



Pastor David Delgado

November 28, 1935 - October 17, 2017

PUERTO RICAN

Reverend David Delgado was born to his parents Ramón Delgado and Angelica Crespo in Santurce Puerto Rico, Isla Del Encanto, on November 28, Thanksgiving Day of 1935. He came from a family of 9 brothers and sisters. His brothers Raúl, José Antonio, José Ángel and William were all older than him, David being the youngest of them all. His sisters Xioma, Lydia Angelica, Julie Rosa and Ramonita always watched over their little brother David. Ramonita lives with her sons and daughters in Ocala, Florida. All other brothers and sisters are with the Lord.

David studied in San Juan and graduated from Labra High School. He frequently traveled to visit his family in New York and at 17 years of age his family moved to New York permanently.

MAN OF GOD

As a young man, David was not afraid of work. David served in the National Guard of Puerto Rico. In New York he established himself as a machinist in a cardboard production factory and worked in that industry until 1969. Later he studied at the Manhattan Printing School where he graduated as a printer and eventually returned with his wife Antonia Avilés Delgado and their three

children to Puerto Rico where he started his own printing business. In Puerto Rico he studied at the Institute of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Vega Baja. In 1978 he returned to the United States with his family to settle in Valrico, Florida because he felt the calling to shepherd a congregation in the city of Tampa. In 1979 he began to evangelize to the migrants of Plant City. His love of this community was so great that in 1980 he decided to devote himself completely to it. The small congregation grew and along with Pastor David Delgado and his wife Toñita

Delgado they purchased a building in Dover, Florida and founded The First Hispanic Baptist Church in Dover. For 10 years during his time as pastor he also worked as a pressman for the city of Tampa. He continued his ministry serving the people of Dover and Plant City for 30 years.

FAMILY MAN

In 1958 he met his wife of 59 years in Brooklyn, New York. David was 22 years old and she was 16 years old. He fell in love with Toñita Avilés, so much so, that their courtship was a short 10 months. They established their home in Brooklyn and in 1959 their first daughter Anna Angelica was born. It was in 1959 that his brother Jose Angel Delgado presented the plan of salvation to David and Toñita and the two accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. His family continued to grow with the arrival of his daughter Arlene and after 9 years his only son David Anthony was born. The family continues to grow with eight grandchildren, Jonathan David Diaz, Hannah Elizabeth Diaz (in heaven with the Lord), Stephen Anthony Delgado, Jared Daniel Díaz, Daniel Lewis Darr, Adrianna Nicole Darr, Monica Angelique Delgado, and Gabriela Angelique Delgado. To this day, God has blessed them with three great-grandchildren, Elijah Anthony Delgado, Sophia Channelle Robles and Frank Bradley Delgado.

Cemetery Details

Hillsboro Memorial Gardens

2323 W Brandon Blvd
Brandon, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor David Delgado.*



October 20, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *Ashley VanCola & Melissa Anderson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pastor David Delgado.*



Ashley VanCola & Melissa Anderson - October 18, 2017 at 12:27 PM