



## Hector Rodriguez

October 30, 1938 - July 20, 2020

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Hector passed away at 81 years of age, in his home in Land O' Lakes, Florida on Monday, July 21st, 2020 of natural causes.

Hector is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Ligia Concepcion Rodriguez and his children – Ronald, Rafael, Carlos, Tess and Yuri; and grandchildren (Ronald) – Amelia and Maxwell; (Rafael) – Kylie and Raylan; (Carlos) – Nicolas and Adriana; (Tess) – Brian and Zani; (Yuri) – Oliver and Serena; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Born October 30, 1938 in Ponce, Puerto Rico to Julio Ramon Rodriguez and Rafaela Rodriguez. He was the oldest of the four siblings and had 3 sisters Daisy, Norma (d) and Leticia. At the age of 7, his family relocated to Brooklyn, NY where he would go on to excel in his High School studies at Manual Technical Training School. It was in Brooklyn that he met the love of his life, Ligia Concepcion Rodriguez whom he would marry on August 7th, 1960. In 1962, Hector was drafted for military service and joined the Army, where he was a Radio Operator stationed in Hawaii and Thailand. Upon his return he would go on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy from Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, NY. He worked as a bookkeeper during the day while tending to his studies at night. He would hold many roles in the area of Finance through his career in the Publishing industry – ultimately earning the title of Chief Financial Officer for an International publishing company.

Hector loved his family and always found a way to help extended members of the family. He is often remembered as being “like a brother to me” or “like a father figure to me”. He would always share his passion and love of continued learning with all that he interacted with. He always hoped to help the people he cared for to achieve. He inspired hope and a desire to continue improving through his counseling and kind/sympathetic ear. He is most remembered by those who loved him for his selflessness and his extreme acts of kindness

and giving.

Hector was also an avid sports fan. As a kid he was a huge Brooklyn Dodgers fan and would often recount stories of historic games played in Ebbets field in Brooklyn including their World Series win in 1955. After the Dodgers left NY he ultimately became a Mets, Jets and NY Football Giants fan. In 1993, Hector, Ligia, Tess, Yuri and their dog Wiggles relocated to Tampa, FL where he would disavow his New York sports team allegiances and become a Buccaneers fan much to the dismay of his sons but also to have a little fun ribbing them as well.

Soon after his move to Florida, his sons would follow suit and move to the Tampa Bay Area and establish families of their own. In his golden years he was able to witness the birth and growth of his grandchildren whom he loved with all of his heart.

Hector's life can best be summed up by the catchphrase of the 1973 Mets, "You Gotta Believe!!" Believe you can do better, believe you can help others, believe you can overcome whatever challenge lays ahead of you, believe this is the year the Bucs win a Super Bowl ☐.

He will be sorely missed and will live on in our memories forever. Rest in Peace.

Hector Ramon Rodriguez

30 de Octubre de 1938 - 20 de Julio de 2020

Héctor falleció a los 81 años de edad, en su hogar en Land O 'Lakes, Florida, el Lunes 21 de Julio de 2020 por causas naturales.

A Héctor le sobreviven su amada esposa de casi 60 años, Ligia Concepción Rodríguez, sus hijos: Ronald, Rafael y Carlos, y sus sobrinas adoptivas Tess y Yuri; y sus nietos (Ronald): Amelia y Maxwell; (Rafael) - Kylie y Raylan; (Carlos) - Nicolas y Adriana; (Tess) - Bryan y Zanai; (Yuri) - Oliver y Serena; junto con muchos primos, sobrinas y sobrinos.

Nació el 30 de Octubre de 1938 en Ponce, Puerto Rico, hijo de Julio Ramón Rodríguez y Rafaela Rodríguez. Era el mayor de los cuatro hermanos y tenía 3 hermanas Daisy, Norma (f) y Leticia. A la edad de 7 años, su familia se mudó a Brooklyn, Nueva York, donde se destacó en sus estudios de secundaria en Manual Technical Training School. Fue en Brooklyn donde conoció al amor de su vida, Ligia Concepción Rodríguez, con quien se casaría el 7 de agosto de 1960. En 1962, Héctor fue reclutado para el servicio militar y formó parte del Ejército, donde era un operador de radio estacionado en Hawai y Tailandia. A su regreso, obtuvo su Licenciatura en Contabilidad de Brooklyn College en Brooklyn, NY. Trabajó como contador durante el día mientras atendía sus estudios por la noche. Tendría muchos títulos en el área de Finanzas a través de su carrera en la

industria editorial, en últimamente ganándose el título de Director Financiero de una compañía editorial internacional.

