



Efrain Garcia

July 14, 1946 - September 15, 2016

POLAND, NY - Mr. Efrain Garcia, age 70, passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Maniti, Puerto Rico on July 14, 1946, Efrain was the son of the late Juan and Dolores (Sanchez) Garcia. He was raised and educated in Puerto Rico. At one time, he was wed to the former Heroína Reyes. Although their life together had obstacles at times, his love for her was endless.

Efrain was blessed with a loving heart. He was steadfast in his opinions and beliefs, and he was very devoted to his family. His personality would light up a room, no matter the circumstances. He also had a tremendous sense of humor. He enjoyed his occasional shopping trips to the Dollar Tree Store. He was of the Catholic faith.

Efrain is survived by his daughters, Wanda Garcia, Maria Christina Garcia, Diana Garcia, and Gloria Garcia; his son, Efrain Garcia; his 12 grandchildren; especially Donyeah Colon "The apple of his eye" and his 4 great-grandchildren. He also leaves his sisters, Milagro Garcia, with whom he shared a special bond and relationship. Maria Garcia, and Theresa and "Papo" Acevevo; his brothers, Candido Garcia, and Cruz Garcia; and his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

The family is grateful to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center staff for caring for Efrain over the years, and especially those who helped in his most trying time; Dr. Luke Handy of Little Falls Hospital; the doctors and staff of Central New York Cardiology, especially Dr. Michael Sassower for his loving personality;

the staff of the Utica Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, the members of At Home Independent Care services, and the Senior Health Network for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held Saturday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Efrain's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home upon the conclusion of visitation.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Utica, NY 13501
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Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ My life hasn't been the same since you left me.....



I AM MY FATHERS DAUGHTER.....

*THERE'S A SORROW I'M FEELING THAT
JUST WON'T GO AWAY*

*IN TIME IT WILL PASS, BUT I KNOW IT WON'T BE TODAY,
TOMORROW, A WEEK, A MONTH NOR A YEAR FROM NOW
THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN I'LL TRULY BREATHE AGAIN
KNOWING YOU WON'T BE THERE, BUT THROUGH ALL OF
THIS I KNOW I WILL GET BY BECAUSE I AM MY FATHERS
DAUGHTER AND ALTHOUGH THIS CAME AS A SURPRISE
THERE'S NO MORE DOUBT IN ME, WE ARE BOTH ONE OF A
KIND JUST LIKE TWO PEES IN A POD OR MY VERY FAVORITE:
BONNIE AND CLYDE*

*WHILE TAKING CARE OF MY DAD I'VE COME TO REALIZE AT
TIMES HE WOULD MAKE ME SO MAD BEING SO STUBBORN,
BUT WAIT! THAT'S WHO I AM.....*

*I AM MY FATHERS DAUGHTER
SINCE DAY ONE ALL HE EVER DID WAS NAG AND THOUGH I
WON'T ADMIT IT OTHERS WOULD SAY THAT'S ALSO WHO I AM
(LOL)*

*I AM MY FATHERS DAUGHTER
THERE IS SO MUCH I CAN SAY TO WHY WE WERE BOTH ONE
IN THE SAME*

*FROM OUR LAUGH TO OUR SMILES, OUR HUGS AND OUR
TEARS, BUT FOR NOW I'LL JUST SAY: I LOVE YOU AND MISS
YOU*

*TO ME IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS JUST YESTERDAY I GOT THE
CALL THAT I MISSED AT 3:34 AM.*

*BY THE TIME I RETURNED THE CALL, YOU WERE ALREADY
EXPIRED LEAVING ME WITH SUCH HUGE RESPONSIBILITY. I
SCREAMED, CRIED, YELLING AT THE NURSE OVER THE*

PHONE TO PUT YOU ON THE PHONE NOT TO EVER LIE TO ME BEFORE I GET UP AND DRIVE 40 MINUTES TO GET THERE. SCREAMING OVER THE PHONE THAT I JUST SPOKE TO YOU PROMISING YOU YOUR SALCHICHON THE NEXT DAY WITH PLATANOS BECAUSE YOU WERE TIRED OF THAT DAMN DIET FOOD AS YOU SAID.

I WAS LOST, GONE SO FAR IN THOUGHT DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO CALL, WHAT TO SAY AND WHO TO TELL. I WILL NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 15TH 2016 THE WORSE DAY OF MY LIFE.

I TOOK CARE OF YOU. WOULD WAKE UP AT 5:15 AM EVERYDAY. SET YOUR TABLE WITH COFFEE TOAST AND BANANAS AS YOU WOULD ONLY WANT AT THAT TIME BEFORE I WENT TO WORK EVERYDAY. WASHED YOU UP WOULD SHAVE YOU, ALTHOUGH YOU WOULD TAKE THE RAZOR FROM ME & WOULD SAY (AYYYYYYYY DAME ESO YO LO AGO YO SOLITO) & DRESS YOU FOR THE DAY CONSTANT ARGUMENTS BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE YOUR OWN DOCTOR AND YOU KNEW WHAT WAS BEST FOR YOU. I WOULD DIAGNOSE YOU ALL THE TIME TELLING YOU WHAT YOUR DOWNFALL WOULD BE IF YOU DIDN'T RUSH TO THE HOSPITAL. MY HEART SINKS.

