



Rafael Santiago

April 10, 1929 - October 9, 2021

Command Sargent Major (Retired) Rafael Santiago, age 92, of Winter Park, Florida, passed away on October 9, 2021. Rafael was born on April 10, 1929 in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, the son of Agapito Santiago and Patricia Lopez.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Gloria Nilda Santiago; sons: Luis Santiago, Edwin (Yolanda) Santiago, Larry (Mark Hoppert) Santiago, and Roberto (Elizabeth) Santiago; daughters: Carmen (Luis) Diaz, Mary (Kevin Goddard) Santiago, Bibiana Santiago, and Anita (Peter) Vassos; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Rafael served 30 years in the U.S. Army, including tours in Korea and Vietnam.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in memorandum of Rafael Santiago to the parish of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park, Florida:

<https://stmargaretmary.org/memorial-giving-form/>

The family of Rafael Santiago invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **14.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
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<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

OCT **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Burial

OCT **14.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Glen Haven Memorial Park
2300 Temple drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall



“ *My most sincere sympathies to the entire Santiago family on your loss. His living legacy is much to be proud of and I wish you comfort and serenity in his memory. Frank DeToma*

Frank DeToma - October 15, 2021 at 06:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rafael Santiago.*



October 13, 2021 at 11:58 AM