



Orlando Cosmo Ortiz Sr.

February 6, 1956 - September 29, 2020

Orlando Cosmo Ortiz, Sr. was born the oldest son to the union of Huldarico Ortiz and Maria Ayala Ortiz, on February 6, 1956 in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Orlando relocated to New York City as a young child and remained until joining the United States Army in 1981. Orlando was educated in the New York City school system after which he served his country, attended college, and traveled the world. Orlando was honorably discharged from the C Battery 1st Division 82nd Field Artillery Unit, Fort Hood, TX 1992.

Prior to joining the United States Army, Orlando met love of his life, Madeline Gunn Ortiz while both worked as Paralegal Assistants within the Bronx Supreme Court. Orlando and Madeline were married for over 40 years. From the union three children were born, Leona, Orlando, and Nicholis.

After separating from the military, Orlando was employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and a Correctional Officer, promoted to an Auditor, and served the state honorably until his retirement. Orlando loved his family, fishing, reading history materials, various music genres, and playing his electric guitar.

Orlando departed this life during the afternoon of September 29, 2020. He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife Madeline; his children: Leona (Devin) Burns of Charlotte, NC, Orlando C. Ortiz Jr., and Nicholis Ortiz of Huntsville, TX; grandchildren: Javon, Jada, and Jasmyne; siblings: Lucy Ortiz, Martha Ortiz, Arcelis (Andrew) Richards, Wanda Ortiz- Hernandez, Diana Ortiz, Huldarico Ortiz Jr. (Sadie), and Ernie Ortiz (Zita), and a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Huldarico Ortiz; sister: Debbie Ortiz; father-in law: Malvin Gunn; mother-in-law: Leona Gunn, and sister-in-law: Lucia Gunn.

II Corinthians 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For things are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The family will receive friends from 8:00am to 10:00am on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX, with a service beginning at 10:00am. He will be laid to rest with full honors at Houston National Cemetery in Houston, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contribution to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org). Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as
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Previous Events

Family will receive friends

OCT 7. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Orlando Cosmo Ortiz Sr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Nardo is a love story, a loving son, and brother - unconditionally loving his wife and children, beautiful man and great friend
To my brother, with love.
-Ana*

Ana Marshall - October 07, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Orlando Cosmo Ortiz, Sr. and my cousin Madeline are an example of love in motion. This family does not just talk love, they show us all how to walk with love. They would always have the longest miles to travel to get to family members and they would do it, without complaint. Thank God for them. I am afraid that what this family does, cannot be replaced with Duo, FaceTime, Teams or Zoom. Orlando was a breath of fresh air. Easy and delightful always. He was a tower. He was a pillar. And now, his shoes must be filled. We must support anyone, any family that does as he did and show up. Show up at any time of year as they pass through town. And show up but for no other reason but to show love. God Bless your child Orlando Sr.*

Dwight Gunn - October 07, 2020 at 07:26 AM

EH

Rev. Everett Harrington

God has a place and time for each of us. As a first cousin to Madeline, I understand the pain but God reminds us that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal, cure and remove. Stay strong my cousin, because it gets better with all the pleasant memories and His spirit is comforting you. Orlando is in excellent Hands.

Everett Harrington - October 07, 2020 at 09:06 AM

SW

“ *Sarah Wiley lit a candle in memory of Orlando Cosmo Ortiz Sr.*



Sarah Wiley - October 06, 2020 at 07:56 PM

DK

“ *Mad,*

You and Nicholis and Leona and Orlando Jr., are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of passage and transition for Orlando and for you and your family. We love you and thank you for your friendship over the years from living at the Byrd Unit and putting up with our boys hanging out until now. To God be the glory and we'll leave the healing and to Him, also. Please call if you need anything.

*Rod and Diana Kukua
and Cody Oliphant and Family*

Diana Kukua - October 06, 2020 at 06:50 PM

RB

“ *My heart is truly saddened to hear of Orlando's passing. We were co-workers for many years, more importantly we were friends. Praying that God will give the entire family, comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time and forever more.*

*Lovingly, Sincerely and Respectfully,
Rita Brown*

Rita Brown - October 06, 2020 at 05:24 PM

RB

“ *Rita Brown lit a candle in memory of Orlando Cosmo Ortiz Sr.*



Rita Brown - October 06, 2020 at 05:13 PM

TC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying that your cherished memories and God's blessed assurance give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Sincerely, Tina Cope*

Tina Cope - October 04, 2020 at 06:51 PM

CD

“ *Madeline, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I pray that the Heavenly Father gives you, your children and grandchildren comfort and peace at this time. God Bless you all.*

*Sincerely,
Connie Durdin*

Connie Durdin - October 02, 2020 at 11:17 AM

GK

“ *Gayle Spears Kelly lit a candle in memory of Orlando Cosmo Ortiz Sr.*



Gayle Spears Kelly - October 01, 2020 at 04:50 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Orlando Cosmo Ortiz Sr.*



M. Hyvl - September 30, 2020 at 10:09 PM