



William Rodriguez

December 21, 1959 - January 10, 2025

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Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family*

I knew William as a step-father and in the time that I knew him he always cared for our family like his own and loved us just the same

He always showed me that hard work and a good attitude will get you far in life.

He was such a big influence on my life and the people around.

May he rest in peace..

Joe Mckinnis - January 25, 2025 at 06:15 PM



CH

“ *CAROL HELD lit a candle in memory of William Rodriguez*

CAROL HELD - January 20, 2025 at 09:53 AM



CD

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 02:11 AM

CD

“Dad, I will miss you so much. I wanted to thank you for always doing your best, you had your flaws which we all do. You taught me the value of hard work. You had the kindest spirit, from all your volunteer work feeding the homeless to just making yourself available to anyone at anytime just to be of service to anyone. There were times I would tell you that some seem to be using you and you would always say “it’s ok I would rather help anyone and be used and help people” it didn’t make a difference. I don’t know anyone with his kind of spirit who is so devoted to being of service like he was. You were a strong man who lived in pain with everything your body has been through the years and always pushed forward. We will keep moving forward as you would want striving for better each and every day. You always made every effort to show up and be present for us. You were like my security blanket knowing you would come running if I ever needed anything. I’m thankful to have gotten a chance a few years back to be in Puerto Rico with you. You annoyed me at times by trying to protect me and the girls and not wanting us out of your sight to ensure nothing would happen. I understand as a parent you were just wanting to be cautious and then I had to tell you “Dad I’m 34 grown with my own kids I don’t need a chaperone.” You just wanted to ensure we were all going to be okay. I miss you dearly and will think about you daily. God bless you! I love you Goodnight and Bendition 💔



Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 12:40 AM

JA

“ How do you say good bye to your younger brother, whose diapers you changed, walked him to school and told him he could not have a pet monkey but got him a snake instead.

When Willie was 16 yrs old he was worried that he wouldn't be tall like his brothers - but soon, not only was he 6'2" but a very handsome and caring young man.

It's not easy being the youngest of 7. Yet Willie outshone us all in his determination to be the best he could be. He never stopped working on himself to be better and that became easier when he turned his life to the God of his understanding.

When Willie helped build a clothesline for my little house in Puerto Rico, he apologized for not making it better.

That was Willie - always helping others and doing the best he could. I have been blessed to have the privilege of being his sister. I will cherish my memories of Willie forever. He filled our hearts with love, kindness and his generous spirit.

Willie once said this:

“Lo que te hace valioso, es lo que dejas en el corazon de los demas.”

Jamari - January 17, 2025 at 08:31 PM

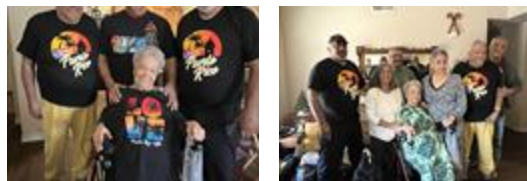
CD



Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 03:04 AM

JA

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Jamari - January 17, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *Frenchie Potts lit a candle in memory of William Rodriguez*



Frenchie Potts - January 17, 2025 at 01:23 PM



Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 03:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Rodriguez.*



January 17, 2025 at 09:32 AM

DK

“ In loving memory of "Big" Willie Rodriguez. I first met Willie through my fraternity brother, and when I moved to Greenville, I didn't know many people at all. From day one, he and his family welcomed me as one of their own. I was incredibly fortunate to become a godparent to some of his grandchildren, which deepened our bond even more.

Sharing in birthdays, graduations, and family events with him was a true blessing. Big Willie was always ready to lend a hand, whether it was helping out or simply being there for those he loved. I will always be amazed by his gift of diagnosing a car just by listening to it—his talents were truly remarkable!

Willie's big smile and infectious spirit will never be forgotten. The last time we spent together was at his grandson's graduation, where we sat side by side, celebrating the love he had for his family. He will be deeply missed, but I feel fortunate to have known such an incredible man.

