

QC honors Adelina Rodriguez's memory

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The **Quezon City local government** expressed its condolences to the family and loved ones of the late Adelina Santos-Rodriguez, QC's first female mayor, whose work paved the way for the entry of more women in the political and civic arenas.



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She passed away on 30 September 2021. She was 101.

Rodriguez was the QC's sixth mayor who led the city from 1976 to 1986. During her decade-long stint at the city's helm, she was considered to be a strong yet compassionate leader.

Rodriguez prioritized health care and established health centers across the city. She was also progressive in addressing the needs of many families by promoting family planning and birth control.

She focused on arts and culture, and tourism that strengthened the city's development.

Boosting the local economy was also one of her priorities, especially for the benefit of marginalized sectors. She established an economic development council to encourage more businesses, jobs, investments and livelihood in the city.

In 2016, Rodriguez was recognized as the city's Tandang Sora awardee, as she embodied the ideals and traits of the Filipina revolutionary, Melchora Aquino. The award was given to her "for sustaining the stability and progress of the city even during the martial law years and for preserving the status of Quezon City as the then capital city of the Philippines."

In her younger years, Rodriguez was an active student and was even proclaimed "Miss Education" while taking up her home economics course at the University of Sto. Tomas. She actively participated in social work and from there, her heart for public service continued as she took on the role of Quezon City's chief executive.

Passing through the hallways of Quezon City Hall, her portrait stands out from the previous mayors as she, a woman, has greatly contributed to what Quezon City is today.