

In Loving Memory of

Rafael Brown



Sunrise: November 3, 1919

Sunset: July 25, 2016

Obituary

On Monday, July 25, 2016, **Mr. Rafael Brown** was called home to be with the Lord after a short illness at St. Luke's Hospital. He was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 3, 1919 to the late Mrs. Maria Padilla and Mr. Rafael Brown-Padilla. Mr. Brown was the oldest of six children, most preceded him in death. He has one sibling, Evangilin Brown that resides in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Brown moved to New York City as a young adult and happily served in the U.S. Army, where he fought in World War II. He received an honorable discharge for his military service. Mr. Brown met the love of his life, Aura and married her on November 4, 1968. Out of that union was born Ralph L. Brown. Mr. Brown worked at General Motors for over forty years, where he since retired.

Mr. Brown is known affectionately as "Magui" to his family and friends. He was an independent man who took pride in doing everything for himself. He was called "Speedy Gonzalez" because you can always see him traveling on his motor scooter getting around town, running errands and hanging around with his friends. Mr. Brown could be found hanging on 115th Street and Madison Avenue, where he first fell in love with his wife Aura. Mr. Brown remained faithful and committed to his family since the death of his wife in 1983. He raised his son independently as a widower and is now reunited with his wife in heaven.

As a committed member of the Catholic faith he ensured that his children grew up with the ethics, morals and spiritual values and principles of his faith. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He put his children in private school to provide them with a better life. He truly supported his family. Mr. Brown lived a long blissful life filled with his love for his son and his family. Ralph was his pride and joy the beam in his father's eyes. There's not much he wouldn't do for him and others.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his sister, Evangilin Brown; his loving sons, Ralph Brown, Marvelyn (Mambie), preceded in death, Paul Martinez; daughter, Alice Rivera; grandchildren, Stephanie, Clara, Ralph, Jr. Diamond, Aura and Ashley; greatgrands, Kameron, Malaysia and Isabella; and hosts of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Papa you will be missed, but we will keep your memories alive. We love you, but God loves you best. Sleep on dad.

Service

Friday, July 29, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

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Interment

*St. Raymond's Cemetery
Bronx, New York*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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