



# Hector Vila Sr

MAR 13, 1931 - DEC 24, 2018



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**H**ector Vila Sr. 87 was called by the Lord after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Martha Vila. He was a very loved man who exemplified love and devotion to his family and country. He was the endorser of the Vila Brothers Park being the 4th of seven brothers who served in the United States Military.

He is also survived by his son Dr. Hector Vila Jr (Claire); daughter, Desiree Vila Nelson (David K. Sr); grandchildren, Jonathan Vila (Nicola), Carmen Beavers (Jonathan), Valerie Obesso (Daniel), David K. Nelson Jr. (Brooke), Dr. Daniel Hector Nelson (Sarah), and McKenzie Nelson (Jimmy Rush); 13 great-grandchildren, Ben, Sam, Vivian, Jude, Eloise, Elena, Amelia, Bonnie Claire, Taylor, Beau, Owen, Camille, and Caleb; two brothers, Denio Vila (Elvira) and Tony Vila (Nancy, deceased); and 2 sisters, Giselda Guggino (Vincent) and Ramona Coffield (Wayne).

A graveside Service will be held at 11:30 AM Friday, December 28 at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell with military honors. Visitation will be held from 2-3 pm at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with a Funeral Mass to follow at 3pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Vila Brother's Park, c/o Armory Gardens Civic Association, P.O. Box 4946 Tampa, FL 33677 or the VA Hospital.

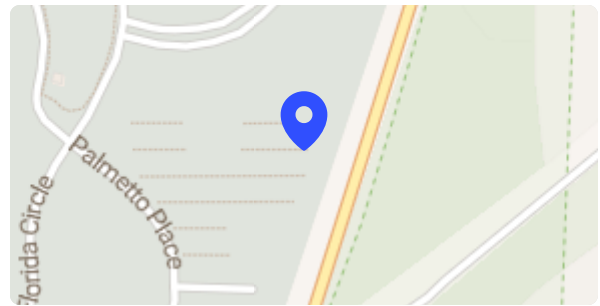


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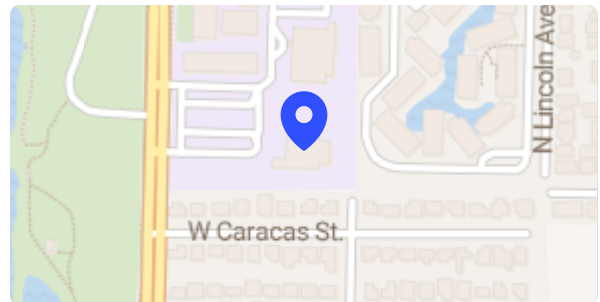
## Graveside Service

- Friday**, December 28, 2018
- 11:30 AM ET
- Florida National Cemetery**  
6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell FL 33513



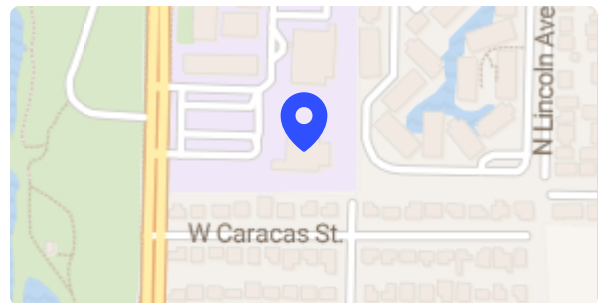
## Visitation

- Friday**, December 28, 2018
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church**  
5225 N. Himes Ave, Tampa FL 33614



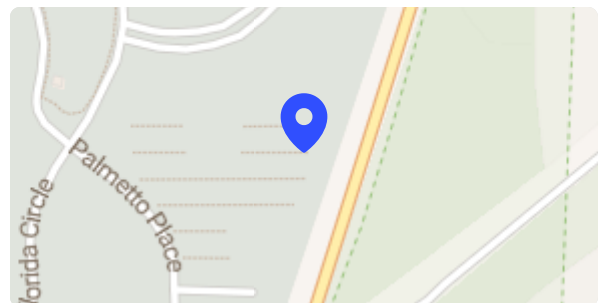
## Funeral Mass

- Friday**, December 28, 2018
- 3:00 PM ET
- St. Lawrence Catholic Church**  
5225 N. Himes Ave, Tampa FL 33614