Rest in peace, Big Willie.

— Daniel Keeling

Daniel Keeling - January 17, 2025 at 06:02 AM

CD

❤️ you are definitely family. Thank you for sharing!

Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 03:10 AM

WR

“ Thanks for being wonderful grandfather to Sinclair Jr. Your love, wisdom, and gentle presence will be deeply missed. Rest in heaven, knowing you left a legacy of love and cherished memories. We will always hold you in our hearts.



Wendy Rodriguez - January 17, 2025 at 01:42 AM

JD

“ William- you were always a light shining at our store- always happy, always supportive, ALWAYS helpful at a moments notice. Your connection with our Lord showed each day and you made the world a better place. You connected individually with each of our employees at AutoZone. You will be missed and always remembered.

Thank you Lord for taking care of William and family!

*Jim Davis
Store Manger
AutoZone Rockwall*

Jim Davis - January 16, 2025 at 10:40 PM

CD

Thank You so much for taking the time out to share a memory of my father.

Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 02:14 AM

DP

“Willie and I married because we loved each other, and though our marriage didn’t last, we created countless memories and lived life to the fullest. One of the greatest memories was when we made the decision to renew our vows for our 10-year anniversary so that our children could be a part of our “wedding”. We were blessed with three extraordinary children—our greatest joy and the loves of our lives. Despite not being the best couple, we remained connected through our shared commitment to raising our children and supporting one another in our own way.

Willie always wanted for his children to understand that his greatest desire in this life was for them to be united. Over the years, he saw the challenges that sometimes came between them due to “living life” and it weighed heavily on him. William loved each of them with his whole heart. He made countless sacrifices and put forth tremendous effort to ensure that they knew that love, even when things were difficult. He worked hard to support each one of them individually, always striving to make sure no one felt alone, even when they weren’t supporting each other due to their busy lives. His love for them was unconditional, and his only wish was for them to remain close, to never let go of the bond they shared as siblings, no matter the struggles life brought. The most important thing he wanted for all of them was unity and love. He knew that, no matter the distance or challenges, family is everything.

As our children move forward in life, my hope is that they honor their father by staying united, loving each other, always being there for one another, and allow Willie’s unwavering love guide them in the years to come.

May Willie’s soul rest in peace, knowing that his legacy of love, sacrifice, and hope for family unity will continue through each of his children.

Diana Pastoriza - January 16, 2025 at 09:35 PM

CD

Very well said! ❤️ love you Mom

Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 01:47 PM

DR

“ Hey Willy ... words can't explain how i feel . i can't explain how hurt the family is .. especially on how it all happened. I'm so sorry Willy, I feel as if i failed you because i couldn't help you but i hope you know that i tried. You were always there for me when I needed you or needed anyone, i could always count on you to come to the rescue. I just wish this wasn't the last time that you did . I love you , i learned a lot from you and thank you for being such a blessing in all our life's. i'll try to stay strong i promise you i will just knowing you would always want me to be. Like you would say “ we'll catch you later “ till we meet again Willy.



Damian Rodriguez - January 16, 2025 at 06:58 PM

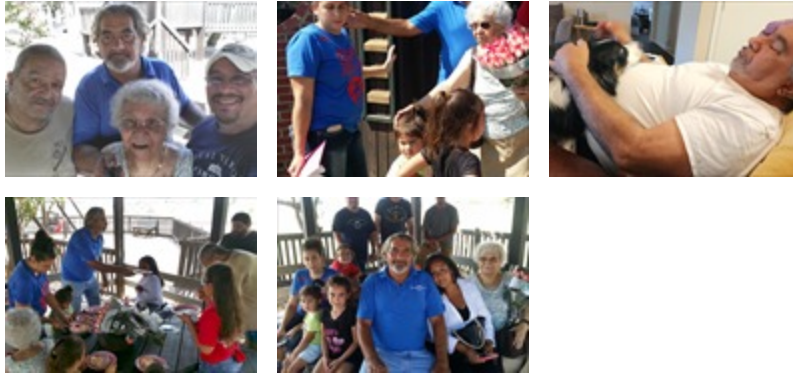
CD

Don't ever think you failed him. It's part of life and God called him home. Things happen for a reason no matter how hard it is. I'm here for you and look at how his passing brought everyone together. His words it's God's plan. We are all here for a limited amount of time we never know when our time will be up. Live life to the fullest. I love you so much and I will be here for you.

Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 02:20 AM

RS

“ 8 files added to the album Rocky's pics of William and Family



Rocky Salleh - January 16, 2025 at 03:14 PM

CO

“ coworker purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of William Rodriguez.



coworker - January 16, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DH

“ Words cannot express the heartfelt sympathy I have for the family of William Rodriguez. I was so honored to have met him on several occasions at his son Willie and Charity's . He was so deeply loved by them, the grandchildren and his entire family. I knew him to be a jack of all trades and a master of many. I know he will be truly missed ❤️🙏

Damita Hite-Graham - January 16, 2025 at 11:15 AM

RR

“ Willy. Throughout these past years I've see you plenty. We've all seen you plenty. You will be missed by me and all those you've touched. I knew I'll get daily prayers, morning and night, As annoying as it could have been, I will definitely miss it. You're always there when someone calls. You were the family mechanic. The first person we all think about if we had car problems. And you were the first to jump at it. You knew how to joke and and had a good sense of humor. I know you're in heaven with GOD. Your faith was strong and I know your at peace. Please say hello to my brother and my grandfather. Your father. One day we will meet again. Love you.



Raphael Rodriguez - January 15, 2025 at 07:27 PM

DP

Very heartfelt. He will be definitely be missed. May he rest in peace.

Darlene Pastoriza - January 15, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CD

He is in heaven for sure with Nelcito who he loved dearly. Love that picture.

Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 02:24 AM

NS

“ Nelida Savage purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Rodriguez.



Nelida Savage - January 15, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DC

“ I was blessed to have Willie in my life and was honored to be a part of his amazing and loving family. You will be missed but never forgotten.

David Carpenter - January 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM

KA

“ Kaye & Audriana purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Rodriguez.



Kaye & Audriana - January 15, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Rodriguez.



January 15, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Rodriguez.



January 15, 2025 at 04:42 PM

ER

“ Thank you William for all your knowledge, influence and positive inspiration you shared with me. I'm so grateful and honored I had the opportunity to have you in my life. Love always Esme.



Esmeralda Reboloso - January 15, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AD

“ Angel DeJesus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Rodriguez.

Angel DeJesus - January 15, 2025 at 11:43 AM

AD

“ Angel DeJesus purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Rodriguez.



Angel DeJesus - January 15, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LM

“ Thanks to William I got a chance to experience having a second father in my life, he always treated us and took care of us as if we were his own children. Thanks to him I got to experience new things in life and bettered me as a person.
He was always there in important events of my life.
Thank you William for being there for me, I love you father. I promised you I would be strong for our family and I will take care of them.



Lizette Mendoza - January 15, 2025 at 11:34 AM

CD

He was so proud of you all and wanted the best for you all. So happy he was able to be your 2nd father

Crystal DeJesus - January 18, 2025 at 02:37 AM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Rocky's pics of William and Family



Rocky - January 15, 2025 at 10:58 AM

TM

“ William was always a very nice genuine person. I loved receiving his life advice and always had great conversations with him. Time would go by without seeing him, and when my family and I did, it was always as if that time never passed. We loved received his knowledge and his good morning and goodnight wishes. He will be dearly missed.



