



## Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores

November 13, 1942 - February 9, 2012

Mr. Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez-Flores, age 69, formerly of New York City and more recently of Utica, passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2012 in the comfort of his home with his family by his side.

Nicholas was born in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico on November 13, 1942, the son of the late Nicholas Hernandez and Catalina Flores. At the age of 16, when he was affectionately known as "cowboy", he moved to New York City where he graduated from high school and attended college. A veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country for 1 year during the Vietnam Conflict. Colo shared a lifelong bond of friendship and support with Inocencia Rodriguez, a love that was blessed with 6 children.

Colo retired in 2003 after 20 years of employment at the Seward Park Housing Maintenance Department in Manhattan. Colo had a comic side to his personality and will be remembered as a jovial, smiling man who could be trusted to honestly share his thoughts. He created his own balance of life, and was happiest being with his family. During his spare time, he could be found at the Moore Street Market in Brooklyn, playing a game of dominoes with his friends. He also found pleasure in playing his guitar.

Colo is survived by his children's mother and her husband, Inocencia Rodriguez and Victor Astudillo; his children, Enid and Cesar Garcia, Ernesto and Yanira Alequin, Eneida Alequin, Giselle Hernandez and fiancé Argenis, Milixza Rodriguez and LeRoy Winston; preceded in death by his son, Jose Hernandez who passed away on February 9, 1997; and Anthony. Also left to

mourn his passing are his grandchildren, Memphis, Abryle, Xavier, C.J.; Christine, Ernesto, Jr., Christian, Alexza; Adrian, Jose, Jr., Yaniel; Mya, Zaydee, A.J.; Sade and Brooklynn; several siblings, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

The family extends sincere thanks to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially Irene and Julie; Dr. Randolph Snow, and Nurse Practitioner Brenda Carney, for their compassion and competence.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Nicholas' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at the funeral home with Rev. Chris Tringali officiating. Graveside committal prayers and interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**FEB 12.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

**FEB 13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GI

“ *It's been 6 yrs since you've been gone and it feels as if it was just yesterday! Your in a better place now, laughing and having a blast with Mel. Miss ya both so much! Rest in paradise!*

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**giselle** - February 09, 2018 at 12:50 PM

GI

“ *It's crazy how time goes by as fast as 4yrs since you left us. Not a day goes by without us thinking about you! You're in a better place now, papi and the best part of it is, you get to watch over us every step of the way. Thank you for being the father you were to us and for always taking good care of us the way you did. Rest in paradise!!*

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**Giselle** - February 09, 2016 at 03:09 PM

MG

“ *Dear papi colo  
Its been almost 3yrs with out u I miss u so much , I miss comin to mamas house n goin straight to your room , in thursday night I lost my grandma (from dads side) is been very hard this past week I hope that I get to visit your grave soon  
Love Mya*



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**Mya gonzalez** - December 13, 2014 at 05:41 PM

MG

“ Dear, Papi colo  
It's been long since I wrote on this page but I really miss I can not stop thinking of u I miss u very very much I love you I hope ur havin fun up in haven I talk to the kids about you they ask for you especially zaydee  
You granddaughter - mya



P.s if u was still here I would be at mamas house everyday right next to u ???????????

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Mya gonzalez - August 23, 2014 at 01:57 AM

MG

“ Papi Colo i miss very much i wish you were here with us everytime me , my mom , argenis n the kids go to your grave i start to cry i MISS you VERY VERY much evertime i go to mamas house i think of you n i miss hugging you n talking to you sometimes it took me a very long time to understand what your sayin but i'd figured it out , these past 2 years with out you has been boring i miss helpin you out , i remember when u first came outside when you werent supposed to, i remember us pickin you up from new york city so you can come out here to live with us , you were the best grandpa i've ever had (still have ) i LUV u & MISS you very much

sincerely , Your grand daughter Mya

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Mya gonzalez - March 02, 2014 at 07:54 PM

Alicia Forde

“ Alicia Forde lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores



Alicia Forde - February 11, 2013 at 10:33 AM

Christopher Hernandez

“ Christopher Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores



Christopher Hernandez - February 09, 2013 at 02:57 PM

Giselle Hernandez

“ Giselle Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores



Giselle Hernandez - February 09, 2013 at 12:49 PM

YG

“ Yvette Garcia lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores



Yvette Garcia - February 09, 2013 at 11:04 AM

YG

“ Today, it has been a year since you left to a better place where there is no sickness, sadness, pain, or worries... You are helping God take care of us your family and you will continue to do so until we all reunited in heaven one day.. Unfortunately I have not had the opportunity to go visit you and take you flowers & you know why I am in FL and have not been to Utica since your funeral, but I promise that when I do get to visit you I will take you flowers and a beer lol "budwise" your favorite.. hope you are behaving in heaven lol well we have missed you dearly.. your jokes, fights and everything you were always a happy person always took care of us since we were little kids ofcourse we had our ups and downs but really what parent and kids dont...:) Wished you would had been with us a lil longer, CJ always remembers you and tells me " Mom... I only have 1 grandpa left" :( and it makes me really sad to hear him tell me that but my reply to him is that you will always be with us bc you are in our hearts and memories.. and that now you are in peace and that is what matters...

