering like when she suffered when her husband passed away and she suffered much in giving us back our democracy.)* - **Marlita Sugarol, street vendor**



*I was in 4th year high school during EDSA people power in 1986. I finally met her personally in 1998, and I can't forget how she was gentle and soft spoken."* - **Undersecretary of DDB, Atty. Paul Clarence Oaminal**

# Thousands grieve for Cory on Web

Manila – The outpouring of condolences and support for former President Cory Aquino continues to flood the Internet, a venue for those who cannot join thousands who gathered in the streets to pay respect and mourn her passing.

Many of those who are attending Mrs. Aquino's wake at Manila Cathedral are sending updates through microblogging sites Twitter and Plurk.

Currently the word "Manila Cathedral", where Aquino's body is being brought for necrological service, is at the top 10 most discussed topics on Twitter.

Meanwhile, the words "Cory Aquino," "Tita Cory," "Manila Cathedral," "Yellow Ribbon," and "Ayala" are

among the top trends in Plurk.

Cory Aquino's death last Saturday morning has been consistently one of the most discussed topics in both sites.

Since Saturday, Internet traffic through social networking sites, forums and even YouTube were already up after Aquino succumbed to colon cancer.

Facebook accounts about the former president are being activated. Several hundred users of the popular social networking site are clicking to become supporters.

"President Cory has sacrificed so much for love of God and country. Not anyone of us would have done what she did," one Facebook subscriber said.

Another subscriber, Rica

Prats said: "rest in peace Pres Cory. Thank you for bringing freedom from dictatorship and democracy to an oppressed country. We will miss you!"

Twitter and Plurk were among the first to register increased traffic.

One of the more popular images that came out since Mrs. Aquino's medical condition became known was the virtual yellow ribbon, which started on July 23 by the blog forum Barrio Siete (<http://barriosiete.com/touch-a-blogger-tie-a-yellow-ribbon-for-cory-aquino/>).

The call gathered steam in the following weeks as her condition worsened. Many users pasted the iconic yellow ribbon on their blogs and even on their pictures. /INQUIRER



STUDENTS display their messages as they line up to watch the funeral motorcade of former President Corazon Aquino at Makati City as the motorcade was on its way to on the way to the Manila Cathedral. AP

## Go, Cebuanos pay tribute to Cory

UNIVERSITY of Cebu owner Augusto Go has ordered flags in all his school campuses to be lowered to half mast and special prayers be held in school to pay tribute to the late former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino.

"Cory is a great loss to the Filipino people. She was an inspiration, the one who brought back democracy to the Philippines," said Go.

He said Aquino served the presidency with honesty and integrity, and everybody looked up to the Philippines at that time.

Go said he was thankful for Aquino for appointing him officer-in-charge

(OIC) vice mayor of Cebu City in 1986 after former President Ferdinand Marcos was ousted from power.

Lawyers in Cebu City will hold a special mass for former President Aquino at the Redemptorist Church on Wednesday in time of her burial, said former IBP Cebu City president Democrito Barcenas.

Barcenas, who was appointed OIC Cebu vice governor in 1986, said they will also hold a forum in Wednesday morning at the IBP Social Hall at the Capitol compound to honor the former president and to recall their experiences with her.

The Bishops Businessmen's Conference (BBC) Cebu chapter will also hold a Mass on Thursday 5 p.m. at the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral for the peaceful rest of Aquino's soul. The public is invited.

The Cebu provincial government placed its flag at half-mast yesterday.

The Cebu City government led by the city's first lady Margot Osmeña offered a Mass yesterday for former president Aquino at the social hall in the legislative building.

The Mass was attended by City Hall officials and employees. /CORRESPONDENT JHUNNEX NAPALLACAN WITH REPORTER MARIAN Z. CODILLA