



Joseph V Melendez

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R emembering Our Beloved Joseph V. Melendez

May 18th, 1938 - January 13th, 2025

Our hearts are heavy as we say goodbye to Joseph V. Melendez (affectionately known by many as "Benny"), a cherished husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Born on May 18th, 1938, in the mountainous town of Orocovis located in the center of the island of Puerto Rico, Joseph filled our lives with love and laughter until his peaceful passing on January 13th, 2025, in Nashville, TN.

Joseph was a great provider and family man. With his hardworking, supportive, and jovial nature, he touched the lives of everyone around him, including his friends at Bob Magro Realty in the Bronx, NY. He served his country for the US Army starting in 1958. He was proud of his service in Korea, especially as a Military Policeman and Carbine and Pistol Marksman. After serving his country he began work at the U.S. Government Printing Office while attending college at night to obtain his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1976 from Bernard M. Baruch College - City University of New York. He retired after 30 years and then he became an Accountant for the remainder of his working career as a small business owner.

Joseph married in July 1962 at the age of 24. He and his wife Irma lived in the same home in Queens, NY for 48 years, where they raised his family together. In 2021, Joseph and his wife moved to Nashville, TN to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law. At home in New York, Joseph's warmth shone brightest. He was a grill master, turning ordinary meals into cherished family gatherings. His love for fishing brought joy and adventure to our summer months. In Nashville, Joseph found a warm and welcoming community at Holy Name Church. We fondly remember him sitting in his favorite chair, engrossed in episodes of "Quien Caera", a game show



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that never failed to bring a smile to his face, and "Enamorandonos". He continued to tell jokes throughout his life, bringing laughter to those around him.

Joseph's legacy lives on through his loving family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Irma Melendez, who stood by his side through life's many challenges. His children, Brenda Melendez (Christopher) Coulter and Nelson (Katrinna) Melendez, carry forward his spirit of kindness and dedication. His grandchildren, Brandon, Sierra, and Joshua Melendez, were the light of his life, and he treasured every moment spent with them. His brothers, Rafael Melendez, Manuel Melendez, and Esteban Melendez.

We also remember those who have passed before him: his dear daughter, Nadja Y Melendez, and his brother-in-law, Reinaldo "Rey" Crespo, whom he helped raise from a young age. Siblings, Carmen Melendez, Olga Ponce, Paulita Melendez, Celia Melendez, Lydia Melendez, Nitza Melendez, Mary Melendez, Jose C. Melendez, John B. Melendez, Angel Melendez, and Alberto Melendez. May they all find peace together.

As we celebrate Joseph's life, we hold close the memories of his unwavering love and the joy he brought to our family. His joyful spirit will forever be missed but never forgotten.

We invite close family and friends to join us in honoring Joseph's memory and sharing stories that reflect the warmth he brought into our lives.






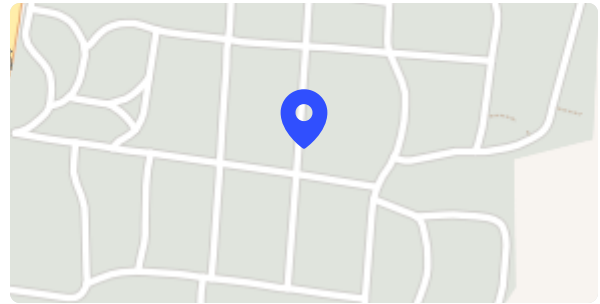
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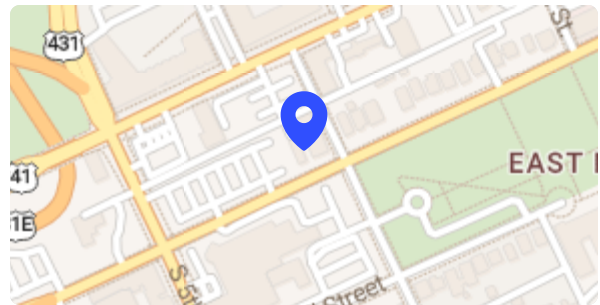
Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, January 22, 2025
-  3:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






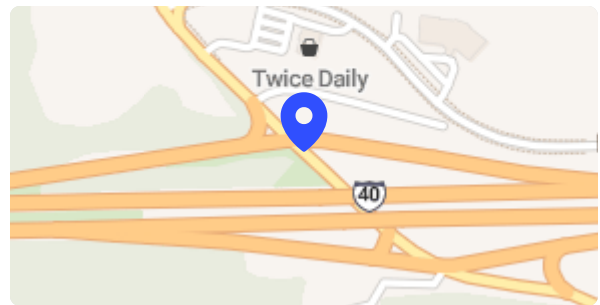
Service

-  **Thursday**, January 23, 2025
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Holy Name Catholic Church**
521 Woodland Street, Nashville TN 37216



Burial

-  **Thursday**, January 23, 2025
-  1:00 PM CT
-  **Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery**
7931 McCrory Lane, Nashville TN 37221





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Victor B. sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Melendez family.

January 22 at 7:15 AM



Victor B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 22 at 7:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Melendez family.

