

A Life of Purpose, Service, and Love

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The members of the UP community mourn the loss of Dr. Salvacion R. Gatchalian, UP College of Medicine Class 1977, who passed away on March 26, 2020 due to Covid-19.

She was a pediatric infectious disease specialist with several decades of excellent and unwavering service to Filipino children through her engagements in the drive against communicable illnesses especially tuberculosis and vaccine-preventable diseases. She was a determined and dynamic president of the Philippine Pediatric Society at the time of her death.

Dr. Sally was a vibrant mentor and teacher who inspired many students, trainees, and health workers with her astuteness, gracious and positive disposition, and reassuring ways. Her colleagues and friends' lives had been illuminated with her dedication, professionalism, kindness, and humor.

She had a bubbling joy about her and a warm, generous heart that endeared her to all her colleagues in the academe and profession, students, co-workers, and patients. Her many acts of kindness added to her beauty and grace.

She was a beloved and nurturing wife, mother, sister, and person - traits that reflected on her contributions to the nation's health and on her legacy of service to Filipino children.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Eduardo R. Gatchalian and two children.

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