

Orlando Castillo Calasan

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Orlando Castillo Calasan was born on February 25, 1942, in the northernmost area of the Philippines, in a town named Aaparri. He was the youngest of six children of Maximino Calasan Sr, a school principal, and Praxedes Castillo Calasan, a school teacher. Orly, as he is fondly called by his family and friends, lost his father at an early age due to typhoid fever.

He was raised, along with his older siblings, by their mother Praxedes, who continued to work as a school teacher and a tailor/seamstress.

Orly moved to Manila during his high school years, with the support and guidance of his older brother Gregorio, who at that time was a labor attorney and eventually became an arbitrator and judge in labor law. His brother Gregorio helped to support him through his college academic endeavors. Orly enrolled and attended Far Eastern University, where he studied medical sciences and medical laboratory technology. He would complete his studies having earned a Bachelor Degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences in 1969.

During this time, he had met the love of his life Violeta “Elvie” Lising, and they dated for 6 years before getting married at the St John the Baptist Catholic Church/ San Juan Pinaglabanan on July 11, 1970. Following their marriage, they established a thriving tailoring business in Manila, only to be gifted to their master tailor when they migrated to Canada.



Orly and Elvie's first-born son Patrick was born in Manila on July 3, 1972. Shortly after Patrick's birth, Orly and his young family moved to Vancouver Canada on October 29, 1973. Orly would go on to continue his education in the field of medicine, his passion. He studied at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and was accepted into the cyto-technology specialty class with the BC Cancer Institute. There, Orly excelled as he completed his studies at the top of his class for theory, and second in class for practical applications. Orly was a dedicated member of the BC Cancer Agency's cytology/ cyto-technology department, having worked there for 28 years before retiring in 2003.

Orly and Elvie's second son Francis was born on March 22, 1979, in Vancouver. With a young and growing family, Orly and Elvie purchased their second home in Richmond, where they raised their boys. Orly would drive them daily to Vancouver College on his way to work at the BC Cancer Agency. Both boys completed elementary and high school studies at VC, which Orly believed would provide his boys with a solid education coupled with Catholic values, ideals, and beliefs.

Orly has always been calm, sincere, considerate, and kind. His many friends and family would attest to his calm demeanor, thoughtful actions, and pleasant personality. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, and their friends, having visited, toured, cruised, and travelled to many countries including China, Thailand, England, Scotland, France, Spain, Mexico, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Sweden, Japan, and many others. He would travel to several US areas but favored visiting Palm Springs where Patrick and his family live, and Las Vegas, where he and Elvie owned a vacation home.

Orly is survived by Elvie his loving wife of 52 years, his sons Patrick (Trisha) and Francis (Janelle) and six grandchildren Brendan, Haley, Nathan, Mateo, Noah, and Chloe, his sister Yol, and countless family and friends.

Details of service are as follows;

Viewing, Visitation, and Prayers

Monday, May 15, 2023 5-8 pm St Monica Parish, 12011 Woodhead Road,
Richmond, BC Catholic Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal (Burial) Tuesday, May
16, 2023 1030am St Monica Parish, 12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond BC (Burial
to follow at Ocean View Cemetery, Garden of Peace, Burnaby BC)

Messages of Condolence

Love & Prayers for the eternal repose of Orly ! Thank you for the friendship we shared.

RIP Orly. Our deepest sympathy to Elvie & family! The love you shared with one another will last a lifetime. Love never ends. Blessings, Noy & Angie

— **Noy & Angie Cruz**

You will be missed and never forgotten, Orly. Thank you for being a devoted wife to my childhood friend, Elvie and loving father to Patrick and Francis. May you rest in eternal peace.

— **Connie Gratil**

We pray for Orly and the eternal repose of his soul. Orly was a good man, God loving husband, father, uncle, cousin and friend. We will surely miss you, Orly.

— **Francis and Minnie**

Our deepest condolence to Elvie, Patrick & family, Francis & family, mng Yolly & her whole family including many nieces & nephews.

Thank you for sharing Orly w/ us, a true friend.

Orly might not be here physically but the many memories we shared w/ your family will stay forever .

Rest in Peace dear Orly.

— **Tony & Sally Papilla**

Glad we got to meet him and the family. He raised a great set of boys to say the least.

Everyone loved him and we r glad he's w the lord.

He's in good hands now.

Great tribute

— **Vince Reyes**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Calasan family.

Eternal rest grant unto Orly's soul O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

— **Grace Guevarra**

We are deeply saddened to hear of Tito Orly's passing. May you all be comforted with his love and precious memories.

He will be greatly missed.

John 16:22

"So you have sorrow now , but I will see you again. Then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy!"

Hugging you all tight with the love of Jesus

Sincerely,

Jojo, Mariesel & Theo

— **Mariesel C De La Masa**

May his soul rest in peace

— **Belen Jacinto**

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Calasan family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

— **Joseph Brinson**

Please accept our deepest condolences ate Elvie , Patrick , Francis and know that God loves you all and can restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you. Welcome Home Kuya Orly

— **Grace and Celso Baldo**

Our deepest condolences Elvie & family. May Orly's loving memories comfort you all during this difficult time. Rest peaceful in Heaven Orly.

— **Carmelita Llavore Cagayat**

Love and prayers to the Calasan family.

— **Armand & Antoinette Pangilinan**

Dear Elvie & Family,

Our deepest sympathy and condolences. Thank you for the friendship. We'll miss you, Orly. May you Rest In Peace.

Love and prayers,

— **Edith Banawa**

You have raised your sons to be good fathers and role models to your grandchildren. The Lord says “well done, good and faithful servant.”

Rest In Peace, Orly.

Our sympathies to Elvie and family.

Our love and prayers, Dante & Chett

— **Dante & Chett Serion**

There are no words to express my sadness for having to say goodbye to our beloved Kuya Orly. You will be missed by a lot of loved ones, family, relatives and friends. You are such a kind soul. We love you so so much. Rest in peace, we will take care of the love of your life Ate Elvie.

— **Bel**

I am proud and so lucky to have called Orly my Tito. It has been difficult to accept his passing. I take comfort in knowing he is at peace with G-d and his love for us lives on through us. He had such a great influence in my life, showing the impact of true kindness. You can see kindness simply by looking in his eyes. I'm thinking of you and here for you, Francis, Dennis, Tita Elvie and the family because my grief is only a glimpse of yours, I'm sure. Tito Orly, thank you for the good that you were and the legacy you have left. Our world needs more of it. I will miss you.

— **Aina Tarnow**



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