



Jose "Chico" Rodriguez

January 11, 1945 - August 18, 2017

Jose "Chico" Rodriguez, age 72, of New Castle, DE was surrounded by his family when he went home to be with his Lord on August 18, 2017. He was born on January 11, 1945 in Naguabo, Puerto Rico to the late Angel Rodriguez and Julia Diaz. He married Lydia E. Mercado on July 17, 1965 and together they had five children. Chico and Lydia enjoyed dedicating every Sunday to the Lord and to each other. They enjoyed traveling together as well as spending time with their family. Chico loved his garden and was very meticulous about his yard. Chico was one of the founding members of the Roberto Clemente Baseball League in Wilmington. He enjoyed golfing, loved racehorses (owning two at one time) and had a passion for music. Chico's voice and songs will continue to touch the hearts of many for years to come.

Chico is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Lydia; his son, Jose Rodriguez (wife LaToya); his daughters: Dalia Rodriguez, Lisa Rodriguez, Julia Trower (husband Ronald), and Malinda Drayton (husband Kevin); his brothers: Cesar Rodriguez (wife Juanita), Roberto Rodriguez, and Julio Rodriguez (wife Miriam); his sister: Lydia Mercado (husband Felix); his 10 precious grandchildren: Kalea, Kaywren, and Karisa Phelps, Jeremy and Eric Burgos, Mark Lightfoot Jr., Chalice and Kelsea Johnson, and Julius and Justin Rodriguez; 1 great grandchild, Reagan Williams; many nieces, nephews and other family members. Chico was preceded in death by his brother, Alejo Rodriguez and his sisters, Santa Prado and Angelita Doval.

A visitation will be held from 10-11 AM on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle, DE 19720 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Cathedral Cemetery. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Cathedral Cemetery

2400 Lancaster Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19805

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Church
12 Winder Road
New Castle, DE

Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Church
12 Winder Road
New Castle, DE

Tribute Wall



“ To my second family, you have my deepest condolences. Pop Rodriguez was always quiet and didnt talk much to me when I first came around. But what I would later learn was that like my stepfather he was a man of few words but more action. Family man, hard working man, and just a cool guy. For me, he showed me what a father was suppose to be through his relationship with his son. I thank you for being an inspiration to me. And opening ur home to me. My family sends are love and we celebrate with you his amazing life.

The Mifflin family loves you and prays for you.

*Sincerely,
D.J. Mifflin*

D.J. Mifflin - August 25, 2017 at 03:04 PM

LS

“ My prayers are with you.

leona smart - August 25, 2017 at 07:20 AM

NG

“ My condolences to the family, epecially Lydia. May everyone find peace, but may we always keep those memories alive in our hearts. Because they leave this party, but not our hearts and minds.. GOD BLESS...



Nereida González - August 23, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.*



August 23, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.*



August 23, 2017 at 03:28 PM



“ *I remember always being at their first apartment at age 4, I think I got them ready for parenthood, even at 17 Chico coached me for my singing debut at the 1978 Hispanic Pageant which he jokingly always told me "You won because of me". I will always remember his intoxicating personality and how much my parents and all of us loved him. He will forever live in my heart.*

Mary Mercado Burgos - August 23, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.*



August 23, 2017 at 10:41 AM

TF

“ Tracy Vinson-Watson and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.



Tracy Vinson-Watson and Family - August 23, 2017 at 09:24 AM

MP

“ Millie Perez sent a virtual gift in memory of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez



Millie Perez - August 23, 2017 at 07:56 AM

MS

“ Michelle Silva lit a candle in memory of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez



michelle silva - August 23, 2017 at 07:42 AM

MS

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michelle silva - August 23, 2017 at 07:43 AM

FM

*My Condolence to the family,
This man was an awesome, caring, funny man, that became a very special friend to my family, his kindness helped us thru the worst time in our life. RIP Senor Rodriguez y Gracias por siempre tener esa calidad de humildad y ayudar sin esperar nada en recibir. SIEMPRE LO RECORDAREMOS> Sra.Francisca y Flavia.*

Flavia Mino - August 24, 2017 at 11:37 AM

GL

“ Gloria sent a virtual gift in memory of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez



Gloria - August 22, 2017 at 10:23 PM

J"

“ Julia "Grito" sent a virtual gift in memory of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez



Julia "Grito" - August 22, 2017 at 02:58 PM

MA

“ Mali lit a candle in memory of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez



Mali - August 22, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.



August 22, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.



August 22, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.



August 22, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose "Chico" Rodriguez.



August 22, 2017 at 12:49 PM