



## Isaias "Isaac" Rivera

February 4, 1944 - September 11, 2011

Isaias "Isaac" Rivera, age 67, of Avondale, PA, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Mr. Rivera was born in Puerto Rico and came to the U.S. on his own at the age of 15. From a simple beginning working hard in Florida fields for 25 cents/hour, Isaias then went on to establish multiple businesses. His work ethic and a willingness to take risks allowed him to live the American dream. He was a member with the Knights of Columbus at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Isaias loved caring for animals. Isaias is survived by his wife, Margarita Afanador; daughter, Lisette and husband Tim; sons: Joel, Isaac and wife Heather, and Jacob; brothers, Reinaldo and Salvador; sisters: Delores, Josefina, Gladys; grandchildren: Kathleen, Daniel, Hayden and Elias. He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaias and Herminia; brother, Carlos; and sister, Marta.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, September 16, 2011 in Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702 from 6pm-8pm and again on Saturday, September 17th in St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1010 West 4th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805 from 9am-10am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10am followed by burial in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Delaware S.P.C.A., 455 Stanton Christiana Road, Newark, DE 19713. For directions and to express an online condolence, visit [www.strano-feeley.com](http://www.strano-feeley.com).

Strano & Feeley

Family Funeral Home  
302-731-5459

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

6001 Kirkwood Highway  
Wilmington, DE 19808

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459  
info@stranofeeley.com

## Visitation

SEP **17**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Church  
1010 W. 4th Street  
Wilmington, DE 19805

## Service

SEP **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Catholic Church  
1010 W. 4th Street  
Wilmington, DE 19805



# Tribute Wall



“ *Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera* ”



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**Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory** - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Margie Afanador lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera* ”



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**Margie Afanador** - September 03, 2012 at 05:02 PM

MD

“ *Margie Afanador DeJesus lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera* ”



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**Margie Afanador DeJesus** - October 12, 2011 at 08:59 PM

IM

“ *Israel Montesino lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Israel Montesino** - September 18, 2011 at 10:29 AM

IM

*Mi mas sentido pesame estaran en mis oraciones*

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**Israel Montesino** - September 18, 2011 at 10:30 AM

MR

*Gracias Israel!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:53 PM

MT

“ *Isaac Rivera was a very kind man who helped me and my daughters during an extremely difficult time in my life, when not too many people cared. I just wanted to send my condolences to the entire family and hope that, in time, you are able to take solace in the fact that he is with our Lord in Heaven and awaiting the day he will once again be with you all. I will never forget his kindness and know that he is among the stars in heaven this evening. May God keep and bless the entire Rivera family.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

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**Marisol E. Tackett** - September 17, 2011 at 12:39 AM

MR

*Thank you for coming and telling us about your encounter with him...it's soothing to know all the wonderful things that he did fo others...he would do them and never tell them forward. Thank you again from all of us!*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:10 PM

M(

“ *Marisol Tackett (Salas) lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



Marisol Tackett (Salas) - September 17, 2011 at 12:09 AM

E(

“ *Tio sunshine i just want to say that i will truly miss you as a child i use to look foward to visiting you and titi margie you were always smiling and so kind i love you tio*

Elizabeth (gonzalez)Burgess - September 17, 2011 at 12:01 AM

PK

“ *Blessed are they who mourne, they WILL be comforted. Matt 5:4*

*Lisette, I pray for the comfort of you and your family as you begin the process of healing from such a great loss. All my heart aches for your during this time.  
-Phia Kanyi*



Phia Kanyi - September 16, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ *Isaac I am in so much pain...we had our troubles, but I loved you and always prayed for you...I am asking the All Mighty God to take you into his realm and give you many animals to care for because I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVED ALL ANIMALS. Like St Francis you recued and cared for so many of them. Your children that were our blessing are praying for this too...we love you and know that some day we will see each other again to talk about and laugh about all the crazy things that we went though in life as we wait for the gathering of all our loved one when that days comes to them...it's not good-bye it's till we see each other again!* ”

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**Iris Afanador DeJesus Rivera** - September 16, 2011 at 10:21 AM



