

ORTEGA

Reunion 2017



140TH Years

151ST Years

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

MARCH 10-11, 2017



Heraldry is the medieval art system meant to distinguish and display a family's coat of arms. A coat of arms has 3 parts: **the head** (*what is found on top of the shield*) & on its side: **the shield** (*the center of the coat of arms*), and **the ribbon** *at the bottom of the shield that bears the family name or family motto.* Heraldry colors are: "vert" for green; "rose" for red; "or" for gold (not yellow); "azure" for blue; "argent" for white or silver. The shield design may be plain covered by only one color, described in heraldry terms as covered in a field of vert; or may be split horizontally or vertically with 2 colors or in quadrant.

The Ortega shield has an inner shield with a field of "azure" having 7 diagonal lines of "or" slanted from the north-west corner to the south-east. This inner shield is bordered with a field of "Rose" with 10 'or' Xs, that are placed with 3 Xs on the top and bottom of the border, and with 2Xs on the middle of the sides. The head contains a helmet, preferred by the Ortega Clan in battle with 6 feathers on top of the helmet arranged in sequence of or, rose, azure, or, rose and or colors. The helmet does not have a crown for it means the Ortega's are not of royal blood. To have a coat of arms means a family of noble blood-meaning the prime Ortega ancestor did a noble deed in battle, of strategic importance to Spain, or the Ortega men of arms unit were responsible for winning a major battle.

By:

Brig. General Froilan M. Maglaya, Ret.

Welcome to the **ORTEGA** *Reunion 2017*

Queridos familias de...

**Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana
Manuel Ortega y Cabello de Pancian, Ilocos Norte
Floirendo y Ortega
Ortega y Campos Floirendo
Ortega de Cebu
Ortega de Otras Partes de Filipinas y del Mundo**

The last time we had a reunion was 21 years ago, on March 10, 1996. When Tio Titing learned he was sick, he called us, his nephews and nieces to organize an Ortega reunion to be held on his birthday. He called me before this to ask if Mary Jane could join the organizing committee. It was December of 1995 and we all assembled at his Bel-Air Apartment along Roxas Boulevard. When Mary Jane and I arrived, our cousins invited by Tio Titing were already there and he said, "Now, I leave you all to discuss and plan for the reunion. I will have to go for my treatment and will be back soon after, so please wait for me."

We decided to hold the reunion on March 10 because we were afraid that if we would plan for November, Tio Titing might already be too weak. We suggested March because of the birthdays of Lola and Lolo Joaquin which are March 9 and March 11, respectively. The reason we gave Tio Titing was this would be a pre-Reunion so we can have a bigger one in November. Butch Maglaya was then with the Philippine Army as Lt. Colonel and so we had it at Camp Aguinaldo Hall. It was well attended with 475(?) attendees.

Before Tio Titing left for the United States for treatment, we visited him at the Ilocos Training and Regional Hospital. He told me and Mary Jane, "For future reunions, do not hold it on my birthday. You can have it either on Pacoy's birthday or anytime in summer so that the children who are still studying can also attend the reunion."

I would like to commend the Ortega Twins, Luz Bolong and Nila Argel who thought of the reunion, and together with Joey Ortega, came to see me. Being the oldest male among the third generation, they asked that I be the Chairman. Luz and Nila and Joey were joined by Kit Ortega, Butch Maglaya, John Orros, Cedric Panis, Victor Floirendo of Hawaii, Shirley Ortega of Pancian, Ilocos Norte, my daughter, Rica, Quinit's daughter, Icay Orros, and my wife, Mary Jane as members of the Organizing Committee, meeting at my office at the Ancestral House of Pacoy and Corazon for the first time. To them, I said, "The frills

are not important, the main reason for this reunion is for the next generation, that they may be proud of their ancestors and be the bond that would unite the family." The organizing committee was later joined by Bert and Eduard Lacsamana, Eduard and Merlin Floirendo, John Orros and supported on Facebook by the other cousins abroad. To all of them, thank you for being the workhorse of this reunion.

We were happy to learn that our cousins from Turkey, United States and Europe are flying in to attend this occasion. We thank the Provincial Government headed by Gov. Francisco "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, for hosting us on March 10 at the Provincial Capitol and Senior Board Member Francisco "Kit" Ortega and Delia for having us in their home at Cadaclan, City of San Fernando where we, the Familia de Francisco y Corazon, would be hosting you for lunch the next day, March 11, 2017. We also would like to thank Luz and Danny Bolong for opening up their rooms at Sea and Sky for those who are coming in from out of town. To all the other sponsors, Thank You.

There are so many others to thank and I am sure, Lolo Joaquin and Lola Paca will ask that you all be blessed. And for those who will come to attend the reunion, enjoy the camaraderie and strengthen the bond of friendship amongs us to those who cannot come but are with us in spirit, "DIOS ITI AGNGINA. Agyamanak unay.

Victor Francisco C. Ortega

Chairman

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DAY 1

Provincial Capitol of La Union
Friday, March 10, 2017

2:30 P.M.	Registration And Viewing Of The Family Tree Exhibit
3:30 P.M.	Group Photo At The Steps Of The Provincial Capitol
4:00 P.M.	Holy Mass At The Diego Silang Hall
	Celebrant - Rev. Fr. Froilan Saluta
5:00 P.M.	Fellowship
6:00 P.M.	Program Proper
	Angelus And Invocation
	National Anthem
	La Union Hymn

Welcome Remarks **Gov. Francisco "Pacoy" R. Ortega III**

Opening Remarks **Chairman Victor F. Ortega**

Hall Of Honor Awards – Posthumous

Second Generation	Jose "Pepe" Ortega y Lacsamana
	Luis Ortega y Lacsamana
	Francisco "Pacoy" Isabelo Ortega y Lacsamana
	Joaquin "Tifing" Ortega y Lacsamana
	Evaristo "Bisting" Ortega y Lacsamana
	Antonia And Gov. Pio Ancheta
	Vicenta "Tentay" And Col. Emiliano Panis
	Ramona "Nena" And Col. Eduardo Montilla
	Corazon Campos Ortega-Gintong Ina, Asean Mother
	Rosa Ubaldo Ortega –NFWC Outstanding Mother
	Jesus "Jesse" Floirendo y Ortega
	Joaquina "Nifang" And Justo Orros, Sr.
	Maria "Mary" And Dr. Fernandico Gonong
	Concepcion "Conching" Ortega y Lacsamana

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Longevity Awards

Second Generation **Juanita "Tetang" Valdivia Lacsamana – 100 Years Old**

Third Generation **Carmen Ortega Panis Jacinto – 98 Years Old**

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Third Generation **Ambassador Eduardo O. Montilla**

Vice Mayor Joaquin 'Kining' Ortega

Ambassador Justo "Tito" O. Orros, Jr.

Atty. Manuel 'Litong' O. Montilla

Francisca 'Paquita' O. Montilla – Maglaya

Lourdes 'Penny' O. Montilla-Kleindienst

Fourth Generation **Francesca 'Paquitchie' Maglaya**

DAY 2

Palos Verdes, Mountain Residence of Kit And Della Ortega at Cadaclan
Saturday, March 11, 2017

Time For Those Who Would Like To Tour The La Union Botanical Garden,
Go Swimming, Lawn Bowling And Participate In The Games,
You May Go Early.

10:00 am	Offering of Flowers to the tombs of Lolo Joaquin Ortega-Lacsamana & Lola Paca and others. (City Cemetery, Lingsat, San Fernando City, La Union)
11:30 am	Lunch at Palos Verdes
2:30 pm	Leave Palos Verdes for Tour
3:00 pm	Visit the Penny Kleindienst Building at the Stella Maris In Quirino, Bacnotan
4:30 pm	Visit the Marine Center where the collection of Litong Montilla will be donated by the Montilla family
6:00 pm	Visit Our Lady of Namacpacan and then the Montilla house In Luna. Anticipated Holy Mass and offer it to Commemorate the 151 st Birthday Anniversary of Don Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin
7:30 pm	Dinner at Pilgrims' Inn

Hall of Honor **1st** GENERATION

GOV. JOAQUIN ORTEGA Y JOAQUINO

(Lolo Joaquin)

Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin was born in Cebu to Antonio Ortega y Verzosa of Manila and Juana Joaquin of Surigao on March 11, 1866.

In 1867, his grandfather, Joaquin Ortega y Molina, a Captain of the Spanish Army, died and was buried at San Agustin Church in Intramuros, Manila. Joaquin Ortega y Molina must have died happy knowing that a descendant was named after him. In 1864, Capitan Joaquin Ortega y Molina, a Peninsular, a term used for those born in Spain, had a child baptized in Aringay church, La Union and named him Jose Maria Roman Ortega y Verzosa, and the mother was Maria Verzosa, an Insular, a term used for those born in the Islands of the Philippines, and more particularly in Manila. From this we gather, that although Lolo Joaquin was born in Cebu, his grandparents lived in La Union in 1864. Could this be why, when they needed someone to head the Tabacalera in San Fernando, they chose Antonio? Lolo Joaquin was only 16 years old when his father Antonio was assigned in La Union and was a student at the University of Santo Tomas. In 1889, he also worked with the Tabacalera in Carlatán, San Fernando, La Union.