January 22 at 5:32 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 22 at 5:32 AM



Anthony Rodriguez posted:

Thank you for sharing your time with me, Hot Pastrami & Pool on Jamaica Ave! A core memory made as a 12 year old knucklehead you gave me your time and Love. We last spoke on my 48th birthday in November, I wish I would've shared that memory with you and how important it was to me. Love you Benny!

January 21 at 6:04 PM



The Mears Cdl Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Melendez family.

January 21 at 12:21 PM





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Anthony Gilbert Rodriguez posted:

We last spoke for my 48th Birthday, I wish I wouldve shared one of my favorite Birthdays was spent just you and me, Hot Pastrami sandwich & Shooting pool on Jamaica Ave. What a day it was, THANK YOU BENNY! Forever in our Hearts!Love you- Anthony

January 21 at 9:21 AM



Maria, Anthony, Priscy, Priscilla & Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Melendez family.



January 20 at 5:14 PM



Maria, Anthony, Priscy, Priscilla & Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



January 20 at 5:14 PM



Ileana shared 9 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My dearest Irma, Brenda, Nelson, and their family, Our hearts broke when we heard the loss of your husband and dad Benny. No words can ease the pain you are all going through. May the Lord give you the strength to get you through this difficult time. Many of us who knew Benny would mourn his loss, but remember the great times and love spent with him. My memory of Benny was a kind, funny, and caring person who always puts his family first and helps others in need. I remember our summers together at Sunken Meadow Park, Benny getting there first to get the grills and tables we needed for everyone. He was the life of the party with his jokes to make others laugh, and that contagious smile whoever crossed his path. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, Benny, and give Rey, Nadja & papi a hug from me. Until we meet again, Ileana and family



January 15 at 6:11 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



January 19 at 12:29 PM



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John Karen Nick And Dan Melendez sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Melendez family.



January 19 at 8:40 AM



John Karen Nick And Dan Melendez planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



January 19 at 8:40 AM



Melinda Dejesus posted:

Hello I remember him when I lived in Richmond Hill Queens. And going to St. Teresa's Avila Church. He was sweet and kind and a beautiful person. He was always smiling and being happy. Everytime I would see him in church I always said hello to him and wife. And he had three beautiful children Nelson Brenda and Nadja. He was loved by everyone that knew him. He had a beautiful heart ❤️. When his daughter died Nadja it broke my heart ❤️ I cried so much. She was like a sister to me. It was devastated for me. He was so happy to see me at the funeral home. I gave him such a big hug. I am sad he is gone. He will be missed. He is not suffering no more. He is with the Lord and angels. He is now with his daughter Nadja. May they both rest in peace. Love you Melinda Dejesus

January 19 at 8:29 AM



Rosemary Melendez-Badillo posted:

I remember my Uncle Benny as a kind, loving and generous man. In fact, he was the one who took my mom to the hospital when she was in labor with me. I have many memories with him and Titi Mima of sleepovers and my parents and us kids coming over on a Sunday afternoon. I also remember going to visit at the So. Ozone Park home at many backyard barbecues. Although I love all my uncles, Uncle Benny was always my favorite and I will always love him and treasure many fond memories of him. Rest in peace Tio ♥♥♥. Love you always, Rosie

January 19 at 5:49 AM



John And Beth-Ann sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Melendez family.



January 19 at 3:49 AM



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John And Beth-Ann planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 19 at 3:49 AM



John, Joe, Mike, Steve, Mary Melendez And Their Families sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Melendez family.

January 18 at 4:06 PM



John, Joe, Mike, Steve, Mary Melendez And Their Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 18 at 4:06 PM



From The Coulter Family Of Ny & Nc sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Melendez family.

January 18 at 7:58 AM



From The Coulter Family Of Ny & Nc planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 18 at 7:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Melendez family.

January 18 at 6:53 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 18 at 6:53 AM



Chris C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 18 at 5:22 AM



Chiqui C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 18 at 2:27 AM



Lou Panico And The People Of St. Teresa sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Melendez family.

January 18 at 1:13 AM



Rosa Vasquez & Manuel Rodriguez sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Melendez family.

January 17 at 11:14 AM



Rosa Vasquez & Manuel Rodriguez planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

January 17 at 11:14 AM





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Lillian Babuin posted:

To Mima and the entire Melendez family we pray that God gives you the strength to get through this difficult time. We will always remember cousin Benny as a jovial person who always put family first. He always has a smile for everyone. Rest in peace cuz. Lilly and Mark Babuin.

January 17 at 7:38 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Melendez family.



January 17 at 4:37 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



January 17 at 4:37 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



January 16 at 12:57 PM



Steven Magro sent an Arrive in Style to the Melendez family.



January 16 at 12:29 PM



Steven Magro planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.



January 16 at 12:29 PM



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John Carrero posted:

My deepest condolences to the whole family, To Mrs. Melendez who I met thru events by Bob and Ron Magro my heart goes out to you, My man Benny was my acct and got me out of a few issues and I'm forever thankful, I would call him in a panic and he would always say John John don't worry I'll talk to them and work things out, and sure enough he always did, I guess god needed an honest accountant to take care of his books, may god welcome him with open arms and allow him to watch over his family for ever, rest easy my dear friend, my man Benny,

January 16 at 10:03 AM



Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Rodriguez sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Melendez family.



January 15 at 6:11 AM



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January 19 at 4:21 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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