

Spotlight Couple #9

Rolly & Cheryl Pascua
ME Class #39

We are excited to feature for the month of October one of the newest couples in the ME community, Rolly and Cheryl Pascua from Long Island, NY. Young and full of energy, they are excited to sponsor the next incoming ME Weekend Class No. 40 despite their busy schedules. Let's get to know them through their sharing of recent memories!

1. When was the last time you had a belly laugh together?

Cheryl: Rolly is always a joker. He cracks a joke out of nowhere and I just can't resist laughing for his silliness. I'm usually shy and don't know how to start a conversation, especially how to tell a joke, but I'm learning.

Rolly: We always have moments of laughter and last Thursday at work, while we were having lunch (we work in the same hospital, in the same department) :) We started with just a random topic, something silly, something funny and we burst into laughter. I think that's part of our everyday life - laughters.

2. When was the last time you applied what you learned from your ME deepenings?

Rolly: Raising a child is one of the biggest if not the most challenging part of a marriage especially for parents, and it's what puts us on the edge sometimes. Our son is in his early 20's already and the transition from having the dominant role in decision-making to letting him be independent in his decisions is what throws us off.

Cheryl: Well, he's the only child, so our attention is on him all the time. It's tough when we don't agree on issues. So we try to step back and keep our cool. We put the matter on the side until we're ready to talk about it.

Rolly: And it works, sometimes. We even end up laughing about it.

3. When was the last time you enjoyed your “We” time?

Cheryl: We work in the same hospital, the same department, and almost on the same schedule. So every day that we drive to and from work is our “We” time. That’s when we pray our rosary and other devotions; we discuss plans, share stories and “juicy” gossips, laugh much, and share our love for music.

Rolly: And we enjoy the commute, the conversation, and the continuous getting-to-know-each-other, even though we’ve been married for 23 years... lol.

4. When was the last time you kissed and made up after a quarrel?

Rolly: Cuddling and kissing is normal for us wherever we are. The problem is we don’t really argue often and have not been really into a big fight, so we don’t remember kissing and making up after a quarrel... it’s always just kisses and hugs and more...

Cheryl: I’m the sweet one, he says...They say, making up is the icing on the cake!

5. When was the last time you thanked God for your spouse?

Cheryl: Every day, every moment we have the chance to thank God for every little thing we receive, every special moment we share, as well as the not-so-special blessings and trials that we face.

Rolly: All the time! Sometimes, without even saying the word, we just look at each other and we know that we have the same thing in mind—thanking the Lord. We talk about it after, so it confirms the gesture.

6. When was the last time you said “Sorry” to your spouse?

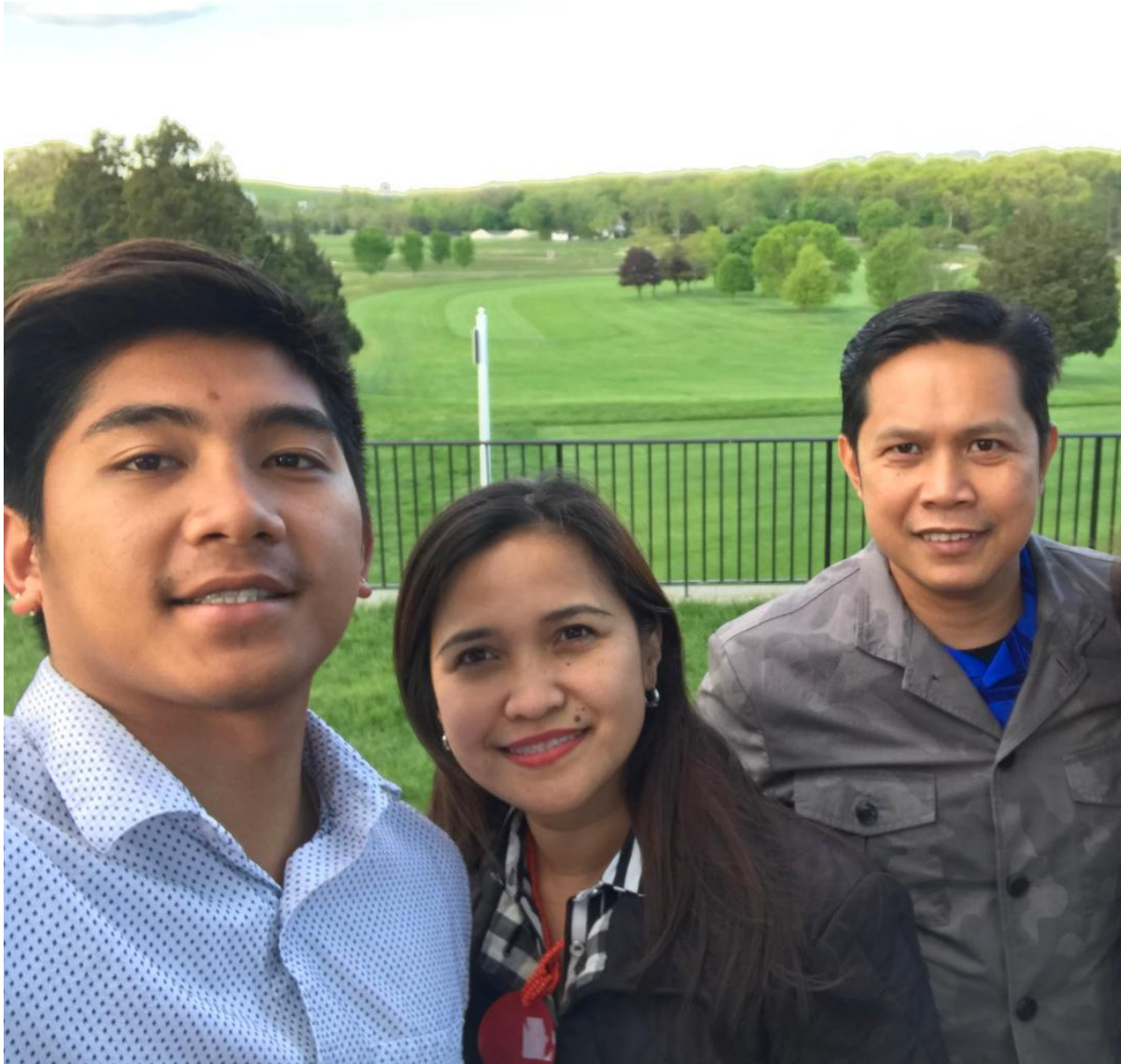
Cheryl: Last month, we were busy and he was not listening to me. After asking him a favor several times, I gave him a look and he didn’t like it. He told me not to do that. I explained what was going on with an irritated voice. He apologized and then we patched up. Rolly seldom says “sorry” but not this time.

Rolly: It ended with a sweet kiss. We always say “sorry” to each other no matter who’s at fault and who’s not.

7. *When was the last time you danced with gusto?*

Cheryl: Last Saturday night at a party... I love to dance with him all the time, but he doesn't. Most of the time, though, he gives in and dances with me anyway. I'm still waiting for that moment when he'll say "yes" for us to learn ballroom dancing and salsa...

Rolly: Only if it's our favorite 80's music as well as reggae!



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