



Dr. Agnes M. Rimando

October 17, 1957 - July 12, 2018

Dr. Agnes M. Rimando, 60, passed away July 12, 2018, after a short illness in Oxford, MS. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home (601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford). Father Joe Tonos will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Rimando was born in the Philippines on October 17, 1957. She received a bachelor of science and a master's of science in Pharmacy from the University of the Philippines in 1980 and 1985, respectfully. She went on to continue her education and earned a doctorate in Pharmacognosy from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1993. She was an instructor at the University of the Philippines from 1981 – 1985 and a research trainee at Hiroshima University School of Medicine in 1985 until 1987. Dr. Rimando worked as a research chemist for the USDA Agricultural Research Service from 1994 until her passing. In 1996, she moved to Oxford and was working with the Natural Products Utilization Research Unit.

Dr. Rimando's expertise on the chemistry of plants was sought out by many. For example, she served as a consultant all over the world for the USDA and the US State Department, traveling to Rwanda and Colombia. She was fearless about going anywhere or tackling any problem. The research she is best known for is her extensive work on the health benefits of pterostilbene, a

constituent of grapes and blueberries. Her findings were extensively covered by the popular press, and this publicity gave a boost to the blueberry production worldwide. Several of Dr. Rimando's discoveries related to pterostilbene were patented with products based on these patents sold throughout the world.

Dr. Rimando was a world-famous natural products chemist, authoring nearly 200 scientific papers and served as editor of several books on the chemistry of plants. She was the recipient of many prestigious awards, including: Fellow of the American Chemical Society, Fellow of the Agricultural and Food Division of the American Chemical Society, the Kenneth A. Spencer Award for outstanding achievements in food and agricultural chemistry, the Federal Laboratory Consortium Excellence in Technology Transfer Award, the USDA ARS Mid South Area Technology Award, and the USDA ARS Mid South Area Senior Scientist of the Year award. She was elected to the Philippine American Academy of Science and Engineering. Dr. Rimando was an invited speaker to many scientific meetings throughout the world, often serving as the keynote or plenary speakers. Her many contributions to the American Chemical Society included Chair of the Agricultural and Food Division of the American Chemical Society, American Chemical Society Councilor, and the International Activities Committee, as well as service in many other capacities. She served as President of the American Council for Medicinally Active Plants.

Dr. Rimando is survived by her mother, Felisa M. Rimando; sisters; brothers; and a large extended family. She also leaves behind her friends, co-workers, and collaborators, who will all miss her greatly.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

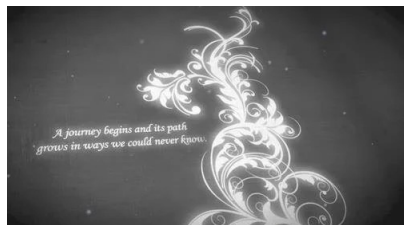
JUL 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Agnes M. Rimando



Coleman Funeral Home - July 13, 2018 at 05:06 PM

AL

I am in shock and disbelieve. Agnes was my dear friend and the best collaborator I ever had. She will be missed tremendously.
Ana

Ana Levenson - July 15, 2018 at 01:13 PM



Missing you, tita Annie

Joeboy Vergara - July 16, 2018 at 08:58 AM

RC

I am very sad to hear this! I first met Agnes when she visited me for a training course on a mass spectrometer she purchased from us. USDA had just released the story about pterostilbene and blueberries, and somehow the news agencies found out where she was and were calling her. She was laughing as she told me "they wanted me to tell them how many blueberries you have to eat! I can't answer that!" I think of Agnes and pterostilbene every time I eat blueberries.

Robert Cody - July 16, 2018 at 10:28 AM

WY

“ 2 files added to the album Conferences



wallace yokoyama - July 24, 2018 at 04:59 PM

CF

“ *I had the privilege of getting to know Agnes at the USDA lab in Mississippi. She worked extremely hard and took pride in her work, but I never got the impression that she let the little stuff get to her. She was a happy person; even-keeled and unflappable. She also had a lot of integrity. I know she loved her family very much and she spoke about them to me.*

Cheryl Frankfater

Cheryl Frankfater - July 17, 2018 at 10:53 AM

CD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Choon H. Do - July 17, 2018 at 09:29 AM

CV

“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clavel Rimando - Vergara - July 16, 2018 at 08:24 AM

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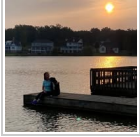
Ana Levenson - July 15, 2018 at 01:14 PM

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Ana Levenson - July 15, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ We are in great shock and very sad to learn of the passing of Dr. Rimando. We are so sorry to see such a hard-working and high-achieving scientist leave us so soon. She collaborated with scientists and institutions worldwide with remarkable success.