When the Americans landed at the port of the Tabacalera in Carlatán, Lolo Joaquin had all the women and children brought to safety and bravely met the Americans. When the Americans were choosing from among three Filipino candidates to be appointed the First Civil Filipino Governor for La Union, this is how Col. William Penn Duvall described him as written on May 24, 1901 -

‘Senor Ortega...31 years old, born in Cebu, and a resident of Carlatán since 1889, is married and has 5 children. A man of ability, force, dignity and fine address, and I believe, and have confidence in this man’s general fitness for the position than in any other native. I regard it as a distinct advantage that Senor Ortega lives so near.”

The Taft Commission appointed Don Joaquin Governor of the Province of La Union on August 15, 1901, and in 1902, was the first elected Filipino Civil Governor of La Union. Gov. Gen. William H Howard Taft (who later became President of the United States) visited La Union and Gov. Joaquin met the visitors with the local band at the San Fernando port. This inspired Gov. Taft to form the Philippine Constabulary Band. In 1904, he was one of the group of Filipino Governors who attended the International Exposition in the United States and he was with Don Benito Legarda, who became his close friend.

From 1905-1914, he was the Lt. Governor of the sub-province of Abra, of Bontoc and Mt. Province and from 1916-1920, with designations to perform similar duties for the sub-provinces of Lepanto and Benguet. In 1920-1926, he was appointed Special Agent of the Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes and retired under the Osmena Act at the age of 56.

Although Don Joaquin was kept busy with his public life, he found time for his children, encouraging his sons to take up law and his daughters learn the art of housekeeping. He was not only fatherly to his children but also took in Jesus Ortega Florendo, his nephew, and raised him up as his own. Jesse could not forget that when he needed a sword as part of the uniform to march with the La Union High School cadets during the fiesta parade,

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FRANCISCA LACSAMANA (Lola Paca)

Francisca Lacsamana was born in Bangar, La Union on March 9, 1877 and died on April 3, 1964 at the age of 87. She was the belle of the town and her beauty was known province wide. It was no wonder that young Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin would ride on horseback travelling from San Fernando to Bangar to serenade her on a Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning, arrive in a "caruaje" to fetch her and bring her to the Church which was only a few distance away to hear Holy Mass. Paquita Maglaya shared the story told to her by Lola Paca herself that her head was covered by a veil, and she would turn her head in such a way that the wind would blow the veil up and Lolo Joaquin could see her face, how when she would ride the "caruaje", she would lift her skirt so Lolo Joaquin could see her flawless ankles.

Lola Paca encouraged the members of the family to gather together on Sundays, had majhong tables ready for those who would play, even on ordinary days, and opened her home called "Daya", meaning the home towards the East, to anyone who would come from Manila or other distant places to stay and spend their vacations. Vacations in "Daya" would mean playing basketball with cousins and so Manuel "Litong" Montilla formed the United Nephews of Ortega (UNO), or they would go for picnics at Silsilag, now Barangay Ortega in Bacnotan, or hike up the adjacent Lubrin Heights, or simply stay indoors and bond with the other members of the family.

She was used to hosting dignitaries and was addressed as Dona Paca and opened her door to the tenants from Silsilag and those who were in need. She was gregarious, lovable, doting on her children, and grandchildren, but was strict enough to impose curfew so that when the Angelus would ring, they would already be home. She was a lovable spouse, following him on his assignments to Abra and the Montanosas. Her brother, Leon, lived in Carlatan but would walk all the way from his residence to his sister's home in Daya, and visit his children who lived next door. She was the heart of the home, the home that brings nostalgia to each one who remembered the days now past.

In her honor, a school was named after her- Dona Francisca Lacsamana Ortega Regional Science High School located in her birthplace, Bangar, La Union.

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Lolo Joaquin went out of his way, went to the house of Governor Joaquin Luna who lent him the sword of Antonio Luna, one of our national heroes and the brother of Governor Joaquin Luna.

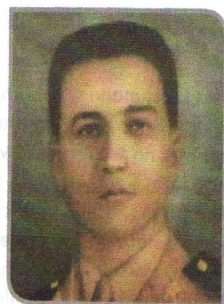
Lolo Joaquin must be proud to know of the numerous achievements of his descendants, in the field of the military, in science, in education, in the arts and in politics, where he was succeeded after several years by his son-in-law, Gov. Pio Ancheta, by his son, Gov. Joaquin Ortega y Lacsamana, by his grandsons, Gov. Justo Ortega Orros, Jr., Gov. Victor Francisco C. Ortega who was Governor from 2001-2006, 100 years after Lolo Joaquin, and Gov. Manuel "Manoling" C. Ortega. Governor Francisco "Pacoy" R. Ortega is now is the fourth generation Ortega in that post and our Vice-Governor Aureo Q. Nisce is married to the fourth generation Ortega from the line of Vicenta Ortega-Panis, Maria Vicenta "Marivic".

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JOSE ALVARO ORTEGA y LACSAMANA
"Pepe"

Jose or Pepe as he was called was the eldest son of Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana. After three older siblings, all girls, Antonia, Vicenta and Ramona, he was a welcome addition to the family. He studied at the Immaculate Concepcion Seminary in Vigan and was sent to the United States to study. Like all the five sons, they took up law.

He married his cousin, Paz Lacsamana, and had three children, Joaquin "Kining", Manuela "Mela" and Leon "Cichit". When the war broke out in 1941, he enlisted and was a Lt. in the Philippine Army, joining his brother-in-law, Col. Emiliano Panis, husband of Vicenta or Tentay. Together, they found themselves among those who suffered the Bataan Death March, they survived but eventually died at prison camp in Capas, Tarlac on May 11, 1942. He left his wife, Pacing a young widow and she died with a broken heart, two years later. This left Kining an orphan at the age of 16, joined the USAFIP Northern Luzon and was the youngest veteran and recipient of that distinction. When Pacing died, Cichit was only 12.

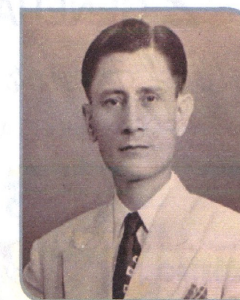
Kining married Cleofe "Pet" Estrada Balingit, Mela married Santos Dacanay and Cichit married Emily Alviar. Pepe and Pacing did not know they would have 18 accomplished and lovely grandchildren. From Kining and Pet they have 11 and their names are in the bio-data of Kining, from Santos and Mela Olympatic Elena "Ollie" Dacanay Queddeng, Pazz "Patchie" Santos Jose "Third" Dacanay, and from Cichit and Emily, Michelle Ann. O. Lynch, Katrina Lyn O. Delfin, and Leon Jose, "L" Ortega. Pepe and Pacing must be smiling up in heaven proud of their progenitors.

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LUIS ORTEGA y LACSAMANA
"Luis"

b. 16 February 1902 - 19 July 1983

Luis, born on February 16, 1902 in San Fernando, La Union, the sixth child of Governor Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana, but the fifth among the ten Ortega siblings who grew up to adulthood.

In 1920, he went to California to study at St. Ignatius University in San Francisco and obtained his law degree in February 1925. The dedication he wrote to his parents is expressed on the graduation picture he sent them "a mi papa y mama dedico este retrato anunciador del cercano triunfo de sus celosos labores por mi educacion". Luis

Many stories about his Californian adventures have been shared. He participated in the sport of wrestling which he enjoyed. For extra allowance during his student days, he did odd jobs such as an apple picker and dishwasher. His sister, Tentay, recounted how Luis could not stand the sight of a dirty plate back home.

Luis married Lourdes Rivero y Favis of Vigan on August 15, 1935 and had five children, Luis "Chito", Lourdes Marie, Salvador Joaquin "Pocholo", Bernardita, and Ofelia. He was then Justice of the Peace in Baguio. After a few years, he became Judge of the First Instance in Lingayen. He also served as Judge of First Instance of Sorsogon and Vigan. As a bachelor, Luis had a son, Manuel "Padaw" who was raised by his Lola Paca.

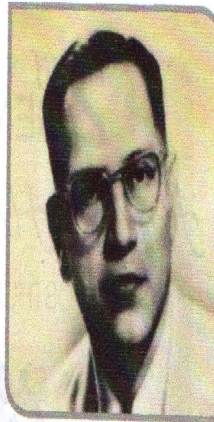
The family felt the goodness of their father's heart. He was generous with his time to help and give free legal counsel to the needy and the poor. He had a soft spot for lepers and would send clothes to the Culion Lepers Colony.

Pious, he was, attending daily masses, gathering us nightly for family rosaries, showing the Jesuit education in him. He passed away peacefully during his siesta time on July 19, 1983 at the age of 81.

