

# DANIEL D'UMUK AGUILA (1928-2010)

## Outstanding Sillimanian Award Communication Arts August, 1976

He was born on September 24, 1928 to the late Governor Doroteo Aguila of La Union and the former Donata Dumuk. After graduating from Silliman University High School in 1948, he enrolled at the University of the Philippines where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1952. Additional academic honors include graduate studies at Syracuse University from 1956 to 1958 where he was a Fellow in Audio Visual and Television Education.

Aguila, who used the professional name “El Dani” in his work, spent most of his adult life as an editorial cartoonist, journalist, and design artist. He garnered professional awards for his art work both in the Philippines and in the United States, the latter mostly in the state of Tennessee where he migrated to Nashville in 1967, following a successful career in the Philippines as an artist and professor at the University of the Philippines. In 1963, during the bicentennial celebration of his native town of Bauang, La Union, he was one of five that received the “Outstanding Son of Bauang” award. And In 2005, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa* by Philippine Christian University in Manila.



Photograph courtesy of Ms. Rita Maggart