



Manuel Gonzalez

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GONZALEZ, Manuel, 80, died August 26, 2013. Manuel was born May 18, 1933 in Vadebois, Spain. He emigrated to Cuba at age 17, sought asylum in the U.S. in 1961 and later proudly became a U.S. citizen. In 1973 he founded Tampa's Florida Gardens Florist, which continues to flourish after 40 years. A devoted husband of 47 years, Manuel cherished his family. He was an avid fisherman and Bucs and Rays fan, but his love of sports began with soccer. He instilled his love of good food and cheer in his children and grandchildren who relished his filloas, paellas and barbecue.

Pre-deceased by parents Manuel and Maria Gonzalez, brother Fernando and brother-in-law Caylor Wood. Survived by spouse Helen Wood Gonzalez, sons Eric (Jeniffer), Glen (Alley) and Alex (Danna); grandchildren Emily, Eric Jr., Kaleigh and Calla; siblings in Spain Maria del Carmen (Santos), Andres, Paolino (Juli), Pepita (Jose Antonio), Mari Trini (Valentin); siblings-in-law Kenneth (Judy), Dwight (Vilma), Carmen, Darryl (Toby), Thalia (Steve King); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in the U.S. and Spain. Pallbearers are his three sons, his grandson and Kenneth Wood, Juan Garmendia, Gustavo Avellan, Sr. and Jay Fossen. Visitation will be 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Thursday, August 29 at St. Lawrence Church followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. Entombment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery In lieu of sending flowers for the funeral, the family suggests sending flowers to someone sometime to brighten their day. Donations may also be made to LifePath Hospice (Pink Team) or St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Boza & Roel Funeral Home 813-877-7676



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SS

Sylvia Simmons posted:

Dear Helen, We wish to extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to you, your sons and grandchildren. There are no words we can say to ease your pain but please know that we are thinking of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God provide comfort, peace and strength during this difficult time. With much love, Sylvia, Devin & Brittany Simmons

August 30 at 5:42 PM

RM

Rachelle McDonough posted:

Alley and Glen - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am very sorry for your loss but Glen's dad sounds like an amazing guy who lived a wonderful life. With love, Rachelle

August 30 at 9:29 AM

KB

Karen Bruton posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days to come.

August 28 at 2:00 PM

GA

Gustavo And Silvia Avellan posted:

Recuerdos inolvidables de nuestras familias, nuestros hijos crecieron para hacerse hombres de bien siempre guiados por el apoyo el buen consejo de nuestro querido amigo Manolo.... Que descanses en paz... seguro que alla nos encontraremos todos de nuevo, un dia no muy lejano.....

August 28 at 8:50 AM

MH

Mandy Hudson posted:

So sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.

August 28 at 5:31 AM

MG

Manuel Gonzalez posted:

Un fuerte Abrazo para todos, de vuestra familia de Pontevedra. Nunca olvidaremos a Manolo. Paulino y Juli; Edu y Desi; Tono, Ana, Julia y Jacobo; Manuel, Angela y Sara; y Luis.

August 27 at 11:38 PM



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OB

Olman Boraschi Barrantes posted:

La familia Boraschi Barrantes y Leon Boraschi sentimos profundamente la partida de nuestro querido Manuel. A Helen, hijos y nietos queremos expresar nuestro apoyo y decirles que siempre los tendremos en nuestras oraciones. Que Dios les bendiga a todos. Un gran abrazo desde Costa Rica. Olman y Familia.

August 27 at 8:56 PM

OD

Olman Y Antonieta Boraschi Diaz posted:

This is the moment to remember all the goods thinks, he will be in our heart for ever.

August 27 at 6:36 PM

EF

Everich Family posted:

EricSorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts are with you and your family

August 27 at 6:09 PM

JM

Jay & Dawn Mastrino posted:

Wishing you and your family our deepest prayers a thoughts. Our fondest memories recall brining in the New Year with you're family.All our love, the Mastrino family.

August 27 at 4:59 PM

JG

Jane Gaglione posted:

Helen I was so sad to hear about your husband passing away. It has been a while since we spoke. I did not know him, but I did know you both had a special relationship just from hearing you speak about him. I am so sorry. Love and miss you.... Janie (RED HAT)

August 27 at 2:27 PM

WY

Wendy Yepes posted:

I am so very sorry for the loss of Mr. Gonzalez. Though I did not have the honor of meeting him, I feel for all that the family is going through and know that you are in my heart and prayers.

August 27 at 2:06 PM



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ED

Emma Terry Dennard posted:

Helen and family,I'm so sorry for your loss . May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time.

August 27 at 1:58 PM

IG

Isabel Gavilan posted:

Even though I will am not able to be there at what I know is a very difficult time for all of you, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. A big hug and love to all of you, Bill & Isa

August 27 at 1:48 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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