

Felix Rivera

July 8, 1926 - August 8, 2024

Felix Rivera was a beloved husband, father, uncle and brother during his incredible 98 years of life. He passed away peacefully in the early hours of August 8th, 2024. Felix was born on July 8, 1926, to father, Delores Rivera and mother, Luisa Carmona. He was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Felix was the youngest of 8 total children.

Felix met the love of his life, Estrella Guerrero (Rivera) by happenstance at a dance in Brooklyn, NY. When he asked her to dance, she politely refused. Estrella scanned the room and pointed at a random stranger saying she was there with “that guy”. “That guy” she pointed at just so happened to be Felix’s brother who did not have a date. At that point she had no choice but to dance with him. That is where their love story began 68 years ago. After marrying Estrella on November 12, 1955, at The Church of the Epiphany in Brooklyn, NY, they welcomed their first daughter, Miriam Rivera (later Giotta) on June 11, 1956. Shortly after, they welcomed another daughter, Iris Rivera on November 27, 1957.

Felix and Estrella started their life in Brooklyn, NY. They were devout Catholics and raised their family this way. Felix and Estrella made an indelible mark on their Brooklyn community in 1961. Felix was deep rooted in his faith. As a result, he was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He and his colleagues were very instrumental in building a loving church home. He

helped to build La Merced (Our Lady of Mercy Church). Felix and his fellow knights took up collections, organized fundraisers and brought the community together to create the loving church family which still serves the community today. We are so proud of this accomplishment and even more proud that this is part of our legacy.

Later, Felix & Estrella moved to Queens, NY and the family welcomed their first granddaughter, Camille Cruz on August 31, 1977. When their granddaughter grew up, they welcomed their very first great grandson, Marcellus Reyes on September 26, 1994. As the family grew, Felix and Estrella moved to Levittown, NY and welcomed their first great granddaughter Monique Reyes on April 29, 1999. Many wonderful memories were shared in Levittown but the winters got a little too cold for them. In 2018, they joined Iris in St. Petersburg, FL where they enjoyed many sunsets and welcomed their great -great grandson Jasiah Reyes on December 15, 2022.

We will all remember Felix for his loving & kind nature. We will also remember him for his occasional and endearing stubbornness. Felix had a passion for music & dancing. A kid at heart, he marveled at Christmas lights and fireworks. He adored his biological family and his family in Christ immensely. And let's not forget his beloved Yankees (although most of us would agree that was more of a love-hate relationship).

Felix prayed a rosary daily, without fail, and would include every one of us in his prayers. There was not a single moment spent with him where he wouldn't share a cherished memory he had with each of us. His heart and doors were always open to anyone, not just family. If you weren't family, you certainly knew and felt that you were by the end of the visit. Some of our fondest memories are his countless stories about the Yankees and his little pet names like "biggie-boy" and "la Princessa" . We encourage everyone to share your stories of him with us, it warms our heart hearing the impact he has had on

your lives.

We will all miss Felix dearly, but we are so grateful for all the time we did have. We will always feel his presence in our hearts

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 16th at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 7851 54th Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33709. Burial will follow in Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

Friends and family may pay their respects on Thursday, August 15th from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, 3530 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33710.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

5233 118th Ave N.
Clearwater , FL 33760

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG **15**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory R. Lee Williams Chapel
3530 49th St N
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(727) 527-1177
todd@degusipe.com

A Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
7851 54th Ave N
Saint Petersburg, FL 33709

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *My dad was a humble and beautiful human being. Dad treated everyone as they were our family. Dad never had a negative thing to say about anyone instead he will see the good in people. Dad loved his family and God. Dad spoke about working in the military, helping his dad in the farm, when he met my mom, how I used to follow him everywhere he went and of course his love for the Yankees. I love my dad very much and miss him dearly yet know he's with our Heavenly Father in a joyous place. Dad you will always be in my mind, heart and soul. May you rejoice seeing all your love ones that had passed. Love you and look forward when I will join you in our Heavenly Father's home. ❤️🙏*

Miriam Giotta - August 24, 2024 at 10:40 PM

MH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Mikey Huertas - August 14, 2024 at 11:41 PM

TF

“ *The seif family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Felix Rivera.*



The seif family - August 14, 2024 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ *The seif family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Felix Rivera.*

The seif family - August 14, 2024 at 05:18 PM

SF

“ *Sepulveda & Munoz Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Felix Rivera.*



