



Daniel J. Castaneda

September 8, 1940 - January 5, 2026

In Loving Memory of Daniel J. Castaneda

On January 5, 2026, our beloved father, Daniel J. Castaneda, 85, went home to be with the Lord. He passed peacefully in his sleep and is now reunited in heaven with our beautiful mother, Florinda, and our loving grandparents Daniel and Gisela Castaneda.

Danny and I are heartbroken and at a loss, yet we are comforted knowing that Dad is finally at peace with Mom, whom he grieved deeply for the past two and a half years.

Their reunion brings us solace even in our sorrow.

Dad, lovingly known as Abuelo or Tío, fled Cuba in 1961 to escape communism, courageously starting a new life in Jacksonville, Florida. Through hard work and determination, he built a successful career in computer programming and, more importantly, raised a loving family from the ground up.

He was a devoted husband, a good and loving father, a proud grandfather, and a

cherished great-grandfather. His strength, sacrifices, and unwavering love will live on through all of us.

Our hearts are heavy with sadness, and he will be missed more than words can say.

Dad, we love you deeply and will miss you always.

Daniel is survived by his sons, Danny and John (Jamie).

Grandchildren:

- Ally Gordon (Trey Gordon)
- Nicholas Castaneda (Ann Pham)
- Kady Castaneda Hutchinson (Nick Hutchinson)

Great-grandchildren:

- Liam Gordon
- Piper Gordon

Brother-in-law:

- John Balaguer

Nieces and nephews:

- Melissa Balaguer
- Jenn Parvin (George)
- Kimmie Balaguer
- Colton Balaguer
- Gardner Leigh Parvin
- Whit Parvin

Private family service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

AN

“*Reading about the life of Daniel J. Castaneda, it is clear he was a man of faith, courage, and deep devotion to his family. Through stories John has shared with me as a coworker, his legacy lives on through his sons, John and Danny. While our hearts grieve, we take comfort in knowing Mr. Castaneda is now at peace, reunited with his beloved Florinda, and welcomed home by the Lord. May God's peace and promises surround the Castaneda family during this time of loss.*

annette - January 10 at 06:26 PM

RF

“ *John and Family,*

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your father, Daniel. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you, Danny, and your entire family during this difficult time.

Your father's life story is one of remarkable courage, perseverance, and devotion. Leaving Cuba to build a new life for his family, and doing so with such integrity, strength, and love, is a legacy that will continue to live on through each of you. It is clear how deeply he loved your mother and how meaningful it is to know they are now reunited and at peace.

John, having the privilege of knowing you both as a friend and as a colleague, I know the values your father instilled are reflected in the person you are—your character, compassion, and quiet strength speak volumes about the man who raised you.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May the memories you shared in his obituary bring comfort in the days ahead, and may you find peace in knowing your father's love and sacrifices will never be forgotten.

With sincere sympathy, Ray Fournier

Ray Fournier - January 07 at 10:17 AM