

Retired Naval Medical Corpsman Honors Late Wife with Nursing & Social Work Scholarship at Stockton

Cenon Jacob of Mays Landing, N.J. Creates Lasting Legacy for
Jemima Jacob, a Nurse at AtlantiCare

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and his sons, Carl, a software engineer at AT&T from North Brunswick, N.J., Christopher, of Bethlehem, Pa., an expert at an Apple store, and Christopher's daughter, 3-year-old Penelope Jemima.

Jacob's parents were farmers in the Philippines and his father advised him to take the test for the U.S. Navy, which he passed with flying colors. He came to the United States at age 19, working his way up the naval ranks from kitchen helper to become a medical corpsman.

He wanted to do something lasting to honor the memory of his wife, who worked at the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation over 20 years before her death 2011, and said he was lucky to bump into Guia,"(Calicdan- Apostle), a member of the South Jersey Filipino community.

Through that connection, he realized the best thing is to establish a scholarship on my wife's behalf. Her name will always be there."

Calicdan-Apostle said, "I really appreciate that Crystal, Christopher and Carl are a big part of this."

"What you are doing for your wife - your mom- your family is extraordinary,"Kesselman told the family. "You're going to make a difference in the lives of students and they keep on giving."

Christopher Jacob referred to Apple's belief that commitment is something that never ends. It's institutions and foundations like this that allow that to happen... It's an honor and a privilege to be part of it."

The Jacobs gift will build an endowment through a series of \$5,000 donations over five years, with another \$1,000 being donated for a scholarship each year which will alternate between a Nursing or Master of Social Work student beginning in the 2017-18 academic year.

"It can be so difficult for those on a graduate level,"said Assistant Dean Mary Beth Sherrier of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, who noted that those students often are working and paying off undergraduate debt. Social Work and Nursing students have the biggest hearts. This is a real tribute to your wife and mother."

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Caption 1:

From left: Guia Calicdan-Apostle, associate professor of Social Work, Penelope Jemima Jacob and her father, Christopher Jacob, Carl Jacob, Crystal Jacob, Cenon Jacob and President Harvey Kesselman at the Stockton University gift-signing ceremony on Dec. 2, 2016.

Caption 2:

Cenon Jacob of Mays Landing, N.J. and President Harvey Kesselman of Stockton University sign the agreement for the Jacob Family and Friends Master in Social Work/Nursing Endowed Scholarship in honor of Jacob's late wife, Jemima, a nurse for many years at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center.