I WAIT FOR YOUR CALLS AT 8:30 PM AS YOU KNEW I WOULD JUST BE WALKING IN THE DOOR FROM WORK. MY HEART MELTS AS I TYPE THIS BECAUSE NO ONE WILL EVER UNDERSTAND OUR ANNOYING BOUND. WE IRRITATED EACH OTHER SO MUCH WE COULDN'T BE WITHOUT EACH OTHER...

LORD KNOWS HOW EMPTY I AM WITHOUT YOU ANNOYING ME EVERYDAY... I MISS YOU WITH MY ALL.... ENDING MY LAST DANCE WHILE HOLDING YOUR HAND WITHIN YOUR CASKET AS YOUR FAVORITE SONG PLAYED: TE PIENSO -FRANK REYES-

LOVE: YOUR FAVORITE ANNOYING DAUGHTER: MARIA CHRISTINA GARCIA

MARIA CHRISTINA GARCIA - November 08, 2016 at 08:12 PM

WG

“ *Daddy i will miss and always love u. Theres so many funny n fun moments. One was the day i told him i was pregnat n having a boy. He was so happy and the day tuto called him grandpa franfutta he laughed so hard but didnt mind. N when we went to the hospital n he told nanie to give him a peice of cookie knowing he wasnt supposed to eat that. Nanie gave it to him when i walked away. But he gave himself away cuz there was chocolate on his lip. N my favorite everytime he told me he loved me. He will forever be in my thoughts n in my heart love u papito.*



Wanda garcia - September 22, 2016 at 06:49 PM

J(

“ *Te amo abèlo. I dont no what to say im shocked i love u. I definitely miss you. I remember me as a kid.. Walking with u with your hot dog wagon. Selling hot dogs in 110 st. I also remember me as a kid calling u grandpa frankfuter. The funny thing is that name stook to me and growing up to become who i am now i still will call u that always and forever. You will be in my heart and mind for the rest of my life. Love u and defenently miss you muahzzzzz. R.I.P*

Jose lewis Rodriguez (tuto) - September 20, 2016 at 09:12 PM

MG

“ Papi, I have yet to sleep & cry all day. One more kiss with a big hug is needed.



Every morning I would make you coffee with breakfast. Wash you up & dress you for the day. You would look at me as I was about to leave & say > Christina, I love you soooooo much, but then there were days you would yell at me because you wanted so much of my time that watching me leave for work would break your heart. You would act out & drive your grandkids crazy. Calling me to come straight home or else you would leave. Ahhhhh man. No one understood that we were one. I was the light of your eyes even when upset at me for not kissing you goodbye.

My heart is broken.

Maria christina garcia - September 20, 2016 at 06:12 AM

JB

“ Tio, we always had great memories. Especially at all of our family functions. You will be greatly missed. Keep watch over your family as we all watched over you. We love you, and miss you. -Carlito y Aubrey

Juan Bermudez - September 19, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ **Cassandra Mendez**

Tio I will forever miss and love you and cherish the memories we shared together. I'll always remember you for sweet and loving man you were. I remember when I was a little girl you'd take me out with you with you to sell hotdogs from your cart and let me eat as many as I wanted. I will also always remember the time I got stung by a bee and was crying so hard and you got me the biggest ice cream cone with a ton of sprinkles on it to cheer me up! I love you so much Tio. Rest In Peace.

Cassandra Mendez - September 19, 2016 at 07:16 PM



“ **Grandpa,**

I miss you so much and it hurts me that you're gone now. As the days go by I think about all of our memories together. We shared a lot of laughs and smiles. Now all I have left of you is a memory. Everyone loved you so much even when you didn't feel like we did. I can say two of my favorite memories with you is when the baby would come in the room while you were watching your favorite show (telemundo) and he would play the guitar so loud and you would scream "donyeahhhh" to get him out the room 😂😂 or when you would always make sure that we had way more than we can handle to eat. You would say "COJE MA , No Quiere ? hai no no no tu tiene que comer" 😭💔😭 I love you grandpa, r.l.p 😞
- love your granddaughter Regina Hughes

Granddaughter - September 19, 2016 at 06:06 PM

JR

“ My dear ex father in law u will be miss abuelo hotdog I loved u dearly and always asked maria how u were doing sorry I couldnt see u one last time at least but I will always have u in my heart and all the wonderful memories we share s.l.p old man



Jose rodriguez - September 19, 2016 at 04:29 PM

MG

“ My dad. How did I forget & or would forget. Efrain Garcia was known as the hotdog man. He owned his own hotdog stand before he realized he was i'll. He Would stand at the corner of 109st for hours at a time until kids were done with school. They would run to him full of joy knowing that he would give them nothing but the best (which was his smile) as well as giving everyone the best customer service you could ever want. Wouldn't leave that corner until each hotdog was sold. It was his joy & dedication. Spanish harlem.

Maria christina garcia - September 19, 2016 at 04:27 PM

MR

“ I didn't no him personally but heard a lot of great things about him and great of a man he was very sad he is gone leaving emptyness in his families heart he is with god now not suffering anymore I no he will be miss my husband luvd him very much may u sleep in paradise 💔💔🙏🙏 luv the Rodriguez family Jose and maria

Maria Rodriguez - September 19, 2016 at 04:22 PM