Héctor amaba a su familia y siempre encontraba la manera de ayudar a los miembros extendidos de la familia. A menudo se lo recuerda como: "Es como un hermano para mí" o "como una figura paterna para mí". Siempre compartía su pasión y amor por el aprendizaje continuo con todos los que interactuaba. Siempre esperó ayudar a las personas que se querían superar. Inspiró la esperanza y el deseo de continuar mejorando a través de su consejos y oído amable / comprensivo. Es más recordado por aquellos que lo amaron por su desinterés y sus actos extremos de bondad y generosidad.

Héctor también era un ávido fanático de los deportes. Cuando era niño, era un gran fanático de los Brooklyn Dodgers y a menudo contaba historias de juegos históricos jugados en el campo de Ebbet en Brooklyn, incluida su victoria en la Serie Mundial en 1955. Después de que los Dodgers se fueron de Nueva York, finalmente se convirtió en fanático de los Mets, Jets y NY Football Giants. En 1993, Héctor, Ligia, Tess, Yuri y su perro Wiggles se mudaron a Tampa, FL, donde rechazaría las lealtades de su equipo deportivo de Nueva York y se convertiría en fanático de los Buccaneers para consternación de sus hijos, pero también para divertirse un poco.

Poco después de su mudanza a Florida, sus hijos hicieron lo mismo y se mudaron al área de Tampa Bay y establecieron sus propias familias. En sus años dorados pudo presenciar el nacimiento y crecimiento de sus nietos a quienes amaba con todo su corazón.

La vida de Héctor se resume mejor con la frase de los Mets de 1973: "¡Tienes que creer!" Creer que puedes hacerlo mejor, Creer que puedes ayudar a los demás, Creer que puedes superar cualquier desafío que tengas por delante, Creer que este es el año en que los Bucs ganan un Super Bowl 😊.

Lo echaremos mucho de menos y vivirá en nuestros recuerdos para siempre. Descansa en paz.

# Events

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**AUG**   **Memorial service**                      01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Diana Miranda lit a candle in memory of Hector Rodriguez



**Diana Miranda** - August 01 at 04:32 PM



“ My deepest condolences to my  
Tia conchita and family  
Best memory of my youth in the 70's  
Rip tio Hector

**Diana Miranda** - August 01 at 04:34 PM



“ Rip tio Héctor  
You truly will be missed by all

**Diana Miranda** - August 01 at 04:35 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family . We will always remember Hector's kindness and sense of humor. With love Richard and Candy



**Richard and Candy Foster** - August 01 at 12:36 PM

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“ My Uncle Hector was always telling us the funniest jokes and he used to love to take us driving around NY city! In 1970 he took us to see they were building the world trade center. A year or two later he took me to see Vida Blue pitch against the Yankees in the Bronx. I am the son of Trini Lariosa and Tia Conchita is my brother Louis Rays sister!! RIP Uncle Hector. Love You!!

**Joseph Lariosa** - August 01 at 12:32 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



August 01 at 12:52 AM

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“ Familia Vallecillo purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



**Familia Vallecillo** - July 31 at 10:33 PM

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“ 74 files added to the album Uncle Hector



**Andy Martinez** - July 31 at 09:26 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 31 at 05:05 PM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 31 at 05:01 PM

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“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 31 at 04:51 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 31 at 01:30 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 31 at 02:37 AM

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“ Trini Lariosa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



Trini Lariosa - July 30 at 04:24 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 29 at 08:42 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 29 at 11:04 AM

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“ Mr. Rodriguez, Pop, welcomed me and my family into his from the very first time we met. As friends of Ron and Jennifer, we crossed paths with him often and he always took the time to ask how we were and what was going on in our lives. As my son grew and started to attend Buccaneers games with us, Pop's optimism at the start of every season that this was the Buc's year spread to my son. To to this day, my son always has that belief during training camp and into the season, us like Pop. Pop was also prone to NOT wear Buc's gear for fear of jinxing the outcome of the game. My favorite memory of this was when we showed up to go a game with him and he had his Bucs hat and sweatshirt on, much to my surprise. His response when I asked him why he was decked out was, "This is how little respect I have for the other team!". Rest in peace Pop. I will miss you!

John Doshier - July 28 at 09:48 AM

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“ Andy’s friends and colleagues at KPMG purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



**Andy’s friends and colleagues at KPMG** - July 27 at 02:35 PM

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“ With all our Love, Daisy and Leticia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



**With all our Love, Daisy and Leticia** - July 27 at 12:41 PM

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“ Carl and Gail Gilmore purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



**Carl and Gail Gilmore** - July 26 at 03:04 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hector Rodriguez.



July 24 at 05:08 PM