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WAS THE SECOND PRESIDENT OF UGAT*

At the time of her passing Dr. Erlinda Burton was Chair of the Cagayan de Oro City Historical and Cultural Commission. She was the curator of Museo de Oro in Cagayan de Oro, and became a faculty member of the Sociology-Anthropology Department, Xavier University after she obtained her doctorate in Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. Her Master of Arts was in Archaeology from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She taught anthropology (archaeology and biological anthropology) at Imperial Valley, Imperial, California from 1969 to 1974, where she helped put up the Imperial Valley College Museum. As she often narrated, it was Fr. Francisco Demetrio, SJ who invited her (and her late husband, History professor John William Burton) to teach at Xavier University. She served as the Research Director for the Research Institute for Mindanao Culture at Xavier University from 1996 to 2005. She was the President of Heritage Conservation Advocates - a group formed by concerned citizens of Cagayan de Oro - , a member of the Society for Applied Anthropology, and also served as a member of the Technical Committee for Anthropology of the Commission for Higher Education (CHED). By her roots a Tingguian from Northern Luzon, she produced a life's work of scholarship and advocacy dedicated to Mindanao.

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Some members of XU Archeological Society including Dr Linda Burton in an exploration trip circa 1975

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