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FRANCISCO ISABELO ORTEGA y LACSAMANA

"Pacoy"

Dashing, handsome and full of life and passion was Francisco "Pacoy" Ortega, son of then Governor of La Union Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Dona Francisca Lacsamana. It was in 1904 that Gov. Joaquin joined the other Governors of the Philippines to attend the International Exposition in the United States. He was chosen one of the jurors and was given a gold medal for his participation. Dona Paca was left alone in La Union and so she chose that the child she bore would carry her name.

Pacoy, like his older brothers before him, Pepe and Luis, was enrolled at the Immaculate Conception Seminary of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, went to the Ateneo for his pre-law and continued at the Escuela de Derecho where he finished the law degree at the age of 21, and passed the bar the following year. He was eloquent in Spanish and so was sent to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. for his postgraduate studies in law and at the same time improve his command of the English language. When he came back to La Union, he was elected President of the Bar Association of La Union, and called on Justice of the Peace of Bauang, Don Pablo Campos, where he saw Corazon Campos, a little girl whom he knew bloom into a beauty. After two years of courtship, they got married in Bauang, and had 18 children, Francisco (+) who died at 14 years old, Corazon, Victor, Lucia, Rosario (+) who died at 72 years old, Baby Boy Ortega(+), Roberto, Carmen(+), Aurora, Joaquina, Manuel, Francisca (Kitchie), Francisco Jr.(Kit), Yolanda, Pablo, Jose Ma., Ramon, and Mario.

Pacoy started his career in politics early when he ran for Councilor of San Fernando at the age of 23, ran for the House of Representatives in 1931 and lost, ran again in 1934 and on the eve of the election, his second son was born, wrapped in his waterbag, a good sign of victory, thus named Victor Francisco. The 1935 Constitution was passed and his term was short lived. He ran for re-election and lost to Camilo Osias. In 1941, he won again, but World War II intervened. He won again in 1945, was elected Speaker Pro-Tempore, but lost in 1949. He won for three succeeding elections that followed, 1953-1957, 1957-1961, 1961-65 for a total of six terms of 20 years in the Congress. He had a roller coaster career but he adhered to the poem "Stick to the Fight".

He died at 62 going 63 and this year is the 50th year of his death on March 20. He did not live to see his eight sons become public servants like him, Victor Francisco, a six term Congressman for a total of 20 years and like him was elected Deputy Speaker, was in addition a Governor and Vice Governor and member of the 1971 Constitutional Convention, Robert, a three term Councilor of Baguio City where Pacoy also served as appointed Mayor in 1952, Manuel, a three term for all positions of Mayor, Congressman and a Governor, Francisco "Kit" a Councilor of San Fernando and now a third term Senior Provincial Board Member, Pablo, a three term Mayor and incumbent Congressman, Jose Ma. "Pepe" a former Provincial Board Member, Ramon "Monet" a former Barangay Captain and now A Councilor of San Fernando, and Mario, a former Barangay Captain and National Vice President of the Liga ng Mga Barangay.

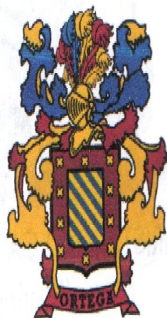
Pacoy filed a bill for the cityhood of San Fernando in 1945 and to have this dream of his father fulfilled, Victor passed a bill that was enacted into law and on March 20, as we commemorate the 50th death anniversary of Pacoy, the City of San Fernando will celebrate its 19th year of cityhood.

In the provincial level, we now see the fourth generation of Ortega as Governor and he is the namesake of Pacoy, named Francisco "Francis" "Pacoy" III, born on March 26 when Speaker Pro Tempore Pacoy was buried. Gov. Pacoy, Manoling's son and Frankie IV, Victor's son, both named Francisco, will both turn 50 this year. Many Franciscos have been named after him from the different branches of the Pacoy and Corazon siblings; as memorials, not in concrete but in living flesh where Lolo Joaquin's and Pacoy's own blood flow, serving in various fields of interest, proud of their heritage.

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JOAQUIN L. ORTEGA

"Titing"

b. 7 November 1916

Joaquin L. Ortega or more fondly called "Titing" was born on November 7, 1916 in San Fernando, La Union. He was the 13th child of Don Joaquin Ortega and Dona Francisca Lacsamana. He was baptized at the Parish of St. William Cathedral Diocese of San Fernando, La Union on January 5, 1917. He was married to Felicula "Fely" Nuesa on February 23, 1942 and have five children namely : Cristina, Carlos, Victoria, Elizabeth and Maria Concepcion.

Titing, even at an early age was an achiever graduating from San Fernando Elementary Catholic School with grades no lower than 90 to getting accelerated at La Union High thereby finishing high school in three years at age 15. Inspired by his father, he went on to study law at the University of the Philippines while working as a clerk at the House of Representatives and at the National Assembly. As a law student, he was pursued and recruited by the Upsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity to sway in the Ilocano votes in their favor for the student council elections.

Graduating from Law School in 1941, he could not have had a better write up on the Nationalian which read :

" Titing exhibits the adventurous spirit of his conquering Spanish sires. Unlike his proud forebears, however, he is unassuming and modest. Without ears for gossips, and criticisms, nor taste for wasteful arguments , he has enshrined himself in the hearts of those who know him. He knows the philosopher and the fool , and he could neither be fooled by the former nor philosophized by the latter . "

He took the bar exams on the same year and was on the top 15 passers with an average of 84.45 % Not long after , war broke out and he enlisted with the USAFIP - NL as 2nd Lieutenant from 1942 to 1946 . He also served as Chief Investigator of the Claims Service of AFWESPAC assisting his fellow Filipinos get just compensation for properties commandeered during the war. The end of the war signaled the beginning of a life long career in government service as follows:

- 1946: Municipal Councilor of San Fernando , La Union
- 1947: Member of the Provincial Board Province of La union
- 1948-1963: Legal and Technical Assistant of the House of Representatives
- 1966-1969: Chairman of the San Fernando Port Authority

His entry into the realm of politics was not handed to him on a silver platter; but rather was a test of perseverance, determination and the unwavering commitment to one day be able to serve his "kailians" just like his father before him. Victory came on his seventh attempt and in 1969, he was sworn in as Congressman for the first district of La Union. He became a Member of the International National Assembly in 1973-1976 and was elected Assemblyman of the Batasang Pambansa for the period 1978-1986 . He was elected governor of the Province of La Union in 1988-1992 ; the second generation from the Ortega clan continuing the legacy of his father of good governance.

As a public servant, he authored and sponsored important Bills such as the granting of salary increase to public school teachers and government prosecutors. He was also a proponent of the granting of compensation to Barangay Officials . He established San Fernando, La Union as a Regional Center and a one stop shop for government services, contributing to the progress of the province.

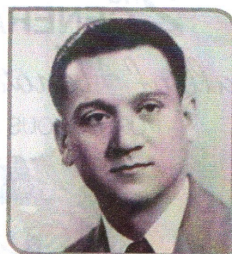
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EVARISTO ORTEGA Y LACSAMANA
"Bisting"

"Bisting", as he was fondly called was the youngest child and the 4th lawyer from the union of Governor Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Dona Francisca Lacsamana. Bisting married Rosa Vitoria Ubaldo of Balaoan and San Fernando, La Union, who was a public school teacher and became Secular Carmelite and one of the country's Most Outstanding Mother Awardee of the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. (NFWC) in 1996. Bisting and Rose had six accomplished children, Emily, Engr. Evaristo, Jr. (Steve), Dr. Rosa, Sea and Sky College (SASC) Registrar Florita (Flor) and the Ortega Twins – SASC Co-Founder Ma. Luz (Luchie) and Ma. Nila (Nile) who was recently elected President of the St. Teresa of Avila Community.

Bisting was a consistent ace student in his elementary high school and college years. The La Union High School served as his first battleground as Team Captain in its Debating Team. In his 4th year Law proper at the University of Santo Tomas, he graduated as one of the top 5 in his class. His superiors stated that Bisting's performance manifest "a high degree of intelligence, deep perception and uncanny ability to solve problems". Land reform, tenancy and labor relations served as his stage where his intelligence and eloquence had been challenged, but he always surpassed the test. Thus, the most explosive tenancy cases were assigned to him.

He was a scholar, and had the opportunity to rub elbows and cultivate his thoughts with renowned personalities in land tenure. His tour of duty brought him to the United States, Puerto Rico, Taiwan and Japan. Prior to his stint in land reform, he was Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Representatives until the end of the Congressional term in 1949. He was then promoted Secretary to the Speaker Pro-Tempore in the same year. Thereafter, he practiced his profession as legal counsel to labor unions in La Union and went to San Jose City in Nueva Ecija to help improve the peace and order condition there. He was appointed Commissioner of the Court in 1956. The Executive Judge of the Courts of Agrarian Relations in Quezon City expressed that he was an irrepressible good-natured gentleman. He was consistently among the top 10 judges with the most number of cases disposed, and was cited for his "dedication to duty, hard work, unqualified competence and personal sacrifice."

