



Mr. Manuel A. Silva Melendez

February 21, 1931 - May 15, 2024

Manuel A. Silva Melendez, 93, of Lakeland, Florida, born in Morovis, Puerto Rico on February 21, 1931, entered into eternal rest on May 15, 2024. He was a Veteran of the United States Army. He was preceded in death by wife, Carmen A. Silva; and son, Manuel Angel Silva, Jr. He is survived by children, Vivian Lester Silva, Alma Celia Gonzalez, Angelina Ruiz, Julie Ivette Serrano, David Anthony Silva, Jasmin Rose Silva, and Victoria Francis Silva; 32 grandchildren; and 52 great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held Friday, May 24 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Graveside committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“Wow, there are so many good memories, but one that especially makes me smile is thinking back and remembering all of us piling into “la gaaquita” to go to church on Sunday mornings, and how every week like clockwork there was a battle for who would get a window seat, and Manuel would just sit at the wheel patiently waiting for all of us to get situated. I don’t know how he managed to stay so calm week after week after week. Oh, and who could forget the trips to the seven lakes! Those were so much fun. I remember one time “la gaaquita” broke down, and we played music and danced around while he figured out how to get it fixed and get us back home safely. Somehow we knew he and his trustee “guaguita” would come through for us, and he always did.

May he rest in peace, and I hope he's enjoying his “buchito de café” with titi up in heaven.

Natie - May 22, 2024 at 03:53 PM

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“Alma C. purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Mr. Manuel A. Silva Melendez.



Alma C. - May 21, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Manuel A. Silva Melendez.*



May 20, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ *Sending deep condolences to the entire family in this time of sadness. May the lord give you peace and strength during this time. May he rest in peace. Blessings and our love to the family*

The Compadres Norma and Jr.

Domingo Rivera - May 19, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Lisa M Oliver Reyes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Manuel A. Silva Melendez*



Lisa M Oliver Reyes - May 18, 2024 at 04:02 PM



My memories as a child over 40 yrs + is going to Camp in the station Wagon filled with everyone in it and going to church with you all of you on Sunday mornings and then coming back and Dona Carmen making us Frankfurters.

I'm so happy I got to see you again as an adult.

May you Rest in eternal peace 🕊️❤️

Lisa M Oliver Reyes - May 18, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Manuel A. Silva Melendez.



May 18, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ Love Muñeca and the Vazquez family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Manuel A. Silva Melendez.

Love Muñeca and the Vazquez family - May 18, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ it's hard to believe that you're gone. You were full of life and spunk and for that I will always remember you bye. Thank you for the road trips and for the memories that we shared in the station wagon. Thank you for the countless times you gave me money and candy and reminded me that I was loved, you but never forgotten love always susu



Suzette Silva - May 17, 2024 at 10:34 PM

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Don Manuel, a great gentleman. When I'd visit his Alma & my brother. He'd be sitting outside with a magnifying handheld glass, reading his newspaper. But never failed to say oh, Janette. His hair always in place. Dressed well all times. Wow, too much to write on here. He w has joined his wife, son and others. May they all RIP. I must say Alma & her whole family, were very fortunate to have him until 93 years old. He didn't even look his age. Don Manuel, is so loved by his entire family. It definitely showed ❤️🙏 God Bless you 4ever. You'll Never be forgotten 🙏👉❤️🥺🥹👉😊 4ever & beyond.

Sending prayers to his FAMILIA.

My deepest condolences to them👉❤️

Jeannette Gonzalez - May 18, 2024 at 11:33 AM