



Justino Diaz-Benitez

May 14, 1949 - January 9, 2022

Justino Diaz-Benitez of Kissimmee, Florida, formerly of Vineland, NJ, has departed to be with the

Lord on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at home surrounded by his loving family. Justino was born in

Pinar del Rio, Cuba where he completed his education as a physical education teacher. In 1994, Justino left Cuba aboard a self-constructed raft in search of freedom. After spending 5 days at sea, he was picked up by the US Coast Guard and sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he would spend a year in the refugee camp before being sent to the United States.

His efforts eventually brought him to Vineland, NJ. There he worked for the City of Vineland Road Department as a heavy truck driver for over 20 years until his retirement in 2017.

Justino enjoyed traveling, cooking, gardening, casinos, and music. He loved to socialize with everyone. He was such a loving, kind, fun, and gentle soul that will deeply be missed by all those who knew him.

He leaves behind his wife of 25 years Lourdes Diaz, their daughters Jessica Saad (Magued) and Desiree Young (Derres), and grandchildren Sophia Saad, Luke Saad, and Avaleena Young. He is also survived by his children in Cuba, Dania Diaz, Jusney Diaz, and Jasmany Diaz; his sisters Isora Gort-Diaz of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, and Ida Diaz-Benitez of Madrid, Spain; 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Justino is pre-deceased by his father Pablo Diaz, mother Dolores Diaz-Benitez, and brother Juan Diaz-Benitez.

The family of Justino Diaz-Benitez invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Events

JAN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

Comments



“ Justino,
What a joy it was knowing you. Ortelio and I will miss you so very much. You were loving, giving, Humorous and so many more things. As a father husband and family man you were among the best I know. Your love continue into the next generation. God bless you, rest in peace my beautiful friend, love Maryann and Ortelio

Maryann Cressman - January 24 at 12:11 PM



“ Donna And Nino Lombardo lit a candle in memory of Justino Diaz-Benitez



Donna and Nino Lombardo - January 21 at 10:40 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Lourdes, Jessica and Desiree.

I know how much you loved him and appreciated who he was as a stepdad, and who he was, as a HUSBAND, to your MOM.

The lost will be great, but the memories that he gave you three will carry on forever, and what you and your sister have become is part because of this Man, Justino Diaz Benetiz. He came into your lives when you probably thought what now of my mommy. What now of us, but God saw a way and placed him ever so gently and so seamlessly into your lives.

He is now with the Lord and resting in Peace.

Carmen "AKA" Titi Kymie Bonilla - January 21 at 12:02 PM



“ Justino, you will be missed greatly. You brought laughter to everyone with your jokes and constant humor. Your easy going and approachable personality endeared you to all those that met you. I will always remember you with affection and will never forget the great times we shared. Nelson

Nelson Diaz - January 20 at 10:06 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Justino Diaz-Benitez.



January 20 at 04:36 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Justino Diaz-Benitez.



January 20 at 10:56 AM



“ Kymie, Maxine, And Betty purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Justino Diaz-Benitez.



Kymie, Maxine, And Betty - January 20 at 10:32 AM



“ Justino I will never forget the story of how you made it here from Cuba. I remember hearing that when I was in high school and thinking Wow that was incredible! That story has stayed with me till this day! I will cherish all the times we had at the house for parties, BBQ's and just hanging out and sleep overs ! I can still here you call out my name the way you said it with so much enthusiasm!! I will never forget pulling in your driveway and you would be sitting in the garage listening to your music.! So glad I got to hug you and see your dance moves recently before the Lord had other plans for you. We will truly miss you....



nicolelombardo - January 19 at 09:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Justino Diaz-Benitez.



January 19 at 05:57 PM



“ Thank you for all the great memories Justino. I will always remember your unique laugh and all the funny stories we shared together. Everytime I do yard work or power wash, I have the tools you gifted me to remind me of you and your love. Love you and we will carry own your legacy and always remember you in our life and family gatherings. Your son in law, Mag

Mag Saad - January 19 at 02:52 PM



“ Justino, fue un placer haberte conocido y haber compartido contigo, Lourdesy fa. por tantos años! Fuistes una persona alegre, buen esposo, Papa, Tío
Y sobre todo buen amigo! Siempre te vamos a llevar en nuestros corazones! QDEP

Marivette & George Gordon - January 20 at 02:51 PM



“ The Mueller Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Justino Diaz-Benitez.



The Mueller Family - January 15 at 10:20 AM