



Ricardo Ivan Rivera-Hernandez

September 23, 1963 - February 23, 2024

Ricardo Ivan Rivera-Hernandez, affectionately known as Ricky to his friends and loved ones, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2024, in Ocala, Florida. Born on September 23, 1963, in the picturesque town of Bayamón, Puerto Rico, Ricky lived an exuberant life filled with passion, joy, and dedication to his family and country.

Ricky is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Carmen, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and cherished moments. He was a devoted father to his daughters, Caren and Nabby Rivera, and an awesome grandfather to Sammy. His strong family ties extend to his siblings: brothers Harry and Rolo Rivera and sister Rina Rivera, all of whom will miss him dearly. The Rivera family patriarch, his father Aristides Rivera, will remember Ricky as a son who brought immense pride and happiness to his life. Ricky is preceded in death by his mother Tomasa Hernandez.

Ricky dedicated 32 years of service to his country, initially as a military police officer with the Army National Guard, then he served in the US Army as both an active duty soldier and reservist. He later served with the US Department of Defense. His commitment to his work was unwavering, and his contributions left a lasting impact on all those who had the privilege of working alongside him. His association with the military was not only professional but also personal, as he enjoyed playing volleyball with his fellow soldiers and

building bonds that would last a lifetime.

A man of many talents and interests, Ricky had a passion for restoring cars, with his prized project being a 1986 Toyota Corolla. He was an enthusiast of Apache helicopters and an unwavering fan of the Dallas Cowboys. His competitive spirit shone through in his love for golf, a sport he played with great enthusiasm. Ricky's compassionate nature was evident in his willingness to lend a helping hand and his knack for bringing joy through his jokes and storytelling. He had an incredible memory for music and took great pleasure in playing traditional Puerto Rican instruments like the bongos and güiro, during festive gatherings.

Christmas was Ricky's favorite holiday, a time when he would lavishly decorate his home and property, filling the hearts of family and friends with the spirit of the season. His love for travel was matched only by a zest for life; Ricky was always on the go, eager to explore new places and experiences. His ability to repair anything and his skillful hands were a testament to his adventurous and resourceful spirit.

Ricky's legacy is one of kindness, adventure, and passion. He approached life with a warm heart and a desire to make the most of every moment. His laughter, wisdom, and the deep love he had for his family will continue to be a source of strength and comfort to all who knew him.

Ricky's memory will forever be etched in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him. He will be profoundly missed, but the legacy of his vibrant spirit will continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel
6241 SW SR 200
Ocala, FL 34476

Graveside Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Ricardo Ivan Rivera-Hernandez*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - March 15, 2024 at 09:32 AM

BN

*Karmencita,
It was a beautiful service. It was also wonderful hearing all the words that spoke of Ricky while His time here in His Earthly Home.*

Belen Nicholson - March 15, 2024 at 11:19 AM

MA

Siempre te recordare amigo del alma..... vuela alto y veras la gloria de Dios.

Mayra arredondo - March 15, 2024 at 11:20 AM

AJ

Rest in peace sweet Ricky. I wish I was there with you all and I love you all.

Alana Lewis Johnson - March 15, 2024 at 04:41 PM

GK

A beautiful service for an honorable warrior. Rikitiki you are in the presence of God. We will miss you dearly. Don't worry about Carmencita and the girls and Sammy we will be there for them. The Kranston's /Rodriguez family.

Giselle Kranston - March 15, 2024 at 08:10 PM

EO

“ *A brother in arms and a great friend. RIP my brother.*

Edwin Ortiz - March 15, 2024 at 12:20 PM

AR

“ *Your light will always shine in my heart Tio!
Fly high!
Te amo por siempre tío! Your niece, Adlín and
your grandnephews, Axel and Michael.*



Adlin Rivera - March 06, 2024 at 07:41 AM

AJ

“ *Alana Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Ricardo Ivan Rivera-Hernandez*



Alana Johnson - March 05, 2024 at 02:47 PM

SG

“ *Ricky and his family were our neighbors in Texas. They were very
kind to us when my son was born in March 1999 and when my
sister passed away in 2003. I am praying for Karmen, Karen, Nabi,
and Sammy in the days to come.*

Sheila Gay - February 28, 2024 at 02:57 PM