## Cemetery Details

- Florida National Cemetery**  
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## Tribute Wall

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SS

**Stephen Schluter** posted:

I could always tell Abuelo had arrived in Baton Rouge when I could hear him taking in all the Lakeside neighborhood trash cans. The instant he stepped in a room, he became the most popular person in that room. I'll remember him for the strongest hand shakes, Spanish quizzes, dressing up as Santa, and Cuban Coffee. One of the best trips I've had the pleasure of making was visiting Abuelo and Abuela in Tampa and hearing him laugh uncontrollably. He was one of the best men I've known and I am lucky to have had him in my life for over 25 years. Stephen Schluter

January 10 at 8:19 AM

BC

**Blane Clark** posted:

I met Mr. Vila in the Spring of 1981 when my best friend started dating his daughter. I joined my friend on a memorable trip to Tampa where I learned about Cuban coffee and much more. What a special man! He loved life and he loved people. He loved a good conversation. When you look at all he accomplished during his lifetime - military veteran and war hero, restaurant owner and operator, long time brewery employee, dance party promoter, and so much more, the rest of us look like slouches. I consider it a great honor to have had the privilege of knowing him for so long. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Martha and the rest of Mr. Vila's family. Blane Clark and family

January 8 at 5:07 AM

RH

**Robert And Marilyn Hiller** posted:

Our prayers go out to all the Vila family. Both my husband and I worked at the Tampa Brewery with Hector. He was a well liked and much respected man. May he rest in peace and God be with his entire family. Marilyn and Robert Hiller

December 30 at 10:14 PM



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**Michelle Carrillo** posted:

We got to know the Vila's when we replaced their roof. I however, watched them from afar in church before this ever happened. Their pursuance reminded me of true love and their smiled warmed everyone's heart. A true love story for the ages. I will never forget them and am sorry that I was not able to see them in the last few years. I caught a glimpse of Martha at the Life Stations of the Cross which Martha was involved in. Standing in the back row of the church with smiles and tears of joy. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the funeral arrangements. Both of you will always be in our hearts. We are sorry for your loss, but when you have the time to release the pain, look back and enjoy the hearts and memories that Hector made for all of you. You are at peace with the Lord, Hector, and are surrounded by many who have gone with before you. We are so grateful of the opportunity of knowing you. Michelle and Guillermo Carrillo

December 29 at 6:53 AM



**Alfred Renedo** posted:

To Martha, Hector Jr. and Desiree, It is with a heavy heart that we read about Hectors passing. Such a wonderful man who gave us all great memories. He made us all laugh with his jokes and storytelling. Always had a smile on his face and was full of energy. I know if my Mother Ligia was capable of responding she too would be heartbroken over this news and would send her condolences. Hector's kindness to our family will never be forgotten. Love, Al Renedo Jr and family.

December 29 at 5:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vila family.



December 27 at 12:59 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Vila family.



December 27 at 12:11 PM



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**Elaine Vila** posted:

My heart gets heavier every time one of the Vilas passes away. It reminds me how few are left from such a large family of brothers and sisters whom I miss so much. I cherish all the memories of growing up with uncle Hector and Martha and all my cousins. May God comfort all of you ... Love Ely (cousin Elaine & Wayne Ciucio)

December 27 at 10:34 AM



**Sharon Henriquez** December 28 at 10:25 AM

Such a wonderful family. I treasure the time I spent with both Hector and Martha while planning my daughter's wedding. Hector always had a smile or joke for me. Their legacy lives on in their kids, and grands and greats! RIP Hector. Love, Ken and Sharon Henriquez



**Elaine Vila** lit a candle in honor of Hector .



December 27 at 10:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Vila family.



December 27 at 9:51 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Vila family.



December 27 at 8:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Vila family.



December 27 at 8:05 AM



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**Jemma Dideia** posted:

Dear Martha and family we are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. He is with the Lord and in Peace. Love, Vito and Jemma

December 27 at 5:55 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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