



## Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez

May 11, 1970 - September 23, 2022

UTICA – Mr. José Miguel “Cheo” Bermudez, age 52, passed away on Friday, September 23, 2022.

Cheo was born to Gloria Ortiz and the late Marco Bermudez on May 11, 1970 in Guayama, Puerto Rico. From his earliest age, he carried with him a love for all things food, and completed his studies at culinary school in Syracuse. He had a passion for cooking and his skills in the field shone. He also had a known sweet tooth, which he would indulge occasionally.

Everyone always knew Cheo was a strong person, but never was that more apparent than when, at age 24, he suffered a stroke and had to relearn everything. At the time, he promised he would be back – and he certainly fulfilled that promise and more! Cheo not only relearned to be self-sufficient, but he went above and beyond and applied himself in body building. He spent so much of his time training at Body Alive Gym in Utica, which paid off – to the point of winning the Mr. Utica title in 2014 and he even had an article in Sports Illustrated written about him.

His athleticism wasn't limited to the gym. Cheo also had a deep love of music and was a superb dancer. In particular, he loved salsa style and his natural ability to sing made him better at it.

Most importantly, Cheo loved spending time with his family and friends, sharing good food and drink, especially when Tio was around. All who knew Cheo felt his goodness and strong character. One of his favorite pastimes was spending time with those he loved, enjoying the beauty and activities on the

beach.

Cheo leaves behind his loving mother, Gloria Ortiz; and his three sons and their families, Junito Bermudez, José “Machito” Bermudez, Jr., and Manuel Bermudez. He will also be greatly missed by his siblings, Cocepcion “Conchita” Bermudez, Marco “Papote” Jr. and Elise Bermudez, Pedro “Pello” and his companion Lori Brinkley – with whom José resided this last year – Maria Carmen Bermudez, José “Pito” and Melissa Melendez, and Aida and Anel Melendez. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and cousins, especially Benji, Susa, Janet, and Uncle “Tio” Angel Ortiz. He was predeceased by his sister, Gloria “Tati” Bermudez; and his nephews, Carlos X. Torres, Jr., and Pedro Bermudez, Jr.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. A Final Blessing will immediately follow at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place graveside in Calvary on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
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## Final Blessing

OCT 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ C lit a candle in memory of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez



C - August 13, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ Maria Bermudez lit a candle in memory of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez



Maria Bermudez - October 08, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ My dear brother you took a piece of my heart with you. I will be missing you every day of my life. My tears won't stop falling. I will miss going to Utica to have lunch together. I can't believe how time flew by so fast when the doctors on 2006 told you that your brains cells were dying little by little that some day you were to die unexpectedly, but your heart took you away faster. I will miss you every day of my life until we be together again. I'll pray to God for your soul to keep be in peace and your body rest in eternity together with Tati. I love you my brother for ever❤️

Maria Bermudez - October 08, 2022 at 09:36 PM

LF

“ You will be very missed from this family . Rip from the lasanta family



Lasanta family - October 02, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez.



September 30, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez.



September 30, 2022 at 12:02 PM

ED

“ Too many good memories. It was always jokes and laughter when me and macho would come over, Not one dull moment! R.I.P.. You will surely be missed UNC!



Eddie - September 30, 2022 at 09:46 AM

MB

*Thank you*

Maria Bermudez - October 08, 2022 at 10:11 PM

YF

“Gone way to young I still cannot believe it R.I.P. Cheo we had so many memories from our youth. I always called ya the fighter boy's, rough and tumble brother's LOL. My deepest most sincerest condolences to the Bermudez family. 🥹🙏🕊️”



Yvette Flores - September 30, 2022 at 09:17 AM

MB

*Thank you Yvette*

Maria Bermudez - October 08, 2022 at 10:11 PM

VA

“Great guy the first time we met we hang out like we knew each other for a long time even welcome me to his house we chill all day n stay over he made sure I was OK breakfast n everything great guy rip homie”



Vale - September 30, 2022 at 03:44 AM

DM

“My Condolences to the Bermudez family and to my cousin Macho Cheo was a great person with a huge heart! Cheo always had a smile on his face and always made people laugh he will truly be missed May he Rest In Peace”



Damaris Molina - September 29, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MB

*We all going to miss him. Thank you*

**Maria Bermudez** - October 08, 2022 at 10:12 PM

NG

“ *Sincere condolences to the Bermudez Family!!! God Bless!! RIP Cheo!! From Nano Gomez*

**Nano Gomez** - September 29, 2022 at 03:35 PM

MB

*Thank you*

**Maria Bermudez** - October 08, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez.*



September 29, 2022 at 03:32 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Melendez lit a candle in memory of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez*



**Melissa Melendez** - September 29, 2022 at 07:11 AM

AM

“ *Aida Melendez lit a candle in memory of Mr. José Miguel "Cheo" Bermudez*



**Aida Melendez** - September 28, 2022 at 08:56 PM

SW

“ *sip siempre ha sido una gran persona te extrañaremos Dios bendiga a la familia*



**Sweet** - September 28, 2022 at 07:22 PM

MB

*Muchas Gracias*

**Maria Bermudez** - October 08, 2022 at 10:14 PM

 Donald Cole

“ *Rest in peace big dog*

**Donald Cole** - September 28, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *Rip brother-in-law you will be missed by many*

**Melissa Melendez** - September 28, 2022 at 04:49 PM

DB

*RIP my Spanish chef I will use ur secrets often thank u for sharing ur wisdom and skills with me and my grandbabies*

**Denise Brown** - September 29, 2022 at 08:02 AM