

AN OPEN LETTER for Dr. Wilmer Heceta

“ An AFUSA Mighty Oak is falling”

To My Dear Truest Friend , Colleague and Mentor,

I am deeply and greatly saddened after your dear wife, Easterbelle, called me last night, informing me of the serious status of your health compared from the last time we talked in the phone. From the time of the knowledge that you had your illness and the resistance that you showed to the various suggested modalities of treatment at the Cleveland Clinic and else where.

Sir and my dear friend, you have walked *ahead* of me in so many ways. Graduating from Silliman University; Pursuing our medical studies at The UERMMMC and then AFUSA leadership both as Chairmen of the Foundation. Recipients of Outstanding Alumni Awardees of Silliman University. And yet, I have silently emulated you and has stretched forth my arms in admiration to your accomplishment in life which has been beyond reproach. You have led a virtuous, blameless life. You persistently pursue to do good things for the UERMMMC Alumni Association and the Foundation. What an incredible blessing you have been.

I am blessed to have friends like you to lean on in moments of weakness in my leadership acumen. One thing I learned from you is: I will not always achieve the goals I set out to achieve. However, it's the incredible blessings and joy that I have for having the chance, in having the journey in accomplishing it. Thank you for being a mentor.

We have been friends for so long, along with the other alumni of Silliman University and UERMMMMC. I am sorry that your life journey has been so difficult, especially lately. WE will miss you when you are gone. We are sure that God will deal with you gently and tenderly. He who has created a flesh so weak and imperfect.

Dear, dear old friend, good-bye. May our Father who is in heaven have you in His holy keeping and give you eternal rest.

“ I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in ME, though he were dead, will live even when he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.”

John 11: 25-26

Devotedly your friend,

Rene Querubin