

**August 31, 1957  
PRESIDENT MAGSAYSAY MOURNING**

**MOURNING STAMP IN HONOR OF  
THE LATE PRESIDENT RAMON MAGSAYSAY**

Being one of the most beloved personalities in the History of the Philippines, President Ramon Magsaysay deserves the ovation given only to heroes. Rising from the ranks as a humble employee, his remarkable record of statesmanship accomplished in such a very short time was enviable.

He was born on August 31, 1907 in the little town of Castillejos, Zambales. In his town, he was brought up with the ideals of humility and hard work carrying with him these virtues until his untimely death on March 17, 1957.

His political career began during the early days of the liberation when he was appointed as military governor of his home province. Later, he won in the national election by a landslide margin for the congressional seat in the House of Representatives. During the darker days when the dissident elements threatened to trample upon our freedom for the ultimate benefit of communism, he was given the task of being the head of the Department of National Defense. He proved to be a man of steel in saving our country from the claws of communism. With these feats, he won the admiration of the free world and have been known since then as one of the greatest leaders of Democracy.

In the presidential election of 1953, he became the President of the Philippines winning by a margin unequalled in our history. He was still engrossed with the job of cleaning the government of graft and corruption when he met his death in a plane crash. (C-47 Plane, Mt. Pinatubo), which took away the lives of twenty-five other persons. The entire free world mourned his death. Never has there been a greater loss than the passing away of such a great man!

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