

SR. MARIA CELERINA SUMAYAN PENUELA, SPC

Birthday: December 17, 1929 **Death**: January 4, 2016 **Age**: 86 yrs. Old

Good morning, my brothers and sisters especially to Sr. Celerina's family.

It is an honor for me to share a glimpse of the life story of Sr. Celerina with you now.

Sr. Maria Celerina Sumayan Penuela hails from New Lucena, Iloilo... but was born in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo on December 17, 1929 to her generous and loving parents, Constancia Sumayan and Jacinto Penuela. As a young girl, she had her education in New Lucena, Iloilo. She finished her Nursing Education in St. Paul College of Iloilo and St. Paul College of Manila.

In the year 1958, Sr. Celerina was called by the Lord to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres and had her Perpetual Profession in May 1966.

In her young age as a Sister of St. Paul, she had touched many lives with love and hope, a dedicated witness of Christ's compassion and mercy. She was a person with a ready smile and hearty laughter ... ready to give a helping hand for any work she was asked to do, related to care of persons who were sick or well, indigent or not.

She spent most of her life of consecration and mission as a nurse in our various SPC Institutions here in the Philippines as follow: Baguio, Singalong in Malate, Manila, UST Hospital and St. Paul's Hospital Iloilo. Her Apostolic involvements were: as a Local Superior of the Community or a Supervisor of various hospital departments or Clinic Nurse for the poor beneficiaries.

In 1992, Sister was sent to Rome and France for our SPC 40-day Spiritual Renewal after which when she came back to the Philippines, she was assigned in St. Paul's Hospital - Mother Antoine Center which is involved in helping the needs of the poor and underprivileged.

In her last act of obedience... here in Mere Monique Home, she was in charge of the Dietary Department for a period of five years. Then, due to chronic ailment she was relieved from her work and she became one of the "prayer warriors" here in Mere Monique Home... until the Lord called her to Himself last January 4, 2016.

Thank you dear Sr. Celerina for the witness of your life as a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres. Do continue to pray for us that like you, we may persevere until Jesus will come to take us to Himself.

To the Family, Friends and Relatives of Sr. Celerina, we are one with you in your bereavement and in the faith of Resurrection.

May God bless us all.