“ *Maria Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera* ”



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**Maria Aguilar** - September 16, 2011 at 08:13 AM



“ *Maria Roque Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera* ”



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**Maria Roque Aguilar** - September 16, 2011 at 08:10 AM

GH

“ Gregorio Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera



Gregorio Hernandez - September 15, 2011 at 10:14 PM

MR

*Gracias Compai*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:13 PM

WR

“ Wilfredo "Tito" Rosa lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera



Wilfredo "Tito" Rosa - September 15, 2011 at 07:42 PM

WI

*Margie and family the world has lost a great human being. Those that didn't know him will never understand the great man he was. Those that knew him will forever miss him. May God bless his soul and we will remain with the hope to see him again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Wilfredo - September 15, 2011 at 07:53 PM

MR

*Thank you so much for you and Brenda coming to see us...thank you for your support!*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:15 PM

AS

“ Tio Sunshine, I remember when I was a child , I spent alot of time with you and Titi Margie, when you were just dating,lots of fun and exciting memories, Thank you for letting me tag along when you went to the "campo"...selling clothing. I'll never forget our trip to the twin towers in NY for a trade show...first time being there for me...very exciting time. As a young boy growing up we had many discussions,You represented to me a "father figure"...I am proud to have an Tio like you , Tio even though it's been awhile since we spoke....we will meet again one day with our Heavenly Father ...Love You.....  
Titi Love You and Lilly, Issac Jacob and Joel.....your cousin.....Angelo Sotomayor

Angelo Sotomayor - September 15, 2011 at 06:06 PM

MR

Thank you Angelo.

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:16 PM

TS

“ Teri Sotomayor lit a candle in memory of  
Isaias "Isaac" Rivera



Teri Sotomayor - September 15, 2011 at 05:25 PM

MR

Thank you Teri

Margarita Afanador De Jesus Rivera - October 02, 2011 at 01:43 PM

CH

“ R.I.P.Padrino. You will be miss. <3



Crystal Hernandez - September 15, 2011 at 05:21 PM

MR

Thank you so much Sobrina for being there with your mom and Dad!

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:17 PM

AS

“ Angelo Sotomayor lit a candle in memory of  
Isaias "Isaac" Rivera



Angelo Sotomayor - September 15, 2011 at 05:21 PM

CN

“ Cirila Negron lit a candle in memory of Isaias  
"Isaac" Rivera



Cirila Negron - September 15, 2011 at 11:09 AM

MR

Thank you Cirila

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:18 PM

CN

“ *Cirila Negron lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



**Cirila Negron** - September 15, 2011 at 11:08 AM

SC

“ *Compay Isa as dad would call you. Thank you for all the fond memories growing up from the beach trips on Sundays to the baseball games during the week. Isaac's Place rocked and we would win every year. You and dad made a great team and your friendship with dad was a one of kind and very humbling. You will be dearly missed. RIP.*

**Sylvia Collazo** - September 15, 2011 at 09:13 AM

MR

*Thank you so much to you and all the Collazo family for being with us...we love you all very much! Isaac's friendship with Compai Chorro was one of a kind...thank you!*

**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:21 PM

GA

“ *Gina Agron lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



**Gina Agron** - September 15, 2011 at 07:17 AM

MR

*Gina, thank you so much for being there to share our grief, my love to you and your family! Thank you again!*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ Maribel Cruz lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera



Maribel Cruz - September 15, 2011 at 07:12 AM

MR

*Thank you so much Maribel!*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:23 PM

MV

“ Mery Viera lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera



mery Viera - September 15, 2011 at 06:03 AM

MV

*Isaac, I just want to say that I'm going to miss you so very much. But I will always cherish all the good times we share together. I will treasure all the memories that we made on our lives together. You were always there for me no matter what, and I will always be very grateful for that. I thank God that you always knew how much you meant to me. I will never forget you. I don't say goodbye cause I know when the Lord calls me home you will be right next to Him and I will have my last wish granted just by being able to see you again. I will always love you and you will always be in my heart. R. I. P. Isaac*

