



Jose "Jr" Gonzalez Jr.

July 26, 1962 - December 13, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Jose Gonzalez, who left this world on December 13, 2024, at the age of 62, after a brief but courageous battle with liver cancer. Born in Puerto Rico to Anna Gloria and the late Jose Gonzalez, Jose lived a life filled with love, faith, and dedication to his family and community.

From a young age, Jose was a gifted athlete and a passionate sports fan. His talent shined on the basketball court, where he played for Sacred Heart School in Trenton, NJ. His eighth-grade team achieved an incredible record of 72 wins and only 1 loss. He continued his love for sports at Saint Anthony's High School in Hamilton, NJ, and later at Asbury Park High School.

After high school, Jose answered the call to serve his country by joining the U.S. Army, where he served with honor for four years before being honorably discharged. He then dedicated 38 years of his career as a medical security officer at Ann Klein Forensic Center, leading by example with integrity, compassion, and strength. In 1998, he was recognized with the esteemed Thomas A. Hall Award for his ability to navigate the challenging environment of Ann Klein with dignity and respect, both among his colleagues and the patients he served.

Beyond his professional life, Jose's heart belonged to his family and his South

Trenton community. He found immense joy in coaching Little League Baseball and CYO Basketball, sharing his love and knowledge of the game with younger generations. He had a unique ability to inspire, teach, and encourage, instilling in children the values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance.

Jose was a collector at heart, finding joy in Star Wars memorabilia, Franklin Mint treasures, train sets, and foreign currency. But above all else, his greatest passion was his faith in Jesus Christ. A true Christian, Jose's unwavering belief in God brought him peace and strength throughout his life.

His greatest love was his family, and he cherished every moment spent with his children and grandchildren. Jose was predeceased by his father, Jose Gonzalez, and his beloved grandson, Russell Colon, who now welcome him into heaven.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and faith, carried on by his mother, Anna Gloria; his children, Edwin Colon (Caitlin), Jose Gonzalez (Sashel), and Janae Colon (Manny); and his cherished grandchildren, Nando, Ava, Giulia, Jacob, Mia, Sophia, and Naomi.

Jose's life was a testament to dedication, love, and faith. He fought his final battle with grace and strength, and he will be deeply missed but forever remembered by those who were blessed to know and love him.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd Ave
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 780-1267
<https://www.robertsfunerals.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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606 SW 2nd Ave
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Burial

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens
5050 SW 20th St
Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 900-4681

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Jose "Jr" Gonzalez Jr.*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - December 19, 2024 at 04:16 PM

RG

May he rest in peace

Rosa Gonzalez - December 19, 2024 at 03:25 PM

HW

Rest in peace Jose my chota bhai younger brother

His friend Co worker - December 19, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CJ

Rest in peace

Carmen deleo. his auntie from New Jersey - December 19, 2024 at 05:50 PM

DJ

Rest in peace 🙏 my friend always a smile when we saw each other ! It was too early but GOD knows best

Darryl Johnson - December 19, 2024 at 10:34 PM

JC

Its hard to come to terms that you are no longer with us. I will cherish the memories we created in the 43 years I had the the pleasure of knowing. Many many times we had each others backs no matter what. Late night phone calls and staying at each others home when times were not the best for us. Our friendship was stronger then any bond I had with anyone. I just wish I could have been by your side one last time. Now I do not have someone to take the cheese from my steak sándwich. You will be missed but never forgotten. In the way we always said goodbye, JOSE I LOVE YOU MAN! Rest in Peace my brother! Until we meet again.

jaime Cartagena - December 20, 2024 at 10:37 AM

ES

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all the love and support shown during my father's service.

Allen, thank you for putting together such an amazing and meaningful service. Your care and attention to every detail made a difficult time more bearable for our family. Thank you for helping us honor my father in the masterful way that only you could do.

To Pastor, his wife, and daughter thank you for your thoughtful words and for honoring my father's memory so beautifully. Your presence brought comfort and peace to us all.

Finally, to everyone who was able to attend in person or watch the live stream, your presence and support meant the world to us. We are truly grateful for your respect, your kind words, and the love you've shared with our family during this time.

With heartfelt thanks,

Eddie

Edwin Colon, Jose's oldest son - December 20, 2024 at 08:54 PM

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“ I’m very sad to hear about Mr. G’s passing. He was a stand up man and one of the coolest parents growing up. I will always cherish the memories I have of him and the times that my cousins and I spent at his house and amongst his family who he loved so very much. “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die” John 11:25-26.

Rubyka Coelho (Rodriguez) - January 01, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LM

“ It was a pleasure working with Jose over many years. He was always smiling and laughing, kind and helpful. May he rest in peace. Prayers for the family. 🙏❤️

lisa mulkeen - December 19, 2024 at 09:22 PM

BG

“ I want to express my deepest condolences during this difficult time. Jose, I love you and I am so grateful for every moment we shared together. The memories of you will always be cherished. You will be deeply missed, cousin. I love you. Love always - Brenda

Brenda Gonzalez - December 19, 2024 at 11:33 AM

DM

I love you cousin. You will be missed i haven't seen you in many years but I knew you were there my heart is broken. I will remember the times on the boardwalk we shared as young teens i will always cherish those memories. May God bless you and all of your family

David Martinez - December 19, 2024 at 12:07 PM