



Mr. Santiago Pedro Rosell Sr

September 11, 1950 - May 8, 2013

Santiago (Sandy) Rosell passed away on Wednesday, May 8, at the age of 62.

He was born on September 11, 1950 in Havana, Cuba, and raised in Miami, Florida.

After earning a Masters of Arts Degree in Communications from the University of Central Florida, Sandy attended Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School, in Pensacola, Florida, and became a U.S. Navy jet fighter pilot. He was aircraft carrier qualified aboard the USS Lexington, and, while flying T-28's, T2C's, and A-4J's, rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Following distinguished service with the U.S. Navy, Sandy continued his extensive aviation career by founding an aviation maintenance management firm. There, as Chief Pilot for Venture Airways, he flew both jets and helicopter aircraft for United Medical Corporation.

Most recently, he was the Chief Pilot for A-OK Jets, Inc., flying internationally for John W. Henry & Company and the Boston Red Sox baseball team.

He was a consummate pilot, a pilot's pilot. Involved in world-wide international flight operations, he was rated in Challenger, Falcon and Gulfstream aircraft,

and was dual rated in rotorcraft.

Besides his extensive aviation career, Sandy's vast interests spanned many activities, from photography to motorcycles and sports cars, and much more. In the world of parachute jumping, he was Advanced Free Fall certified, and enjoyed the sport immensely.

Sandy never met or knew a stranger, and his friends were many. He made each one feel special, so special that many felt Sandy was their closest friend.

He left behind a loving wife, Linda, son Sandy Jr., and step son Kenneth.

His enormous presence of spirit, and his unbridled joy for life and living, will never be forgotten.

He will be deeply missed.

A funeral will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida, followed by a church reception.

A Memorial Fund has been established to help carry on an effort of great, great importance to Sandy.

His fervent wish was to see his son, Sandy Jr., graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and after to accrue sufficient aircraft hours to become a highly employable commercial pilot.

To further Sandy's loving dream that his son follow in his aviation footsteps, contributions are warmly welcomed.

Checks may be made payable to the Santiago Rosell Memorial Account, and

mailed to BMO Harris Bank, 129 E. Gore Street, Orlando, FL 32806.
Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall

FJ

“ *My heart is broken at your Going West brother, but blue sky's & tailwinds until we meet again, and may God hold you in the palm of his hand. You were the man!.*

BIG DOG

Fowler Cary Jr - March 21, 2015 at 03:56 PM

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“ *Sandy Jr,
I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. I remember how he showed me how to make lechón asado one day when we were studying Spanish. I know how much he always believed in you, even when you and he didn't see eye to eye. I have been praying for you and will continue to do so! I hope to hear from you via facebook or a classmate of yours.*

Dawn C. Russell

Dawn C. Russell - May 29, 2013 at 11:32 AM

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“ *Santiago Family,
Sandy was always a professional and a gentlemen when he dealt with US Customs & Border Protection formalities. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. With deepest sympathy,*

*Bernie Der
US Customs & Border Protection
Bedford, MA*

Bernie Der - May 15, 2013 at 03:30 PM

SA

“ LINDA,
MAY GODS LOVE AND STRENGTH CARRY YOU, SANDYS
SONS AND ALL HIS LOVED ONES IN THIS TIME OF SORROW.
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND ALL OF
SANDYS LOVED ONES.

SALVATORE AND RUTH ARMATO & FAMILY

SALVATORE AND RUTH ARMATO - May 14, 2013 at 12:02 PM

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“ Linda, we are so very sorry that Sandy has been taken at the prime
of his life. What a guy! We shared many happy rides and always
thoroughly enjoyed the person that he was. Hoping that friends and
family will be able to help you through this difficult time.
Bob & Dianna Duffy

Dianna Duffy - May 14, 2013 at 07:48 AM

CK

“ Linda,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Knowing
that Sandy is with God and God is taking care of him, i hope
provides you with some comfort.
Carol and Vic Krueger

Carol & Vic Krueger - May 13, 2013 at 09:55 AM

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“ Earl & Lorraine Gieseke lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Santiago Pedro Rosell Sr



Earl & Lorraine Gieseke - May 13, 2013 at 08:22 AM