Mery Viera - September 15, 2011 at 09:06 AM



“ *Leo Yvette Muriente lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Leo Yvette Muriente** - September 15, 2011 at 05:25 AM

MR

*Thank you Betsy for coming to share OUR GRIEF...I LOVE YOU!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ *Leo Yvette Muriente lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Leo Yvette Muriente** - September 15, 2011 at 05:24 AM

MR

*My Leo it has been so long since I saw you and Betsy. Thank you so much for coming!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:27 PM



“ *Leo Yvette Muriente lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Leo Yvette Muriente** - September 15, 2011 at 05:23 AM



“ *Leo Yvette Muriente lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Leo Yvette Muriente** - September 15, 2011 at 05:23 AM



“ *Leo Yvette Muriente lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Leo Yvette Muriente** - September 15, 2011 at 05:22 AM



“ *Maria Vega-Rivera lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Maria Vega-Rivera** - September 14, 2011 at 11:30 PM



*May God be with him and the family. My heart is with them in this hour of the night. From Everyone in NY, NJ,CT, PA. He will be missed Loving Memories From Chino & Maria. God Bless.*

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**Maria Vega-Rivera** - September 14, 2011 at 11:36 PM



*Thank you so much Maria!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:38 PM

MR

*Thank you so much Chino for being there!*

**Margarita Afanador De Jesus Rivera** - October 02, 2011 at 01:47 PM

SC

“ *My deepest Sympathy to the family*

*Sandra Porter Clark*



**Sandra Porter Clark** - September 14, 2011 at 10:33 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Schollins lit a candle in memory of  
Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



**Rebecca Schollins** - September 14, 2011 at 09:16 PM

RS

*Isaac & Lily, I just heard about the passing of your father. I am so sorry  
for your loss.*

**Rebecca Schollins** - September 14, 2011 at 09:18 PM

NW

“ *Noel Wardwell lit a candle in memory of Isaias  
"Isaac" Rivera*



**Noel Wardwell** - September 14, 2011 at 08:48 PM

CG

“ *Colleen Garman lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Colleen Garman** - September 14, 2011 at 08:38 PM

EP

“ *Ester Perez lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Ester Perez** - September 14, 2011 at 08:28 PM

EC

“ *Elsa Collazo lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



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**Elsa Collazo** - September 14, 2011 at 08:04 PM

MR

*Thank you Elsa for being there with us our hearts were lifted to know that we are still part of the St Pat's family and to know that we have such wonderful people in our lives...again there are no words that can express our thanks!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:41 PM

CJ

“ *Carmen Davila Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Isaias "Isaac" Rivera*



Carmen Davila Jimenez - September 14, 2011 at 07:05 PM

MR

*Thank you Comai for sharing our grief and being there in such a painful time...I love you!*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:43 PM

LG

“ *may you rest in peace uncle sunshine ! you will be deeply missed im going 2 miss u soo much ! love u your niece letty gonzalez*

letty gonzalez - September 14, 2011 at 05:52 PM

MR

*Thank you Letty!*

Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera - September 19, 2011 at 08:43 PM

ES

“ *Thoughts and Prayers go to his children and his wife Margarita. My husband has great memories of him way back when the "Puerto Rican" summer baseball games was a big thing for the local mushroom workers in the 70's and the 80's. God bless. Alberto & Evelyn Sanchez and family.*



Evelyn Soto Sanchez - September 14, 2011 at 04:53 PM

M"

*There is so little that one can say, and so little that one can do... words can only express my deepest sympathy to the Rivera Family, may you find comfort and healing in the days to come surrounded by your friends and family. We share in your pain and grief for Isaac was a great man and a great part of our community, He will surely be missed and always remembered. May Gods love accompany you during this difficult time*

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**Maria Perez "Guini"** - September 16, 2011 at 02:03 PM

MR

*Thank you so much Guini for being there in our most painful time and sorrow!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:46 PM

MR

*Evelyn you were the one who texted me of the news...words can never express the pain of knowing that this had taken place...thank you and your Mom so much, for being there to share our grief and pain! I love you all so much!*

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**Margarita Afanador De-Jesus Rivera** - September 19, 2011 at 08:48 PM