



Jose D. Diaz

July 15, 1946 - May 5, 2014

Jose del Carmen Diaz was born on July 15, 1946 to the late Cecilio Diaz de Jesus and Martina Gonzalez in Camuy, Puerto Rico. He was called home to be with the Lord on May 5, 2014.

Jose went to high school, but stopped after the 9th grade to go to work. He did odd jobs at a very young age until he was 15. He saved his money to buy a plane ticket to the United States and began living in Texas. Not knowing how to speak English, he was given odd jobs from different people who wanted to help him get ahead.

He had only one child from a previous marriage, his daughter, Elizabeth. As time went on, he managed to move to New York City and settled in the Bronx, where he worked as a superintendent of buildings. Jose would come to Delaware to visit his brother, Juan so much that he decided to make it his home in 1976. While in Delaware, he worked for H. L. Ewing as a landscaper until 1984, and then in that same year began working at Whatcoat Village Apartments as a maintenance supervisor for 15 years, where he was known as "Mr. Joe". A stroke caused him to retire from Whatcoat in 1996.

His love and adoration for Shirlee Huey grew and they were married in December of 1998. He was well-known for cars and everyone would always come to him to either fix a car or to buy one. Jose also liked to collect antiques, but was most famous for his social gatherings where he would cook food, play his music and have a good time. Jose loved the Lord, confessed of his sins and received his crown in Heaven.

Jose is preceded in death by his father, Cecelio Diaz de Jesus; mother, Martina Gonzalez; brothers, Luis Antonio Valentine, Juan Diaz and Manuel Diaz and one sister, Nelida Diaz.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Shirlee Huey-Diaz; brothers, Hector Diaz, Luis Diaz, Rene Diaz, Eddie Diaz, William Diaz, Edwin Diaz, Augustine Martinez and Felix A. Colon'; sisters, Luz Diaz and Maria Medina-Diaz; daughters, Elizabeth Diaz (Dewey) Hector and Michelle (Fred) Custis; son, Preston Brown; grandchildren, Matthew (Annette) Rivera, Cynthia Rivera, Lydia Brown, Jahzmond Brown, Travis Brown and Dyonne Wright; great-grandchildren, Jarriel Adesanya, Yanelise Rivera, Ayana Angeli Rivera, Tyrique DePaul Owens, Amir Emmanuel McCrae, Dehzmond Brown and Damarian Wright; extended family, Iris Rivera, Evelyn Manzanet, Wanda Manzanet, Betzaida Rivera and Roberto Rivera; special friend, Delis Padilla Rodrugues; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.”

Sherry - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jose D. Diaz

May 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ God's word tells us: "For you a mist that appears for a little while and disappear." James 4:14 "Our days ebb away..., And our years come to an end just like a whisper. The span of our life is 70 years, Or 80 if one is especially strong." Psalms 90:9,10 However, Almighty God has promised: "Many of those asleep in the dust of the earth will wake up." Daniel 12:2 May pondering over this wonderful future blessing bring you much comfort.

M. Starke - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am sorry for your loss; please accept my deepest sympathy. I hope you will find your strength and comfort in Jesus' promises of the earthly resurrection(:Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4; Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M J Williams - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM