



## Felicito Mateus Fernando

May 26, 1927 - January 2, 2018

Felicito Mateus Fernando MD, (aka Lolo), age 90 of Searcy, Arkansas died Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in Searcy. He was born May 26, 1927 in Santa Ignacia, Tarlac Province, Phillippines to Felix Agustin Tabucol and Adelaida Brucelas Mateus. Dr. Fernando was a missionary doctor with the Seventh Day Adventist Church for 20 years, serving in Guatemala, Mexico, Guyana, Botswana and Rwanda. He is survived by one daughter, Dallie Fernando Ricca MD and husband Gregory F. Ricca MD; one son, Felicito Emil Fernando MD and wife Lynette Brown Fernando; seven grandchildren, Aaron Ricca MD and wife Megan, Nathaniel Ricca, Rachel Ricca Beck and husband Spencer, James Fernando MD and wife Rachel, Julie Fernando Seard and husband Jonathan, Sara Fernando Moses and husband Evan, Zack Fernando; two great-grandchildren, Lillian Ricca, Jasmine Seard; three brothers, Miguelito M. Fernando MD, Orlando M. Fernando, Edgardo M. Fernando; and one sister, Ester Tabucol Vizcarra. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Felicidad Garcia Fernando; two sisters, Preciosa Tabucol Pilar and Lydia Tabucol Roda. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in memory of Felicito M. Fernando to the Dementia Society of America by mail to PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, or online [www.DementiaSociety.org/donate](http://www.DementiaSociety.org/donate). Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Your Father was such a delight to me. He was in Providence with my Mother & I loved to talk to him. He would laugh and laugh. I hurt my wrist & he examined my arm & wrist for me to see if he could do anything for me. I once brought him candy & he didn't know whether to take it or not. I tried to explain it to him and I took out a piece and showed him what to do with it. He finally licked on it & when he found out how good it tasted he finally put it in his mouth and ate it. He was called Fernando and I kept asking about him & nobody would say anything. The day I finally found out he had passed on from this life I left Providence with the tears flowing. Every day I go to see my Mom and I still look for him. Wish I could hear him laugh one more time.

I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Fernando. My thoughts & prayers are with you in this difficult time. I will continue to search for him even though I know he is in a better place. God Bless the Family of a wonderful man.

Kay Duncan

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Kay Duncan - January 13, 2018 at 06:03 PM

DR

Thank you so much Kay. I wish Dad could see this... as his mind continued to dwindle, he would ask me why he continued to live, since he no longer could contribute to it. I told him that he was very much contributing to life around him, with his smile and his stories and his love for those around him. He would be so happy to know that he really did make a difference during this time.

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Dallie Ricca - January 14, 2018 at 05:16 PM

JD

*You are very welcome Dallie. I remember one day he was sitting out in the common room & you said "Dad, I'm sleepy" and you curled up & put your head on his shoulder for a little while. Don't know if you went to sleep or not but you curled up there for a little while & I wished I could do that with my Mom. Oh yes he is very missed. I just wished I had known he was sick. It just came as such a shock to me. I don't know if you know which one I am or not but I'm there everyday and I am the one that has red hair but I wear a wig. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Janell Duncan** - January 14, 2018 at 08:42 PM

JD

*Sorry but I go by both of my names. My real name is Janell Kay Duncan.*

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**Janell Duncan** - January 14, 2018 at 08:44 PM

AN

*Dallie, I loved your dad and his stories and comments, he will be missed. Prayers for you and your family!!! 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Ann Nuckled** - January 15, 2018 at 12:30 PM