Dr. Romano was a kind person with a big dream. She once told us that she had a dream to initiate a research center in the Philippines to provide many researchers there more opportunity and access to advanced instrumentation.

Unfortunately, we are out of town and unable and to attend her funeral and pay tribute.

Dr. Rimando will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace in heaven.

Liming Song-Cizdziel and Jim Cizdziel

Liming Song - July 14, 2018 at 11:13 PM

RM

“ Agnes: You were a true friend, a colleague, and a collaborator on my projects since my first one in 2001. I will miss your scientific thought and value you brought to every activity you were involved in. My students will miss your guidance and advice. I will miss you very much. The science of herbal medicine has lost a great a great scientist!

Rao Mentreddy - July 14, 2018 at 10:49 PM

JW

“ Agnes was a great friend and colleague, my deepest sympathies to Rimando family

johnwilliamson

John S Williamson - July 14, 2018 at 09:47 PM

VE

“ Agnes gave us so many nice memories, working with her was gratifying and inspiring. She will always be remembered for her warm personality, her smile, and her outstanding achievements and commitment.

She will be missed hugely.

Veronika

Veronika - July 14, 2018 at 04:26 PM

MM

“ Dear Agnes: May you rest in Peace! The scientific world appreciates your contributions! Am sending my sympathy to your family. What a loss! ...Marjorie Medina

Marjorie Medina - July 14, 2018 at 02:23 PM

RM

“ I'll always have fond memories of Agnes. Her hard work always inspired me. Dear Agnes, rest in peace, my heart is with you and your family. Rita M. Moraes

Rita M. Moraes - July 14, 2018 at 12:58 PM

CM

“ Agnes was passionate about her work and a very accomplished scientist.

May your soul rest in peace Agnes.

Cassia Mizuno - July 14, 2018 at 07:26 AM



She was very fond of you Cassie. She always told me "if you work hard enough, you can be like cassie too"

Joeboy Vergara - July 16, 2018 at 09:01 AM

AD

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Adel,Bel,Christine,Ella,Helen,Jojie,Mita,Net&Precy purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Dr. Agnes M. Rimando.

Adel,Bel,Christine,Ella,Helen,Jojie,Mita,Net&Precy - July 13, 2018 at 07:14 PM



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Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Agnes M. Rimando.



July 13, 2018 at 07:09 PM

MC

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2 files added to the album UP Pharmacy 1980



Mita Chang - July 13, 2018 at 05:53 PM

SM

“ Agnes - I will truly miss you! You were truly a scientist par excellence! You were so meticulous in every aspect of science. I will miss the years of collaboration we have had. May your soul rest in peace.

Suresh Mathews

Suresh Mathews - July 13, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - July 13, 2018 at 03:19 PM

FS

“ Agnes was a darling human being and a superb scientist which I had the privilege of knowing her for some 25 years. She will be missed by all of us. I wish her family and friends patience in coping with this huge loss.

Fereidoon Shahidi - July 13, 2018 at 03:16 PM

CO

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Coralia Osorio - July 13, 2018 at 03:05 PM

FF

“ *From Ana Levenson and Family. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Agnes M. Rimando.*



From Ana Levenson and Family. - July 13, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Agnes M. Rimando.*



July 13, 2018 at 02:47 PM

MA

“ *Fly high Agnes, thoughts and prayers for your family. We will miss you.*
Marilyn Ruscoe

Marilyn - July 13, 2018 at 01:31 PM

HC

“ *What a loss! Agnes was an excellent scientist and an excellent person. She was also very involved with ACS activities. She will be missed. - H. N. Cheng*

H.N. Cheng - July 13, 2018 at 12:53 PM

ER

“ *So terribly sorry for the loss of such a wonderful woman. My condolences. Erin Rosskopf*

Erin Rosskopf - July 13, 2018 at 12:05 PM

CO

“ *Agnes was one of the nicest women in science that I have had the honor to meet. God bless you Agnes, see you next!*

Coralia Osorio - July 13, 2018 at 10:17 AM