



Osvaldo Alvarado

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Osvaldo Alvarado US Army CWO4, 91 years of age

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Osvaldo “Ozzie” Alvarado Chief Warrant Officer 4, was born on September 15, 1928 in Orocovis, Puerto Rico. He was the youngest of nine children.

Ozzie was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his service to the 65th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War known as the “Borinqueneers.”

Congressional Representative John Mica, presented the Gold Medal to Ozzie in a ceremony on August 4, 2016. Ozzie courageously served two tours of duty in Korea. The Borinqueneers are made up of brave soldiers from Puerto Rico who fought in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award and is for achievements that have a major impact on American history. A Foreign Weapons Specialist, Ozzie served multiple tours during the Vietnam War as well. During his service, he was stationed all over the world including Germany, South America, Aberdeen, Maryland, Iran and Yuma, Arizona.

After 30 years of service Ozzie retired to Winter Park, Florida with his beloved wife, Marlene and his children. Ever the Renaissance man, Ozzie began an abundant second career which was rooted in volunteering in his community to spread love and light to those who knew him. Ozzie was a prolific grower of roses. Known for his over 200 rose bush garden to which he tended to meticulously, he would share bouquets with everyone he met. He was one of the founding members of the Rose Society of Central Florida. Ozzie became a

master of calligraphy, labeling each rose bush with a handmade sign. Ozzie also learned to bake bread. He never baked for himself, he baked for his family, his friends, and his community. He was known for his amazing raisin bread and onion cheese bread.

Ozzie was a proud member of the Rotary Club of Orange County East for well over 20 years. During this time, Ozzie extended his gift-giving to the migrant workers in Central Florida. He collected clothes, furniture, food, items for children and babies so that these families were never without the fundamental necessities of life.

Everyone certainly has a story about Ozzie and how he impacted their lives. Ozzie did a lot in his 91 years, but he would be the first person to tell you that his family was his greatest accomplishment. He is survived by his loving wife, Marlene whom he was married to for 47 years. His daughter Amy Marie, her husband Ryan and their children, Isabella, Ava and Caden; his Daughter Kim, her husband Mark and their children, Teal, Mark and Wyatt and his daughter Christina, her husband Cliff and their children Alex and Michael. Ozzie was met in heaven by his son George and grandson Christopher.

Thank you for your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure Ozzie. Your legacy will live on in everyone who was blessed to know you.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations are made in Ozzie's name to the Wounded Warrior Project. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Chapel
526 N Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences. I am also Osvaldo Alvarado and my father had that name too. I wouldn't be surprised if we are somehow related. As for my older relatives, I only know of my grandmother, Dona Fela, who lived in Coney Island for all her life. I pray the peace of God will be with you all as you grieve and adjust with this new chapter of your life. Blessings.*



Ozy Alvarado - April 22, 2020 at 05:29 PM

EH

“ *Marlene, we are all so sorry for your loss. Being that Oz and Dad were best friends, now together they can go to all the car shows they want. Our condolences to you and Amy. See you in our prayers.....
The Henderson's*

Eric T Henderson - September 25, 2019 at 04:09 PM

BA

“ *Tío Osvaldo was my great uncle. My father is Victor Alvarado Rivera and my grandfather, was Edelmiro Alvarado Colón. He was Osvaldo's older brother. I have wonderful memories of Tio coming to visit us in New York whenever he was on leave. I remember his sparkling blue eyes, beautiful smile and quick wit. He always came loaded with presents for us and as a little girl, you can imagine how exciting his visits were to me. What a generous man! The last time I spoke to him was when my mother passed away. He called me from Florida and we remembered those days of long ago. My father is now 93 and is suffering from Alzheimer's. He wouldn't remember his beloved younger uncle, but I know he would have been devastated. Rest in peace Tio Osvaldo!!*

Blanca Alvarado - September 25, 2019 at 01:49 PM

RJ

“ I am very upset to lose Ozzie. I send my heartfelt condolences to you and Amy. He was a good friend to my daughter LAURA and Brad Weisner and their family for many years. We always remembered him throughout every year since we left Florida. I also remember him as a true soldier when ever I sawe him in civilian life. God be with him and your family. DICK LIEBERT

Richard W. Liebert Jr. - September 23, 2019 at 11:19 AM

VO

“ Vivyan Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Osvaldo Alvarado



Vivyan Ortiz - September 23, 2019 at 11:15 AM

VO

“ I am truly grieved by the death of Tío Olvaldo. My uncle was a very special, kind and witty man. He often called me to play pranks by phone and he always made me laugh. Sometimes he would fool me, other times I would beat him to the punch. He was also a very proud soldier. Tío, rest in peace! God bless Marlene and the family. Live you forever Tío Ozzie!

Vivyan Ortiz - September 23, 2019 at 06:40 AM

FA

“ QEPD. Buena persona y servicial. My condolences and Prayers to the Family. RIP. GBU..

Felix Acosta - September 22, 2019 at 02:22 PM