As a husband to Mama Rose and father, he touched their lives so deeply. He sowed the seeds of faith by example – going to mass on Sunday was to fulfill God's law. He was the model of living a simple life so others may simply live. Most of all, he loved his family so much – his divine gifts. His children are testimonies that they are who they are today because of the joint efforts of Bisting and his lifetime beloved, Rosa.

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ANTONIA ORTEGA y LACSAMANA
"Toni"

March 23, 1894 - September 16, 1974

Antonia "Toni" was the eldest of Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana born in La Union on March 23, 1894 and at the age of 25 years old, married Pio Ancheta on the day he took his oath of office as the elected Governor of the Province of La Union in 1919. Gov. Pio Ancheta was only two years younger than Gov. Joaquin and a dyed in the wool bachelor but with Lolo Joaquin as the cupid and Mamang Ton being an obedient daughter, the marriage lasted until the death of Papang Pio. Since they were childless, Mamang Ton became the surrogate mother to her nephews and nieces, and loved to show off her well arranged clothes and her neatly maintained room whenever she was not playing mahjong. She drank one shot of brandy every night before sleeping and so the nephews knew where the bar was and would frequently drop by her place. She would usually talk of her days as a child in Abra and how she looked up to their father, Joaquin.

Papang Pio was previously a member of the Malolos Constitution and again a Delegate to the 1934 Constitutional Convention. He served his term as Governor from 1919-1922 and was elected to the House of Representatives from 1922-1925, and again, from 1928-1931. Mamang Ton was then the gracious First Lady of the Governor and Representative. San Fernando was levelled to the ground during World War II and Mamang Ton built a small house of native materials within the compound of the Ortega home called "Daya". She later transferred to the main house, staying on one half of the ground floor, and Tio Titing on the other half. The second floor was where Lola Paca and Tita Con with Tita Mary stayed. Mamang Ton died on September 16, 1974 at the age of 80.

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VICENTA ORTEGA y LACSAMANA PANIS

April 2, 1895-May 9, 1984

Vicenta was born on April 2, 1895 to parents Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin of Cebu and Francisca Lacsamana of Bangar, La Union. She was baptized at the Bauang Catholic Church and married Emiliano Panis, a surgeon and lawyer. Dr. Emiliano Panis or Miling as he was called by his relatives, was a Captain in the Philippine Constabulary and became a Colonel and a famous surgeon of the Medical Corps of the Philippine Army and the First Filipino Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He died as a prisoner in Capas, Tarlac on May 13, 1942, after the Bataan Death March, leaving Tentay a widow at the age of 47 years old with children, Carmen, Juan, Lourdes, Antonio, Joaquin, and Pacita to raise alone and to take care for the duration of the war.

Col. Panis built a home for Tentay, as she is called, along Azcarraga St. now Claro M. Recto Avenue corner San Sebastian and they opened their doors to their nephews from La Union and Pangasinan who came to Manila to study. Kining, Tito, Victor, Tuting, Charo, were among those who stayed with the Panis family, waking up in the morning to the vocalization of Mamang Tentay, and listening to the mahjong tiles in the afternoon until dinner time.

Mamang Tentay, aside from playing mahjong, loved to go to the movies and would go with her nephews, who were amazed at how she would go up to the ticket booth and authoritatively ask for "Tres loge", look for seats, and would call out, "Tito, Victor, sentarse aqui". She was every inch Dona Tentay but Mamang Tentay to her relatives.

From above, she must be proud to see her descendants, the Jacintos, the Panis, the Formosos, and her numerous nieces and nephews successful in their various fields.

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RAMONA LACSAMANA-ORTEGA MONTILLA

"Nena"

b.8 October 1898- +12 August 1972

Ramona "Nena" the 3rd child and daughter of Don JOAQUIN JOAQUINO ORTEGA and FRANCISCA LACSAMANA married 1st Lieutenant EDUARDO RESURRECCION MONTILLA, an aviator from Luna, La Union on 7 December 1922. She gave birth and raised 4 highly successful children, who made their mark on whatever chosen endeavors they ventured into: Barangay Kagawad FRANCISCA SOPHIA (Paquita), Ambassador EDUARDO JOSE (Edward), Entrepreneur LOURDES (Penny) and Attorney Conchologist— Businessman MANUEL (Manolito, Litong, Lits).

As a military man's wife, Nena joined Eduardo in his different assignments in Central Luzon, and the Visayas, rearing up their 4 children and ensuring their education in Cebu, Baguio, San Fernando, La Union, and Manila. After Colonel Eduard Montilla was released from Camp O' Donnell, Capas, Tarlac as a prisoner of war, Nena nursed her seriously stricken military- husband back to health at Barrio Silsilag now Barangay Ortega. After he regained his strength, he promptly joined the Enriquez guerrilla unit in Northern Luzon and brought his eldest son Eduardo with him, to do their patriotic service to the country. Thus, making Nena not only as a military wife, but a military mom as well.

After the war, Nena and Eduardo settled their family in Quezon City where she also became the surrogate mother to many of her nephews and nieces who stayed at her home for their collegiate studies in Manila universities and colleges. She firmly followed them up in their studies just as she did with her children and grandchildren. To supplement her husband's pension, she underwrote weekend mahjong sessions at her Apo residences, thus making the younger Ortegases feel at home with this San Fernando pastime. She instilled in the Ortega young entrusted to her care, a quest for excellence, achievement and to enjoy their life to the fullest while serving others.

Her children evolved into an exemplary social worker, a skilled Ambassador in the Foreign Service, a highly prosperous multi- tasking entrepreneur, and a distinct businessman-conchologist. Nena's maternal prowess and ability equally benefited her numerous successful surrogate children, who lovingly remember her or call her, "Mamang Nena", and a person one can always depend and rely on.

Soft-spoken, demure, prayerful but with nerves of steel, Ramona's contribution to the Ortega name & fame were her persevering dedication to her family, and her outstanding maternal skills in instilling Ortega and Ilocano values into her four (4) children and numerous nephews and nieces. Ramona Montilla immensely left her distinct imprint on the Ortega clan as seen in the Ortega lives she has affectionately touched, and whose character and drive she strengthened. Truly, Nena is an Ortega woman for all seasons—worthy of emulation and praise.

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CORAZON CAMPOS ORTEGA

b. 24 August 1910 -- 26 November 1994

Corazon Campos y Diaz, 7th child of Justice of the Peace Pablo Campos of Bauang and Lucia Diaz of Aringay, was the Miss Philippine Collegian and at the same time Miss University of the University of the Philippines in 1929. It was at this time that the young Francisco "Pacoy" Ortega came back from his postgraduate studies in Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and was elected President of the La Union Bar Association. He called on Don Pablo Campos to invite him to the meeting of the bar association and saw Cora, the little girl he knew, had turned into a beauty. Pacoy, like his father, Don Joaquin, inherited that flair for courtship but unlike his father who traveled by horseback or in a "caruaje" to visit Lola Paca from San Fernando to Bangar, Pacoy visited Cora with his car popularly known as a "run-about" from San Fernando to Manila or Bauang.

In 1930, Corazon became "Miss Philippines Collegian" Manila Carnival, was a cadet sponsor and a member of the cast of the musical presented by the University, "Windmills of Holland". And so the courtship continued for two years until Pacoy and Corazon finally got married in Bauang, La Union on June 20, 1931. They had eighteen children – Francisco, Jr. who died at the age of 14, Corazon Ortega Vda. de Espiritu, former Constitutional Convention Delegate of 1991, Vice Governor, Congressman and former Governor Victor, Lucia Ortega Castro, Rosario Ortega Santiago (+), Baby Boy Ortega(+), Councilor of Baguio City Robert, Carmen (+), Aurora Ortega Vda. de Carlos, Joaquina Ortega Laoang, former Mayor, Congressman and Governor Manuel, Francisca Ortega Benedicto Vda. de Paulino, Senior Board Member Francisco "Kit", Yolanda Ortega Lopez, Former Councilor, Mayor and incumbent Congressman Pablo, former Provincial Board Member Jose Ma., Councilor Ramon, and former Liga ng Barangay National Vice President Mario.

Corazon, Cora or Momsy as she was fondly called, was An Asean Mother Awardee, a Gintong Ina Awardee, and an Outstanding Mother Awardee of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. for having raised her children as professionals even when she was widowed at the age of 57 years old. She not only loved her children but her province mates as well. She had scholars whom she sent to school, was active in the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. and as President of the La Union Chapter, put up the first day care center for children in La Union now called the Dona Corazon Ortega Day Care Center in Barangay Sevilla, City of San Fernando, and she inspired the establishment of the Corazon Ortega Skills Training Center (COST) within the compound of TESDA to help those who cannot take up a four year college course. She started painting at the age of 60 and we call her the "Grandma Moses of La Union".

She died at the age of 84 but a week before she died, on November 18, she said, "I love you all the same – no discrimination, ...bear that in mind. It pains me to leave you. I will miss you all."

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ROSA VILORIA UBALDO ORTEGA

b. 4 September 1921 -- 14 January 1978

25 Feb. 2008

Rosa was born on September 4, 1921 in Tanqui, San Fernando, La Union, the third child of Ricardo Ubaldo and Emilia Viloria of Balaoan, La Union.

She finished her elementary and intermediate education at the San Fernando Catholic School now known as Christ the King College, completed her high school at the La Union National High School, and had her Teacher's Certificate from the National Teachers College in Manila. Her first assignment was in Bagbag, Bauang, followed by Bangar, and finally, in San Fernando Elementary School in Cabaroan.

She married Evaristo Ortega y Lacsamana on September 23, 1944 and were blessed with six children. Widowed at an early age of 52, with her 6 children and faith in God, she managed somehow. With her children as professionals, she delved in varied community and church activities. Bishop Salvador Lazo in 1986 appointed Rosa and her sister, Consuelo, to manage the Nursery and Kindergarten School put up by the Parish of St. William and they did so until 1992 when the Daughters of St. Mary de Leuca (DML) took over the administration.

Rosa was conferred the Outstanding Mother of the Year in 1996 by the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines, Inc. She entered the Secular Carmelite Order (OCDS) on January 14, 1978. She passed away on February 25, 2008 at the age of 86.

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JESUS ORTEGA FLOIRENDO
"Jesse"

Jesus "Jesse" was born in Bauang, La Union to Primitivo Campos Floirendo and Carmen Joaquin Ortega and was enrolled at the Bauang Elementary School from 1930-1935 but continued his elementary at the Christ the King College in San Fernando when his uncle, Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin, took him under his wings because he was already orphaned by father and mother. Don Joaquin was the son of Antonio Ortega y Verzosa who married Juana, and after Juana died, Antonio married the younger sister of Juana named Ana. Lolo Joaquin was born from the first marriage and Lola Carmen from the second marriage, so Joaquin and Carmen were half brothers and first cousins too.

Jesse further studied at the La Union National High School from 1937-1941 and at the University of the Philippines (Clark US AF Base, Class 1954) for his preparatory years in Liberal Arts. He underwent the 13th USAF Exchange Management Seminar and received a Diploma at the National Photo Oil Coloring School (Correspondence) Chicago, Ill. He was Store PX Manager, Cashier, Payroll Clerk, Supply Clerk, Record Clerk, and was an experienced Sign Painter, Landscape Artist (Oil and Acrylic), photographer, musician, and stage actor.

He was married to Josefina Aromin of Bauang and she bore him 9 children, Carmen "Chita", Primitivo died in infancy, Fortunata "Naty", Jesus, Jr. "Jesse", David, Victor, Jose "Joe", Ricardo "Richard" and Ana. In 1970, his wife "Pining" died and much later, he remarried and chose Adele Dulatre of Agoo. Adele died in 1989 and for the third time, he married Yolanda Madayag of Bauang, and they made their home in Las Vegas until he passed away in June 14, 2012.

He was active in the Ilocano American Association of Nevada-Las Vegas, organized and was Charter President of the La Union Circle of Hawaii, Past President of the Toastmasters International (Wake Island Chapter), Organizer and President of Wake Island Art Club and was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of San Fernando, La Union, before he left for the United States.

He was a devout Catholic, and was a member of the Holy Name Society, Filipino Catholic Club, and was a past Grand Knight, a 4th Degree Past Faithful Navigator and Honorary Lifetime Member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Knights of Rizal, San Fernando, La Union Chapter.

He received various citations from all the places he was posted, from Clark AF Base, to Wake Island to Honolulu, to Las Vegas, but he has especially endeared himself to the Ortega Lacsamana clan for hosting any relative who would visit the places where he was, and will forever be remembered for the "Memoirs" he wrote where he has put in writing all his memories of his stay at "Daya", the ancestral home of Don Joaquin and Dona Paca, sketching the old house as it was before the war to remember the grandeur of the home as built by his Tio Joaquin. He painstakingly drew the family trees of the Ortega, Campos and Floirendo, so that the next generations would know how each one is related to appreciate their heritage and the blood that binds them.

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MANUELA ORTEGA ORROS
"Miling"
26 September 1906

Manuela "Miling" was the 9th of 14 siblings in the family of Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana. She was born on September 26, 1906 and grew up to be a very beautiful and obedient daughter. When she was matched to marry the dashing young man from Cagayan working at the Compania General de Tabacos or Tabacalera based in San Jacinto, Pangasinan, Justo Orros, she consented. She, however, died at childbirth, one year after their marriage. Justo "Titong" had a beautiful angel sculpted and placed by her tomb and is now one of the heritage art pieces in the San Fernando City Cemetery.

After the period of mourning, Justo "Titong" married Miling's younger sister, Joaquina or Nitang, who was one year younger than Miling.



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JOAQUINA ORTEGA y LACSAMANA VDA. DE ORROS
"Nitang"
22 May 1907

Joaquina "Nitang" was born on May 22, 1907 to then Governor of the Sub-Province of Abra and Francisca Lacsamana. She was sent to La Concordia College in Manila and was as pretty as her older sister, Manuela "Miling". Another obedient daughter, she agreed to marry the widower, Justo "Titong" Orros, who was the husband of her sister Miling.

Their marriage was blessed with six children, Manuel "Litong", Agustin "Tuting" Justo "Tito" Joaquin "Quinit" Rosario "Charo" and Remedios Remy". In 1945, Manuel, "Litong" the eldest, died when a hand grenade he and his cousins found along the river of San Jacinto exploded and his cousin, Francisco, "Paquito" also the eldest son of Pacoy and Corazon Ortega, died several days later. When Nitang gave birth to another boy, they named him Manuel nicknamed "Manny" or "Cucurio".

Titoy was a doting husband to Nitang, allowed her to play mahjong, and just watched on the sidelines, exchanging pleasantries with other people who are not playing, and whenever he hears the sisters talking at the same time while gathered around the dining table, he would just smile and say in Spanish, "Come y calla". Eat and just listen.

Nitang and Titoy enjoyed a long married life, but Titoy went ahead while Nitang lived up to 96 years old.

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MARIA ORTEGA y LACSAMANA
14 December 1914

MARIA "Mary" was the daughter of Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana and was born in Abra on December 14, 1914, when her father was Lt. Governor of the Sub-Province of Abra.

She met Fernandico Gonong through her cousin, Anita, who was being courted by Isabelo Villanueva, a student at the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine. Fernandico and Isabelo "Belong" were classmates and married the ladies they courted. Fernandico was from Bayombong, Nueva Ecija and after their marriage on June 18, 1950, Mary was brought to her husband's ancestral home she had three children, all girls, Marietta, Teresita "Tessie", who married Rodolfo B. Peralta, Jr. and Fernandica "Dinah" who married Harley "Toyota" Cantorna who is from Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Dr. Fernandico was a medical doctor of the army during the war, survived the war, but but while driving to make a house call in Bayombong, he felt faint, parked the car on the side, and was found dead by the passersby. Marietta and Dinah were brought to the Ortega-Lacsamana Ancestral home by Mary back to Lola Paca while Tessie stayed in Bayombong to be cared for by the Gonong family.

Mary collected different species of cactus and when she felt ill, gave her collection to Victor and Mary Jane who were newly married.

Mary died on June 4, 1965 and Her sisters, Antonia "Mamang Ton" and Concepcion "Tita Con" became the surrogate mothers to Marietta and Dinah. Tessie, who was raised in Bayombong married Rodolfo "Tisoy" Peralta of La Union and spent her married life back in La Union.

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CONCEPCION ORTEGA y LACSAMANA
"Conching, Tita Con"
4 July 1908

Concepcion, Conching or Tita Con was born on July 4, 1908 to Joaquin Ortega y Joaquin and Francisca Lacsamana. She was the only one who did not get married among the siblings and spent her life taking care of Lola Paca, especially when Lolo Joaquin died in 1943. She took care of her nieces and nephews and in fact, left a will making Remedios "Remy" O. Orros Sityar, Fernandica "Dinah" O. Gonong-Cantorna, and Marietta Ortega Gonong her heirs.

She would take care of the running of the household, made sure there was "chocolate e" or thick chocolate whenever the Ortegas would have their meals. She dealt with the tenants at Barrio Silsilag, now Barangay Ortega, and would be always ready to welcome guests and vacationing relatives in the ancestral home. When they lacked a fourth player in mahjong, she would willingly play, but would readily give up her seat when someone else would arrive and want to play.

She is best remembered for her smile, her pocket full of keys and ready cash for small items that had to be bought, and a big heart for all her nieces and nephews, especially her three heirs and her namesake, Chicka, the daughter of her brother, Titing.

