

Name of Departed Classmate	Alicia Mejia Banaag
Class Year	1965
Information / Tribute	"Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength." St. Francis de Sales

Alice was not just a classmate; she was a very dear friend. When I lived in California, we often shared both casual and special moments of our lives together. She and her husband Tony, as well as the children James and Jane, were part of my family. We sustained this kinship between us even after I moved to other states over the ensuing years.

On September 6, 2003, Tony and Alice were driving home from Pala casino when their car was hit by another car as she and Tony were driving home. Alice and the driver of that car were both killed. It happened late at night on a twisting two-lane road. Ordinarily, they would have stayed overnight but they had a picnic to attend the next day. She was just a day or two shy of her 60th birthday!

There are no words to describe the shock and pain that I felt upon hearing the news. She was the heart and soul of her family and she was my friend. I miss her.

Victoria Chan (Spector)