Sepulveda & Munoz Family - August 14, 2024 at 01:06 PM

FF

“ *From your nephew chevin and family. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Felix Rivera.*



From your nephew chevin and family. - August 14, 2024 at 11:54 AM

DM

“ *Danina Y Manny purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Felix Rivera.*



Danina Y Manny - August 14, 2024 at 10:26 AM

AS

“ *A Friend of Iris - Stephen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Felix Rivera.*



A Friend of Iris - Stephen - August 14, 2024 at 09:37 AM

ER

“ *My deepest condolences to the rest of the family ... Felix Rivera , Don Felix a man of many titles but to me he was Grandpa Felix . The sweetest Most kind hearted individual I have ever met in my life . He was my grandfather in law but more like the grandfather I never had . He was the most humble caring selfless person . A beautiful soul and a true blue yankee fan . He always wanted the best for everyone he loved . . He was the man that made me want to become a father . He was the example that every man should look up to . A true family man . He loved his family . A true class act. He will truly be missed . I'm so sorry I didn't get to see him in Florida . I will forever remember all the good times we shared . He was a pivotal part in raising my son Marcellus and my daughter Monique . I love you grandpa forever . 🕊️📺🌸🙏*

Efrain Reyes - August 13, 2024 at 11:06 PM

MR

I love u dad

Monique Reyes - August 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AF

“ Athena Claudio & Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Felix Rivera.



Athena Claudio & Family - August 13, 2024 at 03:15 PM

BG

“ Benny, Wilson, Tomas & Eduardo Gonzalez purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Felix Rivera.



Benny, Wilson, Tomas & Eduardo Gonzalez - August 13, 2024 at 03:06 PM

BG

“ Benny, Wilson, Tomas & Eduardo Gonzalez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Felix Rivera.

Benny, Wilson, Tomas & Eduardo Gonzalez - August 13, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Felix Rivera.



August 13, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Felix Rivera.*



August 13, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Padrino Felix;
You will never be forgotten and will live in my heart forever.
Sonia Noemi*



Sonia Huertas - August 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Felix Rivera.*



August 13, 2024 at 11:43 AM

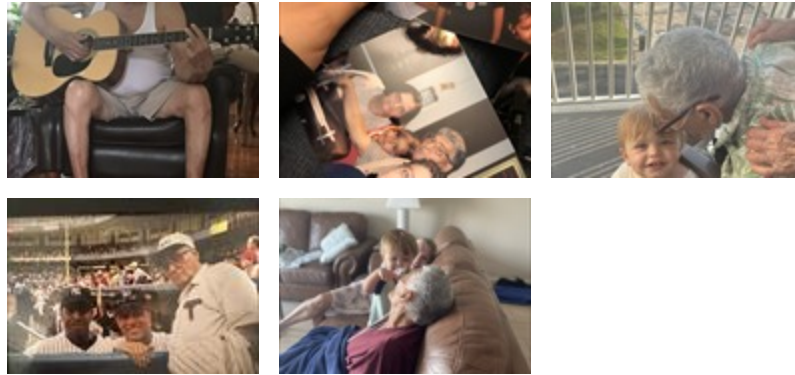


“ *Sonia Noemi Huertas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Felix Rivera.*

Sonia Noemi Huertas - August 13, 2024 at 11:43 AM

MR

“ Grandpa.. my heart hurts. So glad jasiah got to meet you and share memories with you. You practically raised me and i will cherish you forever. Love you endlessly and miss u immensely



Monique Reyes - August 13, 2024 at 10:56 AM

IP

“ Ivanir Ribas and Anne Prates purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Felix Rivera.



Ivanir Ribas and Anne Prates - August 12, 2024 at 09:53 PM

IP

“ Ivanir Ribas and Anne Prates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Felix Rivera.

Ivanir Ribas and Anne Prates - August 12, 2024 at 09:53 PM

MH

“ We will always remember our family get togethers and his prayers before our meals. Felix will be missed dearly.

Birthday: <https://youtu.be/90PoWA8ghhY?si=CVdbAG1hD9TdNKzT>

Thanksgiving: <https://youtu.be/oFcRBIFEoh0?si=0WV4SanDIRoWTdNe>



Miguel Huertas - August 12, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Felix Rivera.



August 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM

HF

“ Huertas Family. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Felix Rivera.

Huertas Family. - August 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM