



# Ralph Delgado

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**L**TC Ralph Delgado Jr, born October 25, 1924 in New York City, NY  
Went to be with Our Lord May 4th 2019 at the age of 94 at his home in Tampa  
FL

Born in New York City, Ralph attended High School in New Brunswick New Jersey.  
At the age of nineteen, Ralph volunteered and joined the US Army Air Corps.  
He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in July 1943, after flight school & qualified on  
different aircrafts

2LT Ralph Delgado Jr was sent to the European theater as a fighter pilot during  
World War II

In 1944 he fought in the Battle of Bulge, Adolf Hitler's last attack on western front.  
At this time during the war, 2LT Ralph Delgado Jr, had made history  
A Sad Day for two German Jets ME-262's

On the morning of March 2nd 1945, on their way back to base 2LT Delgado spotted  
eight ME-262's taxiing off from a German airfield. At this time he was flying a P51  
airplane also known as a mustang. He called and told his flight leader what he saw.  
His flight leader said, let's get them, 2LT Delgado made a sharp diving turn & started  
after one of the ME-262 as it started to climb. He lowered the plane & then raised the  
plane's nose as he maneuvered while shooting at the German ME-262 & knew he got  
a hit. When 2LT Delgado returned to his base it was a big celebration!

Both he & his flight leader had shot down each an ME-262, but also 2LT Delgado's  
kill was the

700th enemy plane shot down by the 354th Fighter Group, which he belonged to  
and a military journalist took his picture & he made the news for his  
accomplishment.

After the war & returned home to the state of New York, he meet his beautiful bride  
Conchita Guerra



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They were married July 19th 1947 & were married for 68 eight years. He is survived by his three daughters, Priscilla Hatch, Diana Benitez & Katherine Mudafort and her husband SGM Richard M.Mudafort. Five grandchildren David Hatch, Uari Mendoza, Sharone Fogarty and her husband Lyle Fogarty, Michele Frasure, Richard Mudafort II, six great grandchildren Madison Hatch, Sylina Frasure, Angelica Fogarty, Nicholas Fogarty, Brady Fogarty, Maria Fogarty, & two great great-grandchildren Logan Hatch & Emma Tomes.

After his marriage he moved from New York City to Puerto Rico where he raised his children.

He joined United States Air National Guard, flying F-86 jets retiring from the military in 1975

with the rank of Lt Colonel (LTC), he always said flying jets was fun, but nothing was as much fun as flying his P-51 mustang!

LTC Ralph Delgado Jr, was also best known as an amazing family man, this was truly his best signature!

His family was everything to him, he made an amazing mark teaching all his family the importance of loving God, your country & family!

LTC Ralph Delgado Jr. was part of the American History, a True American Ambassador of what it is to be an American & defend your country and be proud of being an American

Rest in Peace, you where an amazing warrior, you are loved and will always be loved by so many!

We love you Daddy!!

Friday May 10th Family at 5:00pm Viewing from 6-8 PM, 7PM praying the rosary at Boza & Roel Funeral Home 4730 N Armenia Ave, Tampa, FL 33603

Saturday May 11th 12:40PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church Mass will be at 1:00PM

2510 East Hanna Ave, Tampa, FL 33610

Procession to Garden of Memories Cemetery, with a 2:45PM ceremony at the Mausoleum Crypt site #106

4207 East Lake Ave, Tampa FL 33610






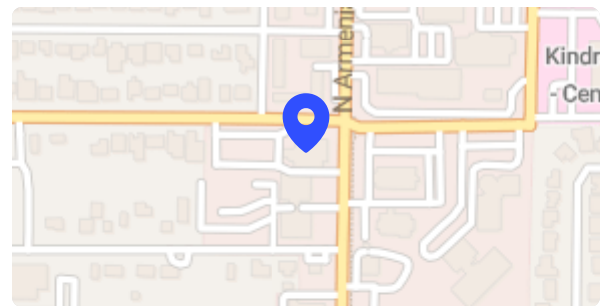
# Events

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## Visitation

-  **Friday**, May 10, 2019
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603






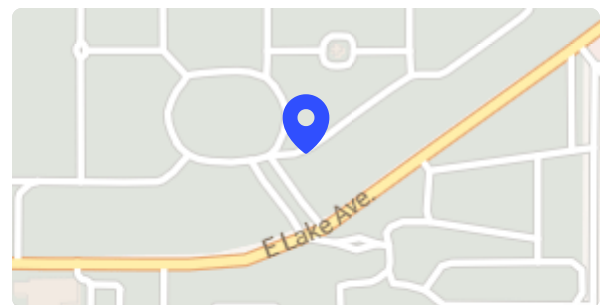
## Funeral Mass

-  **Saturday**, May 11, 2019
-  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
-  **Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church**  
2510 East Hanna Avenue, Tampa FL 33610




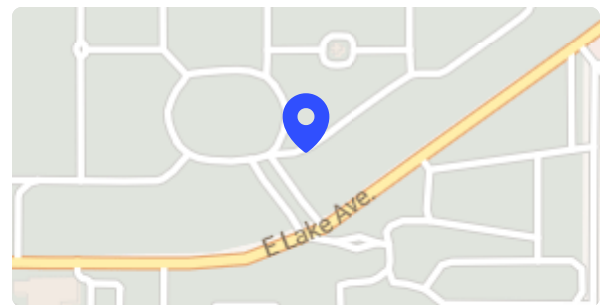
## Entombment

-  **Saturday**, May 11, 2019
-  2:45 PM ET
-  **Garden of Memories Cemetery**  
4207 E. Lake Ave, Tampa FL



## Cemetery Details

-  **Garden of Memories Cemetery**  
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## Tribute Wall

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SA

**Salvie** posted:

Ralph (Rafi to many of us) was an officer and a gentleman in the truest sense of the expression. I am certain that he is now in the presence of the Lord and with his beloved Concha by his side. He will always be in our hearts.

May 6 at 8:23 AM

ER

**Elsa Recio** August 16 at 1:38 PM

I love you ❤️ all

ER

**Elsa Recio** August 16 at 1:37 PM

God Bless all of the Family and Friends

ER

**Elsa Recio** August 16 at 1:36 PM

We will meet in Heaven some day soon, God Bless the ones that get there first amen

ER

**Elsa Recio** July 29 at 7:54 AM

I am part of Family, I Love Them All ' We will see Them again, ' Love ❤️

ED

**Elsa Recio De Delgado** July 18 at 9:06 AM

My Love to the Family, God Bless You All

ED

**Elsa Recio De Delgado** July 18 at 9:05 AM

Rest In Peace

ED

**Elsa Recio De Delgado** July 18 at 9:03 AM

Now he is with Hector, we will see them some day in Heaven, God Rest has Sole , he was well Loved, Sad for the Family, Love ❤️ You All

ED

**Elsa Recio De Delgado** June 2 at 7:49 AM

Good by , I'm happy you're with Hector, I know you're having a great time, Hope to see you soon, God Bless, Lots of Love always Else

ED

**Elsa Recio De Delgado** June 2 at 6:00 AM

All of you Rest In Peace ' I love ❤️ ALL OF YOU, always, God is with you all, always Else

ED

**Elsa Recio De Delgado** May 10 at 10:42 AM

Rest In Peace, Hector is waiting for you, Thank you for being such a great person, I loved you very much and I will miss you always, God Bless, Else Delgado, you and your family will always be in my heart, see you and Hector soon, Else



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**Eric Mudafort** May 9 at 4:08 PM

Que Dios bendiga a un héroe verdadero. Héroe de su patria y de su familia. Un ejemplo para todos nosotros. Eric y Sandra



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

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



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