

# A love that endures...

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of the FASO ( Filipino America Symphony Orchestra) members, IHMC ( Immaculate Heart of Mary Church) choir members and Fil-Am Jazz members.

She particularly enjoyed listening to the tenor voice of Pete Avendano who gave life to the lyrics, perhaps because she has not heard them sang for sometime, and now the lyrics come alive with Pete Avendano's rendition: "These are roses for a rainy day/Watch the petals falling down/ I know you want to go away now/as flowers tumble to the ground." For a Rainy Day - To a Very Special Rose, my wife, Charito Sison. Music by Ramon Sison. "

And Giovanni Bartolomei, as a thank you, composed an Italian 8-line limerick on the spot:  
*lo vo' cantare i' mi ringraziamento  
 pe'questa bella gente Filippina.  
 lo scrivo solo per divertimento  
 che la serata è stata assai carina.  
 Se quest'ottava ho scritto in un momento  
 qui c'è chi cucinò da stamattina.  
 Stasera vorra' dir che tu riposi.  
 Ringrazio Enrique e Soprattutto Prosy."*

I believe that particular evening, though unstated, was a dry run for FASO's tribute to Dr. Sison's musicality and of course, to experience his loving presence through the songs he composed, one in particular, we all love: A Rose for a Rainy Day.

Making music rveryday is magical! It gives us an inner peace and allows us to be a conduit of joy for others, just like the Sisons did for one another!

Dr. Ramon Sison, wherever you are, here is to you, a salute and *Mabuhay* for a life well-lived and a life full of love for Charito and others! ■



WATCH THE IMMIGRATION EXPERTS - THE MOST INFORMATIVE IMMIGRATION SHOW ON TELEVISION. Troy Montero (left) will sit down with immigration expert, Jeremiah Johnson (right) who is a Partner and Managing Attorney of Reeves & Associates' San Francisco Office. Atty. Johnson will give examples of Reeves & Associates' commitment to helping people and their families cope when faced with the dilemma of being in deportation proceedings.

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