



James "Jaime" Gonzalez

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James (Jaime) Gonzalez, age 84, died Sunday, November 23, 2014. Mr. G, as he enjoyed being called, spent a lifetime in his beloved Ybor City where he was born on September 14, 1930. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benigno and Regina Gonzalez. He is survived by his wife, Rita (Sammie); a sister, Rita Fernandez (Albert); four children, Cynthia Luiaconi, Tina Turk (Phillip), Carmen Gonzalez-Sullivan, and Jaime Gonzalez (Stephanie); two grandchildren, Danielle Sullivan and James Gonzalez; two great grandchildren, Dayton and Landon Degain; cousins Jerry Perez (Connie) and Aurora Llende (Frank), who were like siblings to him; stepdaughter Kristy Blankenship; and many nieces and nephews as well as his family in Spain.

Jaime was proud of his Spanish heritage but even prouder of the 66 years he spent as owner and operator of Acme Garage in Ybor City. He said he never wanted to retire and he almost got his wish because, until a few months ago, he faithfully went to the shop each and every morning. Jaime grew up working in his family's feed store. Those of his generation who grew up with him in Ybor would gleefully tell tales of his exploits. Some stories were touching as he was a generous man who quietly helped those less fortunate. Others were outrageous as he had a wild streak and knew how to have a good time. Most were funny because he was always testing his limits, like the time he and his friends called his father's feed store and ordered several bags of feed for delivery. After taking the order, loading the truck with feed, and driving off with the delivery address in hand, his father realized too late that the address given to him was his own. Jaime and his friends were hiding in the bushes so they could witness his father's reaction when he realized he had been scammed. And, oh boy, they weren't disappointed. Those stories and many others will now be retold many times in his memory.

Jaime spent his last morning on earth enjoying a beautiful Sunday morning, having breakfast with his kids, visiting with his wife, telling a few stories, and having a few laughs. Please join his family for a celebration of his life on Friday, November 28th at 12:30 PM at Boza & Roel Funeral



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Home, 4730 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL. The family will receive friends on Friday from 11 AM to 12:30 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Centro Asturiano Memorial Park.






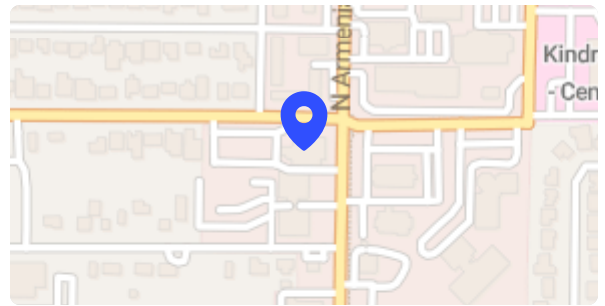
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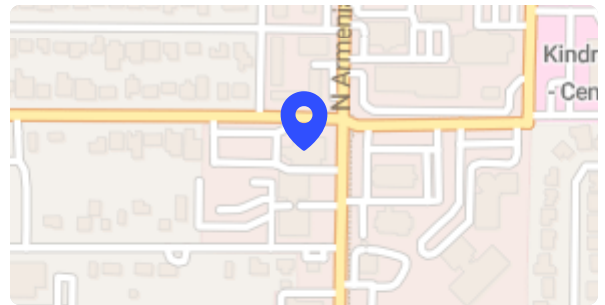
Visitation

-  **Friday**, November 28, 2014
-  11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET
-  **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603





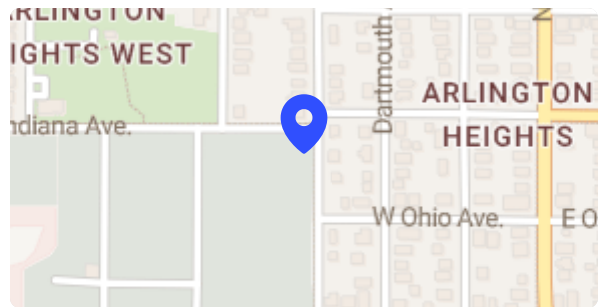
Funeral Service

-  **Friday**, November 28, 2014
-  12:30 PM ET
-  **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603




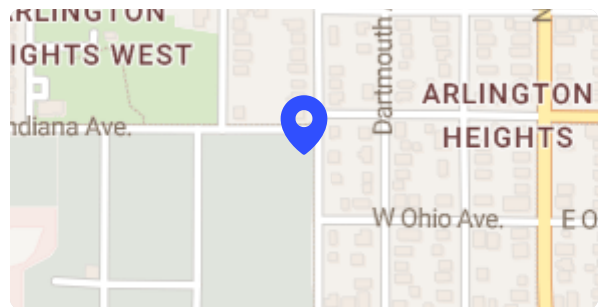
Interment

-  **Friday**, November 28, 2014
-  **Centro Asturiano Memorial Park**
3698 N. Ola Ave, Tampa FL 33603



Cemetery Details

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BS

Brandon Schmier posted:

Jaime Jr and family please accept our condolences on the passing of your father Brandon and Milly Schmier

November 28 at 6:09 AM

AT

Angelo Traina Jr. posted:

ONE OF THE TRUE GREAT PIONEERS OF THE BODY SHOP & WRECKER SERVICE BUSINESS. MY FRIEND & MY FATHER'S BEST FRIEND I`LL MISS YOU ANGELO TRAINA JR.[DIXIE BODY SHOP]

November 28 at 4:06 AM

EJ

Eric, Tina, Anthony, And Jason sent a Basket of Joy to the Gonzalez family.



November 26 at 8:01 AM

MR

Michael Rizzo lit a candle in honor of James.

Dear Rita, Albert and Family, Our sincere condolences on the passing of your brother Jaime. We were very surprised when we read it in the newspaper this morning. He will surely be missed by all who were very fortunate in having him in their lives. A great neighbor from 15th Street. God Bless the family during this difficult time. Michael and Aida Rizzo



November 26 at 4:49 AM

GM

George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza and Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

November 25 at 4:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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