



## Rafael Fernandez

December 31, 1969 - November 10, 2008

Obituary of Rafael Fernandez  
Rafael Fernandez, 66, of Ocala, passed away November 10, 2008 at University Community Hospital, Tampa. Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, he came to this area 20 years ago from Elmont, New York. He was a retired aerospace machinist and owner of The Cutting Edge Inc., a sharpening service and parts company. Mr. Fernandez loved his family, people and enjoyed music, dancing, the outdoors and working with his hands whether it be as a mechanic or gardening. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Neida Fernandez; children, Gloria Fernandez of Brooklyn, NY, Rafael Fernandez Jr. of Wingdale, NY and Maria E. Hempel and her husband John of Ocala; his mother, Gloria Sosa Fernandez of Bronx, NY; sister, Maria A. Verdejo of Bronx, NY; grandchildren John A. Hempel II and Dylan Fernandez; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Rojelio Fernandez and brother, Rojelio Fernandez Jr. Visitation will be held at ROBERTS FUNERAL HOMES, Bruce Chapel East (2739 SE Maricamp Rd. Ocala, 732-9944) on Friday (November 14th) from 6-8 PM and on Saturday (November 15th) from 10-11 AM. The Funeral Service will follow at 11AM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to your charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *All the staff here at Roberts Funeral Homes want to express our condolences to the family of Rafael Fernandez at this difficult thime.*

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**Ann Collins** - November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM