

Rosco, Clemencio Sumabal (1918–2002)

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Clemencio Sumabal Rosco was born in Inabanga, Bohol, Philippines on November 23, 1918.¹

Early Life, Education, and Marriage

His Roman Catholic merchant parents both came from Bohol, one of the solid Roman Catholic provinces of the Philippines. His father, Sulpicio L. Rosco, comes from Tubigon while his mother, Remegia Sumabal, hails from Inabanga.^{2, 3} Clemencio read Adventist books and attended tent meetings which God used for his conversion.⁴ Pastor R. Llaguno baptized him and his wife on June 25, 1949 in Tubigon, Bohol.⁵

After finishing high school, Clemencio attended Southwestern Colleges (now Southwestern University)⁶ and graduated from Bachelor of Science in Education major in History and minor in English in March 1950.⁷ He had postgraduate education taken from Philippine Union College (now Adventist University of the Philippines)⁸ He married Marcelina Serohijos of Tubigon, Bohol on June 6, 1943.⁹ Their marriage was blessed with 7 children namely: (1) Flordeliza, December 15, 1944; (2) Teresita, February 16, 1946; (3) Clemencio Jr., August 10, 1948; (4) Nepthali, August 1, 1950; (5) Himaya-Marcelina, January 1, 1953; (6) Myrna, March 20, 1955; and (7) Hope-Laarni, who was born on September 21, 1959.^{10, 11}

Ministry

Prior to his marriage and conversion, Clemencio, worked as a teacher at the Bureau of Public Schools beginning in 1938 to 1942. When WW11 broke out he joined the Armed Forces of the Philippines as a soldier from 1943 to 1945. After the war, he returned to his teaching job at the Bureau of Public Schools from 1944 to 1947. His employment in the Bureau of Public Schools ended when his Alma Mater, Southwestern Colleges in Cebu City (now Southwestern University), hired him as a Principal and a Critic Teacher from 1948 to 1950. Leaving

Southwestern Colleges, he accepted to become Principal of the Southern Masbate Institute (SMI), Placer, Masbate for the school year of 1950-1951. He did not finish his term as Principal in SMI when he decided to return to Cebu and connect with Cebu Roosevelt Memorial College in Bogó, Cebu as a classroom teacher from June to December 31, 1952.¹²

On November 1, 1952 he began his denominational work as a Literature Evangelist until June 15, 1954 at East Visayan Mission (now Central Visayan Conference). He remained in the same Mission for the next nine years working as an Assistant Publishing Director, Sabbath School Director, Lay Activities Director and as a District Leader.¹³

On January 1, 1964,¹⁴ two years before his ordination on January 22, 1966,¹⁵ he accepted a call to connect with Western Mindanao Mission (now Western Mindanao Conference), a subsidiary of South Philippine Union Mission (now South Philippine Union Conference) in Mindanao, as Sabbath School Director, Lay Activities Director and as a District Leader. The next six years of his ministry in Mindanao beginning on January 1, 1966, he was tasked as the Evangelist,¹⁶ Ministerial Secretary and in-charge of the Radio-TV Ministry of the South Philippine Union Mission of the Seventh-day Adventists.¹⁷ As the need arises, he left the South Philippine Union Mission to return to Western Mindanao Mission as President for two years before briefly joining Southern Mindanao Mission for seven months as Sabbath School and Lay Activities Director, respectively, due to a call passed by the Central Philippine Union Mission to South Philippine Union Mission for him to return to Central Philippines to work as Ministerial,^{18, 19} Temperance, Associate Communication and Executive Secretary of the Union beginning August 1, 1974 until the end of 1979. His last denominational employ before his retirement took effect on December 1, 1983 was being the Ministerial and Radio Speaker of the Union. His untimely retirement on May 1, 1980²⁰ was largely due to his waning health and rapid physical decline.²¹

Later Life

Pastor Clemencio S. Rosco served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for a total of 27²² years as literature evangelist, district leader, director of various denominational departments of both the mission and the union of Central and South Philippines, Radio-TV Speaker and as president of Western Mindanao Mission. He died in November 2002²³ in Florida, U.S.A²⁴.

Contribution

Aside from serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 27 years in different capacities, Pastor Rosco translated into Cebuan²⁵ the book entitled *Patriarchs and Kings*²⁶ originally written in English by Ellen G. White.

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