



Mr. Gil Ortiz-Rodriguez

May 1, 1926 - February 18, 2017

Mr. Gil Ortiz-Rodriguez, age 90, passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with his loving daughters at his side. Born in Barrio Marin in the municipality Patillas in Puerto Rico on May 1, 1926, Gil was the son of the late Lucas and Santa (Ortiz) Rodriguez. He was raised and educated in Puerto Rico. In 1952 he came to the United States and eventually settled in Utica as one of the first Hispanic families to make Utica their home. He was united in marriage to the former Josefina “Josephine” Rodriguez with whom he shared his love and his life for many years prior to her passing on April 13, 2006.

At one time Gil held a position with Utica Radiators and later at the Bossert Manufacturing Company as a machinist. Through his affiliation with Bossert at the time of its closing, the Darman Manufacturing Company was inspired by an article written by Joe Kelly depicting Gil’s dedication to that company. This story led to Darman offering Gil a job with them which he accepted, the position from which he retired. Gil was dedicated, selfless, and strong-willed. The needs of his family were always paramount and he instilled in his children the values of respect, love, morality, and the importance of family. Through Gil’s example and his many sacrifices, his children will honor and emulate the wonderful, loving father that he was. They will remember him as a man of steel on the outside and a warm, loving heart on the inside.

Gil loved the holidays when he would share his hospitality and his dinner table with other Hispanic families. During the summer he enjoyed spending time

with his family at Verona Beach. He was a wiz at playing dominoes, and he loved gardening along with raising his chickens and rabbits.

Gil is survived by his children and their loves, Eunice M. Cotto of Ilion, Marian Rodriguez and Louis of Springfield, MA, Udelia "Judy" Rodriguez of Frankfort, NY, Elsie and Marco Bermudez of Utica, Shirley Rodriguez and Nano of Herkimer, and David Rodriguez of Ilion; his 15 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He also leaves his sisters and brother-in-law, Rosa Ortiz of MA, Rafaela and Juan Cruz, and Jacinta Ortiz, all of Puerto Rico; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many special friends. He was predeceased by five brothers, five sisters, and his daughter-in-law, Angela Rodriguez.

The family is grateful to the staffs of the Albany and Inlet Households at the Masonic Care Community for their care and compassion; and Dr. Guy Wilcox, Dr. Elif Erim, and Dr. Thang Le for their professionalism and courtesy.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Flowers are graciously accepted. Gil's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. Interment will take place graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Ashley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gil Ortiz-Rodriguez



Ashley - July 22, 2020 at 10:18 PM

AP

“ Antonetta Panuccio lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gil Ortiz-Rodriguez



Antonetta Panuccio - February 22, 2017 at 02:46 PM

AP

More sympathy is with all of you's right now Than words alone can tell. For those who share your friendship. Share your recent loss as well. RIP Gil Ortiz -Rodriguez. <3

Antonetta Panuccio - February 22, 2017 at 02:51 PM

CM

My heartfelt sympathy the family. my memories of your dad was when you lived on Blandina St. and I used to come over and hang with Eunice. Your dad was always nice to me. May he rest in peace.

Charlene Miller-Fessia - February 22, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SR

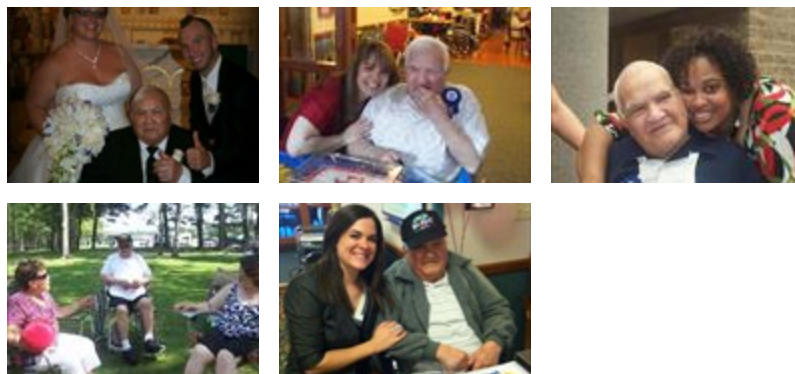
“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shirley Rodriguez - February 22, 2017 at 11:06 AM

Judy Rodriguez

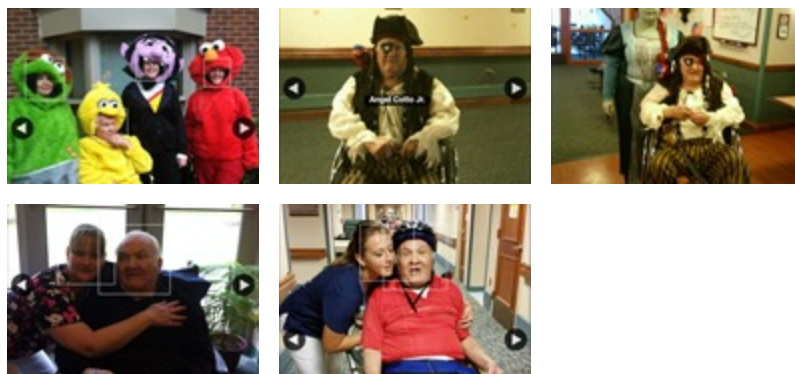
“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Judy Rodriguez - February 22, 2017 at 11:02 AM

SR

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Shirley Rodriguez - February 22, 2017 at 10:44 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jaclyn moore - February 22, 2017 at 10:36 AM

SR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shirley Rodriguez - February 22, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Judy
Rodriguez

“ 37 files added to the tribute wall



Judy Rodriguez - February 22, 2017 at 10:27 AM

DS

“ Dear Shirley and Family,
Please accept my sincere condolences along with the entire
Spanfelner family.

Deb Sykes - February 22, 2017 at 10:15 AM

DK

“ Shirley & Family
Was so surprised to see you @ Eannace. As we could both see age
doesn't matter. It's still hard to see our loved ones leave us. Please
accept our deepest sympathy. Thoughts & Prayers Marian &
Darlene Karam

Darlene Karam - February 21, 2017 at 10:35 PM

T&

“ Tracy &family purchased the Pink & White Satin
Cross Casket Pillow for the family of Mr. Gil Ortiz-
Rodriguez.



Tracy &family - February 21, 2017 at 03:27 PM

DS

“ May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him , May
He Rest In Peace , Amen . Dave , may you
and your family find the strength you need at
this most difficult time .



Debby Skinner - February 20, 2017 at 03:18 PM

AS

“ *Dave , Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family . May your Dad Rest In Peace* ”



Al, Deb & Chris Skinner - February 20, 2017 at 03:15 PM

KB

“ *Kelley Blidy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gil Ortiz-Rodriguez* ”



Kelley Blidy - February 20, 2017 at 01:13 PM

AP

“ *Judy , My heart goes out to you and your family, God bless your DAD and all of you .* ”



Angelina Papa - February 20, 2017 at 12:28 PM