*Love you and we will never forget you... Your Daughter Yvette..*

*Cesar, Memphis, Abryle, Xavier & CJ*

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**Yvette Garcia** - February 09, 2013 at 11:04 AM

EG

“ Enid Garcia lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores



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**Enid Garcia** - September 15, 2012 at 02:22 PM

EG

“ It has been 7 months already since you left to a better place, when i come to visit your page it feels like it just happend...:( tears fall from eyes and i cant control it...I am just glad you passed peacefully at home with almost all the family bedside you.  
I am blessed to have had visited you in November and spend those final days and moments with you. There was no greater honor GOD could have given me. I love you Dad & will always remember all you did not just for me but for all your kids.. Ty

Enid Garcia - September 15, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ Dear,Papi Colo I miss you so much that everytime i think about you i start to cry and when i need to express my feelings i will always tell you first no matter what.. i always go to mama's house and go into your room or sit on the sofa and start thinking about you. i remember when we where saying our prayers and i would always pray i reamember part of it but it is in spanish when i learn spanish i will tell you. .i love you with all my hurt that i have no time for anything but you.. Te Amo Mucho <http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Catholic-Cross.png> Love,Mya p.s that is the only thin i know how to write in spanish :)

Mya Gonzalez - July 13, 2012 at 07:53 PM

MG

“ Grandpa coloi miss you and wish you were here with us i really really miss YOU I when i cry it is because i love you and miss you so much why did this day come so quick i wish you where here cause if you where i will be with you every day and do anything for you...i love you



Mya gonzalez - March 15, 2012 at 08:43 PM

EF

“ *Ahora estas con los angeles....xoxoxo*



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**Enid & Family!** - March 09, 2012 at 09:08 PM

EF

“ *Enid & Family! sent a virtual gift in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores*



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**Enid & Family!** - March 09, 2012 at 09:07 PM

EF

“ *Enid & Family! lit a candle in memory of Nicholas "Colo" Hernandez Flores*



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**Enid & Family!** - March 09, 2012 at 09:02 PM

CG

“ *Querido Colo, Que dios te tenga en su santo ceno donde tienes que estar...siempre estaras en nuestros corazones y memorias...*

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**Cesar Garcia** - March 09, 2012 at 09:00 PM

CG

“ Grandpa Colo, I love you, I wish you were never gone and still here with us, I miss you very much and remember when i was a baby and you will take me to the corner store in my buggy and then you will go around the block and show me off...miss you grandpa!



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**CJ Garcia** - March 09, 2012 at 08:58 PM

EG

“ It is a month today that you left us, and it seems like it was yesterday...R.I.P! we will always carry you in our hearts..

*I will never say goodbye to you my Father  
cause I know this is not the end for us to see each other.  
You will only be going to a place where there's no pain nor suffering.  
I am happy for you, for you will be with God.  
For now we need to go in separate ways.  
I'm very grateful and proud to call you my dad.  
Here deep inside my heart you'll always be.  
I remember the last time I hold you're hand and how you looked at  
me in the eyes.  
If only I could turn back the time I would have never let you go.  
I felt the world stops and my heart stop beating when they told me  
you're gone.....  
How I wish I was only dreaming.  
Just like the rain; tears fell down from my eyes, I couldn't speak for  
a while.  
Thank you Dad....  
For always understanding, listening , caring, and loving me for the  
rest of your life.  
The greatest gift God gave me was YOU..... my Dad...  
It's difficult to let you go but I must...  
I must return the gift God gave me...  
Till then;  
See you in Heaven.....*

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**Enid Garcia** - March 09, 2012 at 08:51 PM

MG

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*<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Teddy.png><http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Teddy.png>  
these are all the things i whis i could give to you.. Love your grand dau*

**Mya Gozalez** - February 19, 2012 at 11:39 AM

MG

*gonzalez*

**Mya Gozalez** - February 19, 2012 at 11:39 AM

AA

“ *Papi Colo, I love you so much and will miss and always remember you. I never really knew you alot but I was dround in tears when you passed away. Your the only grandpa I ever had. And I did look up to you and now your looking down at me. I cry so much when I think of you but as I cry im stoping and thinking how your in a better place and not suffering anymore. You were so strong. You slept with my favorite pillow case that I loved so much and left at mamas house. My favorite memory is of us playing cross word puzzle together. I love you always and forever. Your granddaughter, Alexza Alequin*