She had devoted her 83 years within the four walls of the Ortega home, whether in Abra, or Benguet, or La Union, comfortable only among the company of her loved ones, the Ortega-Lacsamana clan.

from page 11 "Titing"

He was one of ten outstanding elected officials who have been chosen, honored and awarded by the Labor Institute of Leadership for his achievements and dedicated leadership, for his honesty and integrity and for being a champion for the welfare of the common tao. He was a man for the people who believed that the act of serving is its own reward. He was a sincere friend ; be it to the President of the Philippines or the local town farmer. He joined our creator on September 21, 1996 surrounded by family and "kakailians" in Los Angeles, California, USA.

To his family, he was an inspiration who taught by example the values of integrity , honor and humility. To his kailians, he will always be endeared in their hearts for his generosity, especially with his time and for his genuine public service. To everyone, Titing will be remembered for his wit and great sense of humor.

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DR. JUANITA VALDIVIA LACSAMANA, Ed. D.
"Tetang"
8 March 1917 - 100 years old

"Tetang" as she is fondly called, was born in Alaminos, Pangasinan on March 8, 1917. Her parents are Andres Valdivia and Marcelina Bautista. She was married to the late Alfredo "Pidong" Lacsamana, Jr., her classmate in La Union National High School. They have 5 children: Lourdes O'Neil, Alberto, Linda Fornoles, Alfredo, Jr. and Monsignor Alfonso "Mons". Pidong was the son of Leon Lacsamana, brother of Francisca Lacsamana Ortega.

Tetang started her professional life as a teacher and then Principal of the Gabadon Elementary school in San Fernando, La Union. She finished her Master of Arts in Dagupan and in 1976, completed her Doctoral Degree in Education at St. Louis University, Baguio City. She was promoted as District Supervisor and General Education Supervisor - I English at the Department of Education, La Union until she retired in 1982 at the age of 65. She continued teaching Masteral and Doctoral Students of Lorma College, St. Louis College, and Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU). She later became Dean of the Graduate School of Osias Educational Foundation in Balaoan, La Union. Her professional career ended after serving as Principal of St. Jude Montessori Educational Center at St. Jude Parish from 1989-1996. She had a short stint in politics when she was appointed member of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of San Fernando in 1987-1988.

What distinguished her life has been her daily attendance of the Holy Mass with her husband, Pidong, when he was still alive and which she continued until she could not physically do so. She was actively involved in the church as President of the St. William Cathedral Parish Council in 1983-1985 and President of the Diocesan Catholic Women's League (CWL) in 1980-1985.

Her secret in life consists in eating nutritious food without salt and bagoong. Up to now, she does not take any maintenance medicines. She takes a bath every day assisted by her two angels at her disposal day and night. She has good genes, has a joyful disposition, enjoys the weekly bonding and dinner with the family and still leads the "Prayer Before Meals" and most especially, shows her devotion to Mama Mary by praying the daily Rosary, living each day with the abiding faith in God.

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Carmen Ortega Panis Jacinto
Born on April 28, 1919
and will be 98 years old this year

Carmen was born on April 28, 1919 to Vicenta Ortega Panis and Col. Emiliano Panis, the eldest in the family of six children. She married Jose Protacio (Pepito) Jacinto, Jr., a graduate of Civil Engineering at the Mapua Institute of Technology, on May 10, 1941 and had four sons, Rafael (Lito+), Jose III (JJ), Emiliano (Emil), Francisco (Kit+).

She studied at Sta. Ana Elementary School, transferred to the College of the Holy Spirit in Mendiola for her high school and finished Bachelor of Science in Home Economics at the University of Santo Tomas. She now lives with her son, Emil and at 98, is independent enough to go to the toilet alone, has three liters of Coca Cola beside her, does not drink water, but eats a lot of vegetables. At her age, she does not take maintenance medicines, has a sharp mind, remembers her visitors, and enjoys watching television when she is not busy doing her crossword puzzles. Her clothes are neatly stacked, proof of her background in Home Economics and the discipline learned from the German nuns of the College of the Holy Spirit. On her bed is her rosary which shows her devotion to Mama Mary.

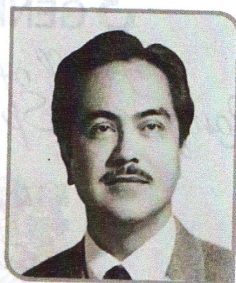
She remembers her father, foundly called Miling, his relatives, who would play mahjong with his children, but it was Mamang Tentay who would always have a quorum of friends over for mahjong in their house in San Sebastian. She remembers Victor who calls her Carmen Brown and Emil said Victor calls him Emilio Zapata. Of the children of Carmen, Litong was close to Victor and son Kit was close to me, since he worked with me at the Daily Express until it was closed down. One can still see the beauty of Carmen, in spite of the fact that she no longer puts on make up, and her aura exudes that of peace, acceptance of the loss of her loved ones and thankful that she has Emil and JJ and their families to care for her and God to bless her.

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EDUARDO JOSE ORTEGA MONTILLA
"Edward"

b. 18 April 1925-+ 6 August 2000

The 2nd child and 1st son of RAMONA LACSAMANA ORTEGA and Colonel EDUARDO RESURRECCION MONTILLA of Luna, La Union.

Edward married MARIA VICTORIA (Vicky) MANGUERRA, who gave birth to: Wellington, New Zealand-based Computer Consultant ROBERTO JOSE (Jay); Portland, Oregon-based Account Manager MELISSA LOURDES (Lissa) MONTILLA-GONZALES; Mechanical Engineer (Topnotcher) RAMON CARLOS (Ramsey)+; Vogletown, Wellington, New Zealand-based Division Chief MONIKA CONCEPCION (Monika) MONTILLA-TAWNGDEE; Stuttgart, Germany-based Manager EDUARDO MARIANO (Ding); and VITTORIA MARIA (Vicky) MONTILLA-SIMON. Edward and Vicky's 6 children were born in the diplomatic posts he was assigned with: Washington DC, Bonn, Germany, Madrid, Spain.

Edward's life adventure started as a guerrilla Technical Sergeant with the USAFIP-NL 1945-46. After World War II, he left for the United States to work & study, using his GI educational benefits. He finished BS in Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and MA in International Relations at the American University; both universities located at Washington, DC, USA. As a working student, Edward initially worked with the Philippine Embassy in Washington, DC as a Foreign Service Staff Employee, but quickly rose up the ranks to retire as an Ambassador in 1990. His postings included Bonn, Germany; Madrid, Spain; New Delhi, India; Rome, Italy and recalled to the Home Office, DFA to head the Protocol Division. His last posting was Ambassador Plenipotentiary to New Zealand and Samoa.

Edward is a recipient of the Papal Order of St. Gregory, degree of Commander, Vatican City. He also received the Philippine Distinguished Diplomatic Service Medal. He also received numerous trophies in golf, his passion and sport.

Edward's illustrious diplomatic career carried him to far-flung nations representing and serving of the country, thus giving honors and accolades to the ORTEGA name, service tradition and fame.

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JOAQUIN TOMAS LACSAMANA ORTEGA
"Kining"

b. 18 April 1925-+ 6 August 2000

Joaquin Tomas was fondly called "Quining" but when he entered politics, for easier recall and spelling, changed it to "Kining". He was the eldest child and son of Capt. Jose A. "Pepé" Ortega and Paz "Pacing" Lacsamana born on October 16, 1928. Captain Jose Ortega died during the Capas Death March and left Pacing a widow to take care of her brood of three, Kining, Mela and Sicht.

Kining finished his primary schooling at the Christ the King College in 1940 and his secondary schooling at the La Union National High School in 1947. He graduated from San Beda College for his pre-law and from the Ateneo de Manila University College of Law. At the young age of 16, he was a Corporal of the USAFIP Northern Luzon and was the youngest veteran and recipient of such distinction.

He married Cleofe "Pet" Estrada Balingit at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Pasay City on September 9, 1959. Pet gave birth to 11 children: 1) Josemari "Joey", a corporate executive who worked in Hongkong for multinationals for 22 years and currently President of ESL-Online-Online Training Corp. (ESLOT) and developing the family property at Barangay Ortega, Bacnotan, 2) Maria Teresita "Marit" oversees the family property operations, 3) Joaquin "Quinito" was premature and died, 4) Maria Lourdes "Malou" O. Pastoral, a former bank manager and now a business woman living in Naga City, 5) Andrew Ma. "Andrew" works with AT&T USA and is an avid golfer, 6) Maria Patricia "Patricia" is a wine exporter based in Portugal, 7) Maria Paz "Mari Paz" is a businesswoman who owns AGETRO boutique and is behind her daughter, Coleen Garcia in her entertainment career, 8) Catherine "Rina" is a director of Hamlin, an exporter of garments, 9) Maria Bernadette "Detdet" a former educator at PAREF school and International School of Cebu who is currently taking up her MA in Special Studies at UP Diliman, 10) Maria Johanna "Jana" runs their family owned production company, Digital Jack Media Enterprises and is a freelance editor, director and writer in the TV and movie industry, and 11) Tomas Joaquin "TJ" a former Municipal Councilor of Bacnotan and is currently into Agri-business at Barangay Ortega.