Tatiana Mondragon - January 15, 2025 at 08:37 AM

LB

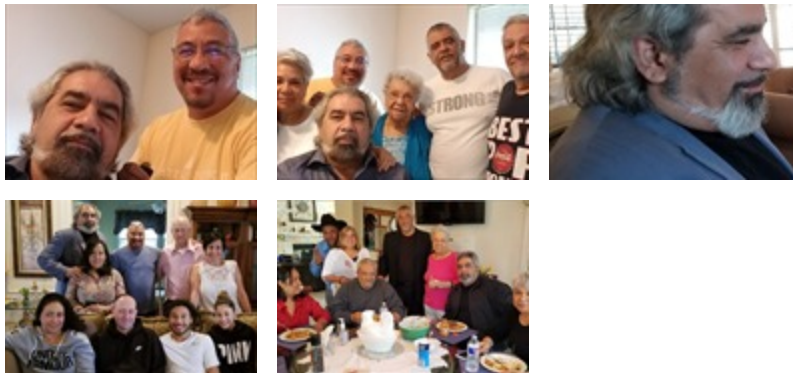
“ Liala, Adriana, Ashley, & The Boys purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Rodriguez.



Liala, Adriana, Ashley, & The Boys - January 14, 2025 at 10:38 PM

RS

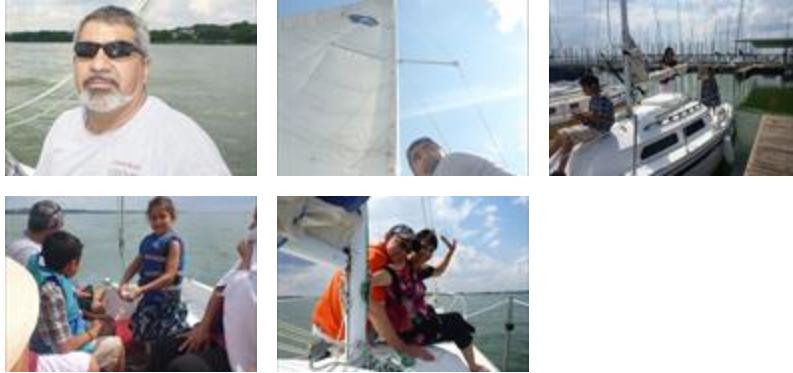
“ 23 files added to the album Rocky's pics of William and Family



Rocky Salleh - January 14, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jeannie Clemente - January 14, 2025 at 09:16 PM

KF

“ Kelsey and Donald Deets Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William Rodriguez.



Kelsey and Donald Deets Family - January 14, 2025 at 09:09 PM

DT

“ Good wonderful times we shared at our family gatherings. Nothing more than Good times is all I know of you..Sr.Willy you will forever live in our hearts
Fr.Esmeralda's Mom.
Diana Tapia

Diana Tapia - January 14, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Rodriguez.



January 14, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Rodriguez.

January 14, 2025 at 08:44 PM



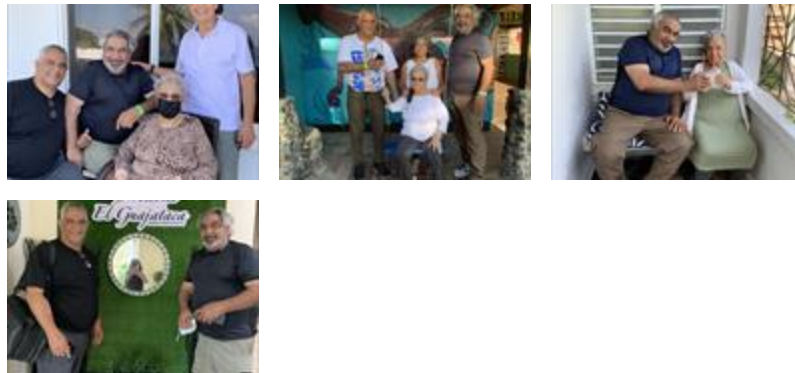
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Rodriguez.



January 14, 2025 at 08:44 PM



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Jamari and Bob - January 14, 2025 at 08:19 PM

NS

“ *Willie, Special is a word that is used to describe something one of a kind. That is you my brother.*

Nellie Savage - January 14, 2025 at 07:55 PM

RS

“ *I miss you my baby brother. You have always been there to help anyone that asked for it. Love you always.*

Rocky Salleh - January 14, 2025 at 07:30 PM