**Alexza L Alequin** - February 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

MG

“ Papi Colo, I remember how everytime when I use to go over you would always be the first one I hug and say hi to. You would always talk to me and you were my first grandpa I ever saw.....Everytime when i think of you i start to cry but there is one thing to do to make me stop is to act like you are here with us...I really really miss you..i will always have you in my heart and never will forget you.... your grand daughter Mya



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**Mya Gonzalez** - February 19, 2012 at 10:57 AM

ST

“ Tio, I was sitting here and thinking about when me and G, mili and nani and nuni were little and how you use to let us sit in the back of the station wagon, bc we used to love how you will drive really fast and then stop and we will fall all over the place..we always had a good time when you were around, tio i didnt tell you enough how much i loved you and how i was just wished we could had spend more time together we will miss you but never forget you R.I.P sexy angel! lol we love you always Sarai, Dee and Starmary

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**Sarah Torres** - February 13, 2012 at 10:09 PM

EG

“ When i came to see you in November, we share a lot of funny moments, we laughed and remebered the old days when we were little and how you always took care of us, You specially made me laughed when you argued with the staff and said you were going to punch them if they didnt leave you alone lol i had to calm you down eventho i couldn't resist the laugh....I will always remeber you that way! Love you for ever...Your Daughter: Enid

Enid Garcia - February 13, 2012 at 09:20 PM

IR

“ Colo, siempre te recordare con carino y respeto fuistes un excelente padre para mis hijos y siempre tendras un espacio en mi corazon..... Yta

Inocencia Rodriguez - February 13, 2012 at 09:12 PM

IR

Victor and Anthony...

Inocencia Rodriguez - February 13, 2012 at 09:13 PM

EA

“ For some moments in life there are no words.....This is the way i feel since you are gone...always bless and protect me...Your Son Cano

Ernesto Alequin - February 13, 2012 at 09:10 PM

MR

“ Unable are the love to die, for love is inmortality.....Papi...you will always be remembered as the greatest dad...I will love you for ever and have you in my heart till i depart and reunite with you someday.... Your Daughter: Millie, Leroy, Sade, and Brooklynn...

Milixza Rodriguez - February 13, 2012 at 09:08 PM

ER

“ For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity....papi from the day you departed and left to a better place i know that from this day on you will pass from being my father to my guardian angel and will always protect me and my family.... Your Daughter Nani, Sdrian, Yeyo, and Jani....

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**Eneida Rodriguez** - February 13, 2012 at 09:04 PM

GH

“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow... Papi I will always have you in my heart and in my prayers, may god receive you in his arms and always protect you.....so that you can protect me.... Your daughter: Giselle, Argenis, Mya, Zaydee and A.J.

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**Giselle Hernandez** - February 13, 2012 at 09:01 PM

EG

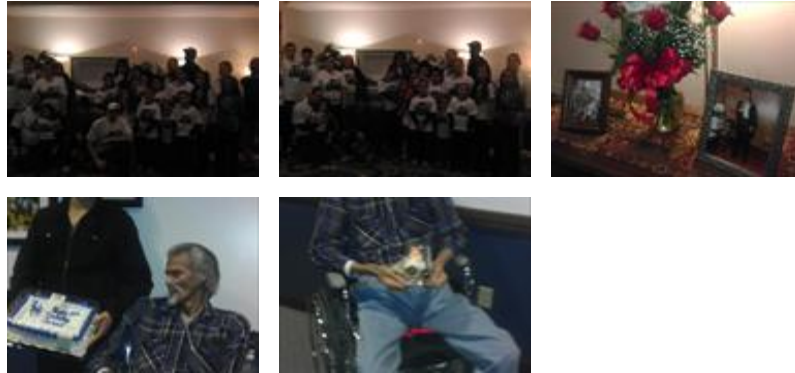
“ Death leaves a heart ache that no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal... You will always be remembered not only in memories but because you have a place in my heart.... Your daughter Enid, Cesar, Memphis, Abryle,Xavier and C.J...

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**Enid Garcia** - February 13, 2012 at 08:56 PM

EG

“ 15 files added to the album Memories....”



**Enid Garcia** - February 13, 2012 at 08:36 PM

MG

*I really miss him...Love Mya*

**Mya Gonzalez** - February 19, 2012 at 10:43 AM

AS

“ May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. My condolences goes out to Colo family, children, grandchildren And friends .



*Allison Solano and Family*

**Allison Solano** - February 11, 2012 at 08:44 PM

IE

“ I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. - Leo Buscaglia

*RIP Colo u will always be in our heart.  
Daisy n Family*

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**Iris Daisy Echevarria** - February 11, 2012 at 10:04 AM