Kining was a Vice-President of the Great Pacific Life Insurance and held office in Manila. However, the political genes in his blood brought him back to his roots in La Union, lost his first political run but was elected Vice Mayor of San Fernando in 1971. He served as Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member of La Union from 1976-1980. His integrity and dedication to public service earned him the respect of his colleagues and was elected Co-Chairman of the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines. He was unopposed when he ran for re-election in 1980 but withdrew his candidacy for party and family unity and gave way to Judge Justo "Tito" Orros, Jr. who ran for Mayor. He was Acting Mayor for a short stint but was able to accomplish a lot by finishing infrastructure projects, giving scholarships and supporting sports activities.

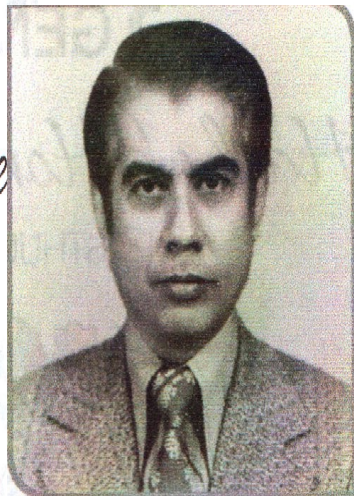
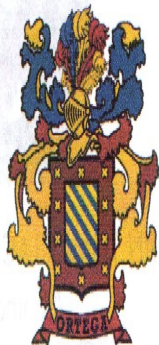
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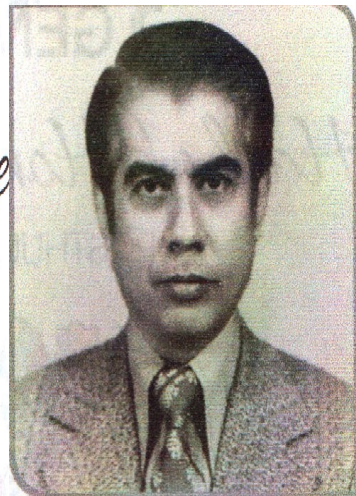
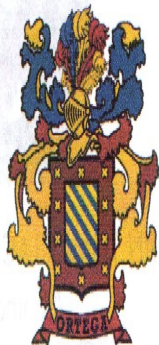
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LOURDES ORTEGA MONTILLA-KLEINDIENST
"Penny"
B. February 7, 1931 - + 2007

The 3rd (youngest) child and 2nd daughter of RAMONA LACSAMANA ORTEGA and Colonel EDUARDO RESURRECION MONTILLA.

Armed with an AB Philosophy and Fine Arts diploma from University of Santo Thomas and an IQ of 160, Lourdes started her life adventure by working initially as a secretary with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Washington, DC. To improve her self-worth and enjoy her cultural life, Penny undertook graduate studies in Fine Arts, political science & Economics at American University, where she was spotted & selected to become a member of the Beta Kappa, the US National Honors Society in Excellence in Economics-the only undergraduate chosen to join. She was also an active member of the Washington Opera Society when Penny met and married ROLF HAUGG KLEINDIENST on 20 September 1963.

In 1964 she brought her husband home and finished her graduate studies of MA Economics at the University of the Philippines in 1965, with her thesis how to modernize and simplify the RO-RO inter-island travel system, that was eventually implemented by the government. As part of her academe work, she became a Research Associate of the University of the Philippines Development Project, a member of the Philippine Economic Society, and a Fellow of the UP Institute of Economic Development & Research from 1964-65.

Eventually with her husband, Rolf an Economics professor at the Ateneo de Manila University, they left the world of academe. They undertook an epic travel adventure driving their MG-TD 1950 sports car from Singapore thru South East, South Asia and Middle East countries to Europe at Rolf's home state of Bavaria in Germany. They stayed thereat building a home. Her life there with Rolf was mainly of intellectual and cultural appreciation of the arts. Unfortunately, they suffered a tragedy when their son, John Edward, died of pre-mature childbirth.

In 1970, economists Penny and Rolf returned home to pioneer in modern furniture manufacturing. They partnered and created K-Kraft, their business engine with Rolf as President & General Manager, and Penny as Sole Proprietor & Vice-president, handling the multi-tasks of all administration, legal matters and finances. With no advertisement expenses, except by word of mouth, and product excellence, the tandem economists-turned-entrepreneurs became so successful in business that for a number of years, Penny was one of the Top-1000 highest paying taxpayers of the country, thus contributing immensely to the national coffers, economy, growth and development. In 1993, the tandem economists-entrepreneurs discreetly retired to live the quiet life of painting, pottery, and arts. Penny died in 2007.

Today, a high school stands in Bacnotan, La Union to honor Penny Kleindienst, when Rolf philanthropically donated a two-storey building to replace the burned school structure ten years ago.

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FRANCESCA DIOSDADA MONTILLA MAGLAYA
"Paquitichie, Ching"
B. 10 October 1950-+09 April 1991

The 4th Child and 2nd daughter of PAQUITA ORTEGA MONTILLA and Journalist FROILAN BENITEZ MAGLAYA.

Paquitichie married SERAFIN (Pequi) GARCIA MORAN of Manila in 1972, and gave birth to two (2) children: LARA in 1974 and JEAN PAUL in 1980. Her education work finally brought her to Santiago, Chile where she her fame in 1988, but died of cancer in 1991.

Ching's love for the academic profession started as a student of St. Theresa College (STC), Quezon City. Her Theresian education was interrupted in 1963, when she and her 3 sisters joined their diplomat father in Egypt, and continued their studies at Port Said School in the diplomatic island of Zamalek in Cairo. With a mind & cultural broadening travel experience, Ching returned back to St. Theresa's College in 1965 to finish High School, and graduated AB in English with *magna cum laude* honors in 1970. Paquitichie developed her creative writing and journalistic skills in poems she wrote for the *Orion*, a STC literary magazine, and in articles for the *Theresian*, the St. Theresa College newspaper. On her senior year, she became the Editors-in-Chief of both the *Orion* and the *Theresian*.

Paquitichie participated in the Miss Philippines Contest where she finished as top ten semi-finalists. She joined the Miss Red Feather Contest and became the Miss Red Feather of 1971. She then joined his diplomat father in Nigeria, where she started her career as an educator when she accepted her first teaching job at the American International School in Lagos, Nigeria in West Africa.

Ching underwent a Montessori training course in Buenos Aires, Argentina; after which she won a position as Montessori directress at the Olivos Montessori School. Paquitichie continued her studies in education by attending off-campus courses offered by US Universities, and workshops & seminars in Peru, Columbia, Ecuador and Chile. Ching taught from Kindergarten to 12th Grade at the American School of Lima in Peru. Subsequently, she was transferred to International School of Santiago, Chile. Here, Paquitichie received the Kohl Award for Exemplary Teaching. She was conferred this award in Chicago, Illinois, USA in 1988.

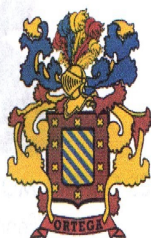
Francesca Montilla Maglaya-Moran is buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani as a National Artist for being the first Filipina awardee to receive the prestigious Kohl International Award for Exemplary Teaching. This praiseworthy achievement in the field of Education and as a National Artist has merited Francesca Montilla-Maglaya Moran to be installed in the Ortega Hall of Fame.

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FRANCESCA ORTEGA-MONTILLA MAGLAYA

"Paquita, Paquit"

b. September 7, 1923-+November 26, 2010

Francisca Sophia "Paquita" was the 1st born child of RAMONA LACSAMANA ORTEGA and Colonel EDUARDO RESURRECCION MONTILLA of Luna, La Union.

Paquita married Journalist-Colonel-Ambassador-Judge FROILAN (Froy) BENITEZ MAGLAYA of Caba, La Union and gave birth to Ambassador EDUARDO PABLO, Brigadier General FROILAN, JR., medical facility admin-supervisor RAMONA Magna-Cum-Laude and 1st Filipina recipient of the Kohl International Award for Exemplary Teaching FRANCESCA, a Doctor of Oriental /Alternative Medicine, ALMA -BELLA, and Lay Minister & educator-social worker ESTRELLA TERESITA (Tetet). 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren survive her.

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With husband Froy often afar and assigned to his military, foreign service and judicial postings, Paquita kept the family home fires burning by disciplining, educating and rearing up her 6 children. Paquita supplemented the family coffers thru her acquired Ortega pastime skills in mahjong, and thus, ensured getting all her children thru college and successful in their chosen careers.

Renowned for her beauty and her Ortega upbringing of social graces, she frequently adorned the society pages & magazines of national daily newspapers. For this unique combination of beauty, talent and exquisiteness, Paquita was invited to fund raisings, and advancing the causes of charitable, veteran and government organizations. She was involved with the Red Cross, EPHPHETA Foundation for the blind, Paralympics Association, International Bazaar, International Friendship Organization, and Foundation for Family Planning, Association of Students Advisers, Miss Universe 1974 pageant, Soroptimist International, La Concordia College Alumni Association, Church charity groups and the Sta. Mesa Physical Fitness Club, which she founded and later led as President.

Eventually, Paquita was asked to run and lead all these organizational fund raising activities. She received numerous awards in recognition and appreciation of her fund-raising, advancing their respective causes, and leadership awards. She left giant footsteps for those who followed her reign of leadership in these organizations, and activities she championed. Paquita was a recipient of the PRESIDENTIAL GINTONG INA Award for Socio-Civic-Religious Organizations in 1994.

During the Marcos Era, Paquita assisted and secured numerous appointment positions of qualified persons from La Union into the national government bureaucracy. She likewise assisted in getting Ortegases elected into their forays in the political arena, actively campaigning and securing essential financial support. Finally, Paquita joined government when she elected as Barangay Kagawad of her residents Barangay Lourdes in Quezon City. She gathered more votes than those running for Barangay Captain.

For all her achievements, service or leadership awards, and service-assistance to numerous persons and organizations, Paquita Ortega-Montilla Maglaya is a woman of all seasons-worthy of emulation and praise for the distinct honors and pride she brought to the ORTEGA name.

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Pepe Family



Lacsamana Family



Luis Family



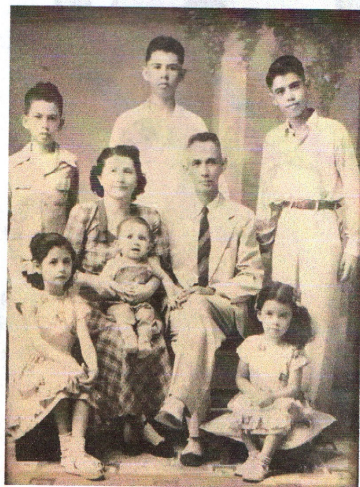
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Eduardo & Nena Montilla Family



The Montilla Family - Col. Eduardo Montilla with Ramona "Nena" Ortega and their children, Paquita, Eduardo, Lourdes(Penny) and Manuel (Litong)

Nitang Family



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Pacoy Family



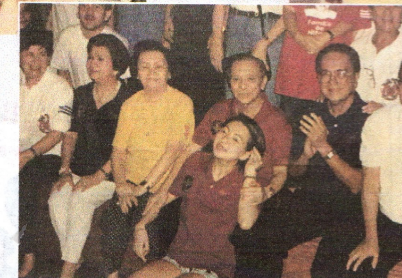
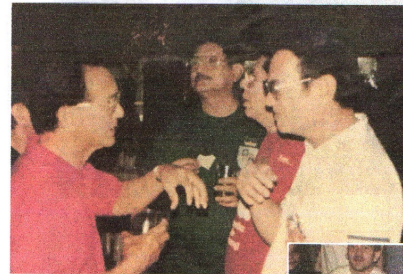
Titing Family



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The Organizing Committee of Ortega Reunion 2017 thanks the family of the late Paquita Maglaya for lending us her personal album where she painstakingly arranged the photos of the Ortega Reunion 2017. A treasure of memories, indeed.

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FAMILY Tree

Joaquin Molina Ortega
Maria Verzosa

Antonio Ortega
Juana Joaquin-Ortega

Antonio J. Ortega, Jr.
Timotea Conjasta-Ortega

Eduardo J. Ortega

Andres J. Ortega

Male Ortega

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Jose Ma. Roman Ortega

Joaquin J. Ortega
Francisca Lacsamana-Ortega

Antonia "Toni" L. Ortega-Ana
Pio Ancheta (+)

Vicenta "Tentay" L. Ortega-P
Emiliano Panis (+)

Joaquin L. Ortega, Jr. (+)

Jose "Papa" L. Ortega (+)
Paz "Pacing" Lacsamana-Ortega

Luis L. Ortega (+)
Lourdes Favis Rivero-Ortega

Ramona "Nena" L. Ortega-M
Eduardo R. Montilla (+)

Juanita L. Ortega (+)

Francisco Isabelo "Pacoy" L. C
Corazon Campos-Ortega (+)

Manuela L. Ortega (+) Died at ci
Justo Orros, Sr. (+)

Joaquina "Nitang" L. Ortega-
Justo Orros, Sr. (+)

Joaquin "Titing" L. Ortega (+)
Felicula Nuesca-Ortega (+)

Concepcion L. Ortega (+)

Mary L. Ortega-Gonong (+)
Fernando Gonong (+)

Evaristo L. Ortega (+)
Rose Ubaldo-Ortega (+)

Ana Joaquin-Ortega
(Sister of Juana got married
after Juana's Death)

Jose J. Ortega
Ines C. Floirendo-Ortega

Titang S. Ortega-Olba
Mr. Olba

Rosario J. Ortega-Fenix
Alvaro Fenix

Vicente J. Ortega
Felisa Campos-Ortega

Carmen J. Ortega-Floirendo
Primitivo Floirendo

Ortega Ti Pancian

Antonia Ortega

Ortega de Cebu

Franciso Benitez

Leon Lacsamana
(brother of Francisca Lacsamana)
Catalina Munar-Lacsamana

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We thank former Vice Mayor Bernardo "Nardy" Valero for postponing the scheduled power interruption on March 11, 2017

We also thank Edgee Zarsadias and Ronnie Dy for going the extra mile in publishing this souvenir program

ORTEGA *Reunion 2017!*

I did not get to know Lolo Joaquin because he died in 1943 and I married Victor in 1963, twenty years later. We got married on March 9 knowing it was the birthday of Lola Paca. It was the only date possible according to Ilocano beliefs because they said to get married in February may not be lucky because the days were not 30 or 31, nor March 19, St. Joseph's Feastday because the moon was becoming smaller, nor April because it was close to Holy Week. March 9 of 1963 was a Saturday and it was before Full Moon. We got married at 7:00 in the morning so that our life would be greeted by the rising sun.

After the wedding, right after lunch, three generations were in the Mercedes car – Victor and I in the bucket seat beside the driver, and since I was only 90 pounds then, Victor and I were comfortably snuggled together, and behind us were Lolo Pablo Campos with Lola Lucia and Popsy with Mommy as we called Papa Pacoy and Mama Cora. We drove to La Union to make it for dinner at "Daya", the house on the East, to celebrate the birthday of Lola Paca. She was already bedridden and I was brought to her bedside and introduced to her. There were so many aunties to kiss and uncles to greet, disturbing the ones playing mahjong and playing poker. And after dinner, which I do not remember taking, we left for Baguio for our honeymoon.

Lola Paca then played an important role in our lives and celebrating the 140th birthday of Lola Paca and the 151st birthday of Lolo Joaquin this year will be another unforgettable event because of the Ortega Reunion 2017. Since Victor as the oldest male descendant living has been chosen as Chairman, I have been involved in the preparations and have been tasked to publish the Souvenir Program.

I have shared what I have researched on the Campos-Ortega Family Tree with Tio Jesus Floirendo, and I am grateful that he has put it down in his "Memoirs". I would also like to acknowledge John Robert Ferrer Diaz because he shared with me a baptismal entry at Aringay Church and it states that Joaquin Ortega y Molina and Maria Verzosa had a child, Jose Maria Roman Ortega who was baptized in 1864. This shows that the Ortegas lived in La Union even before Lolo Joaquin came to La Union at the age of 16 having been born and raised in Cebu when his father, Antonio was head of the Tabacalera in Cebu.

All of us in the Ortega Reunion 2017 Organizing Committee may have been stressed but we are privileged to have experienced the joy of working together and tracing the roots of the family that goes back to Spain and has spread out to all parts of the Philippines.

I have been inspired to write the "Tribute to a Grandfather-in-Law" and I would like to share it with you...

Organizing COMMITTEE



The organizing committee of Ortega Reunion 2017 met at the ancestral home of Familia de Pacoy y Corazon on January 27, 2017, February 18, 2017 and March 3, 2017



Tribute to a GRANDFATHER-IN-LAW

By: Mary Jane Crisanto-Ortega

I never met you but your name resounds in my mind

Pride engulfs me as I pore over the past and read what you have done

- First Filipino Civilian elected as Governor of La Union
- Sub-Governor of Abra, Bontoc, Lepanto and Mountain Province
- Friend of the Non-Christian Tribes
- Recipient of a gold medal as juror at the Philippine Exposition in 1904

*But most endearing is to know you were a loving family man
Encouraged your sons to be lawyers
And your daughters as inspirations to others*

*Your progenitors have now gathered in the province of your choice
Proud to carry your name, hungry to bond with one another
In our veins run the love of place and family
From La Union, Ilocos Norte, Cebu and other parts of the world
On your 151st birthday anniversary, we honor and thank you
¡Salud al padre, abuelo, tatarabuelo!
¡Salud y amor a cada uno!
!Agbiag iti Familia Ortega- Agdinungo tayol!*

