



## Carlos Cruz-Echevarria

February 18, 1957 - November 11, 2017

Carlos Cruz-Echevarria, 60, of Deltona, Florida passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017. He was born on February 18, 1957 in Santurce, Puerto Rico to Justino Cruz-Normandia and Elba Echevarria Rosario. Carlos was a loving husband, son in law, brother, uncle and friend to all who knew him. He is preceded by his wife Letty of 34 years, brother Miguel Hernandez, sister Olga Cruz, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, mother-in-law, and friends. Carlos was a well-respected member of his community. Carlos was always first in line to help others. He loved animals, his dog Reddick misses him so much.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday November 22, 2017 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church: 1310 Maximilian Street, Deltona, Florida 32725, Phone: 386-574-2131.

A reception will be held after the service across from the church.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation for Family and Friends

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
1310 Maximilian Street  
Deltona, FL 32725

## Funeral Mass

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BU

“ Cruz was a lot more than a veteran. He was in top physical condition We served together in the mid 70's. he has some old military photos of him some where that I took on a recon training mission and flying out to LZ's generally, below tree lines on UH1D's. Every where we went was on a chopper or foot. We work as a two man team in squads in recon and survival training which included eating what we could find crawling on the ground as required.

Cruz proceeded to airborne ranger school in @ 77. we broke a post record in training by 20 minutes and never stopped for any rest on approx 8 mile cross country run carrying m16's and 4 mags then added to the weight with a 23 lb M60 and 2 100 round belts to our other weapons. Never slowed down less to pickup the 60 and ammo. No in the squad could keep up with our pace if required. I still remember the day we were locked in a building sucking up tear gas then throwing up clear mucus while crawling across the after we came out. Just more training but, he never smoked or drink or added risk to a mission. In the military he was someone you could trust and depend on.

I have not seen him since 77 and was planning to get back with him. But now that wont happen in this life. I should not say this but will. Their are places for people that destroy peoples lives like Cruz. If this would have been in the 70's those who ambushed Cruz would not exist today. in fact they would have never got a shot off and would be in their own graves at this point

God bless Cruz in this after life and be with him forever.

*Bulldog.*

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**Bulldog** - March 09, 2021 at 12:26 PM

BS

“ Carlos - thank you for your life of service to mankind.  
Bill

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Bill Sweeney - September 08, 2018 at 11:41 AM

AM

“ Mi caballero bello , amigo incondicional, eras un compendio de cosas bellas y siempre tan optimista y jovial, con una palabra de aliento y siempre presente en las buenas y en las no tan buenas. Aun no asimilo tu partida y es que eras tan especial que has dejado mucho dolor en tu forzada ausencia. Dios es grande y pronto se hara justicia , se que un ser tan hermoso y lleno de luz como lo eres tu , esta ahora rodeado de una inmensa aura de paz celestial junto al todopoderoso. Ayudanos desde donde estas a mitigar el dolor de tu ausencia. te quiero y te extraño. ....ANA MARTINEZ

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ana martinez - December 08, 2017 at 08:12 PM



“ Querido Carlos que triste se me ha hecho tu partida, no tengo palabras para expresar mi dolor te ame mucho y estarás siempre en mi corazón como un gran amigo  
Que Dios te tenga junto a él y espero algún día encontrarnos otra vez, rezo por ti y siempre estas en mis oraciones, amado mío

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Lilly Gonzalez - December 08, 2017 at 02:23 PM

IM

“ Mi amado Carlos Cruz, que hondo pesar al saber la noticia una semana despues, que tristeza tan profunda de no saber mas de ti cuando me encuentro esta noticia, vuela alto mi amor mi amigo mi guerrero estes en la paz de Dios, que el padre celestial haga Justicia a los que te asesinaron o los que estan involucrados, te amare eternamente amigo hermoso amigo mio y amigo de los que realmente te valoraron y estimaron. Solo le doy el pesame a Riddick a su perro quien realmente fue FIEL E INCONDICIONAL, el unico que lo amo sinceramente, ojala sea adoptado por alguien que realmente lo quiera y lo ame como lo hizo su dueño. y pesame a sus sobrinos y hermanos porque de ellos, el me hablaba muy bien y excelente, de la que llaman esposa si es que se le puede decir asi, cero al izquierda alla ella con su conciencia. Vuela alto mi guerrero de luz, estamos separado fisicamente, pero nunca emocionalmente. Todos tus verdaderos amigos en el exterior estamos triste por tu partida, pero dejastes un gran legado. Dios te tenga en el mejor de los sitios.

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**indira mendez** - November 29, 2017 at 12:28 AM

EG

“ Querida Letty, palabras no pueden expresar lo mucho que siento la muerte de tu compañero de tantos años especialmente de esta manera tragica. Hemos compartidos momentos Buenos y malos, y sabes que estoy aqui para cualquier cosa que necesites. Te tengo en mis oraciones y en mi Corazon. Que el Señor todopoderoso te de fuerzas y el Espiritu Santo te consuele y te de paz. Abrazos.  
Elena Graceffo

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**Elena Graceffo** - November 21, 2017 at 09:11 AM

SW

“ *My sweet sweet Letty, I am so sorry for your loss. You have always been such a faithful and treasured friend. We have prayed for each other and our families through many situations. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray the Lord will be close by your side and the Holy Spirit will be there to comfort you and bring you peace.*

Sue E Wilder - November 18, 2017 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Your friends and family at Optum. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carlos Cruz-Echevarria.*



Your friends and family at Optum. - November 17, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - November 17, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. What a senseless tragedy. If you ever need to talk I will be here for you. Take Care and God Bless you and your family*

Josie Bates - November 17, 2017 at 08:15 AM