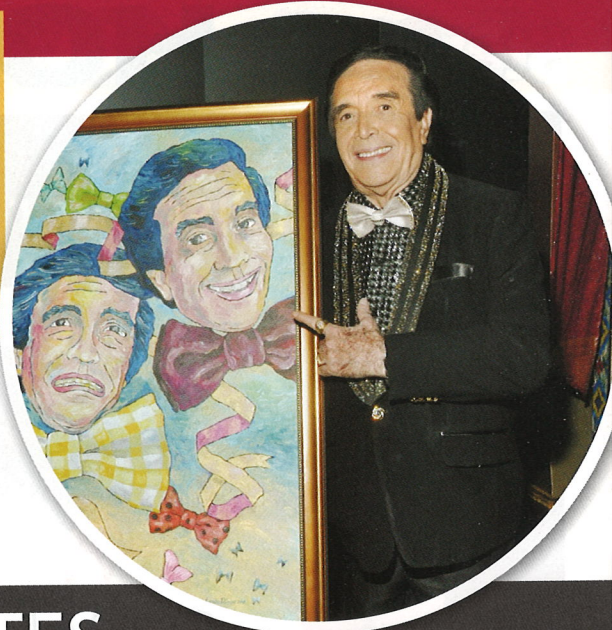


MILESTONES

THE MASTER SHOWMAN RESTS

► In April 2013, Kuya Germs marked his 50th anniversary in the business. When he passed away, he left behind a colorful life and history as a showbiz icon.



After spending more than fifty years developing and nurturing talents in showbiz, major industry mover German Moreno is laid to rest, leaving a huge void in the hearts of those lives he had touched along the way

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STAR TRIBUTES



"Pa, I don't know where to begin. You've always been there when I needed you the most. You are the most generous, selfless, genuine, caring father/mentor anyone could ever ask for. You're one of the reasons why I'm still in this industry you love oh so much. I'm sad that I'm not there next to you to say my goodbyes. You will be missed tremendously. We fought, we laughed, we cried, we sang, we danced and we shared the same stage for so many years! And I want to just thank you for teaching me and guiding me through everything. It hurts to see you leave us, but God is right there to make you rest and enjoy eternity with Him..." - Billy Crawford



"Maraming salamat kuya germs... Marami kaming binigyan mong pagkakataon sa industriyang minahal mo.. Paalam po master showman.." - Judy Ann Santos



"RIP, Kuya Germs. And thank you. #ThursdayGroup" - Lea Salonga



"Bye Kuya Germs. Salamat po sa mga palo, kurot at yakap mo. Thanks for the LOVE. God bless your soul." - Vice Ganda

The world of showbiz had been rocked by the death of industry legend German Moreno, who was also affectionately known as Kuya Germs. The Master Showman, aged 82, passed away from cardiac arrest on January 8 at 3:20 a.m., following a stroke that he suffered from the year before.

His nephew John Nite, who was also his co-host in GMA 7's *Walang Tulagan* with the Master Showman, announced the sad news through a statement, saying, "He passed on in the company of his family and friends. He lived a full life, touched so many hearts through the years, and helped make dreams come true for most of the biggest stars in the Philippine entertainment industry. We are deeply saddened by his passing but

we are comforted by the thought that his legacy will live on."

Indeed, Kuya Germs had always been known for his professionalism and was described by his home network GMA 7 as the "epitome of a loyal *Kapuso*."

The entire entertainment industry mourned the loss of Kuya Germs, who devoted the best years of his life building the careers of the biggest stars in showbiz. Starting off as a janitor and curtain raiser at the once popular Clover Theater in Manila, his first thrust in acting came when he played the role of Jesus Christ for the Grand Opera House. He then went on to pursue a career in comedy at Sampaguita Pictures and in radio broadcasting in the 60s. His biggest television break in television came when he hosted the musical

variety shows *GMA Supershow*, *That's Entertainment* and *Superstar* (with Nora Aunor).

But apart from hosting, he was also known for launching the careers of aspiring actors, dancers and singers through *That's Entertainment*. Many of the show's "graduates" became popular artists including Lea Salonga, Billy Crawford, Manilyn Reynes, Gladys Reyes, Judy Ann Santos, Janno Gibbs, Billy Crawford, Donna Cruz, Ramon Christopher and Lotlot de Leon to name a few.

He also initiated the "Walk of Fame" in Eastwood, Quezon City, which is the local counterpart of the "Walk of Fame" in Hollywood, to recognize artists and media men who have made significant contributions to the entertainment industry. ★