



Mr. Paul Oquendo

September 1, 2012

Oquendo, Paul, 40, of Lithia, Florida, entered into eternal rest on September 1, 2012. He was a 21 year veteran of the United States Army having attained the rank of E-7 Sergeant First Class. He was a loving husband, father, loyal friend, and all around comedian. He fought cancer for 5 years with a positive attitude. He was always smiling and continued to touch the lives of everyone he met. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Dora; daughters Abigail and Emily Oquendo; parents, Nicodemo and Mercedes Oquendo; siblings, Nick Oquendo (LyLy) and Melissa Jones (Brian); and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 6 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, Sept. 7 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Flowers will be accepted or donations to Sarcoma Foundation of America at www.curesarcoma.org. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Hopewell Funeral Home - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Melissa Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Melissa Simmons - September 09, 2012 at 12:26 PM



“ sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



September 06, 2012 at 11:44 PM



Sorry it doesn't have the Bucs logo on it...but I know you loved them!!

September 06, 2012 at 11:44 PM



“ To Dora, Abigail, Emily, I am so sorry that Paul was taken away from you. It breaks my heart that his cancer came back and claimed such a good guy. I'm here anytime you want to talk about it--I can't offer answers, but I can offer an ear and a shoulder, virtual or real if you want it. Just say the word. Love to all--Jann Schott

September 06, 2012 at 11:43 PM



“ Since we met as young men all those years ago, I have watched Paul grow as a Soldier, Husband, and Father. On every occasion, Paul has always sought to provide the best life he could for his family. As our paths crossed over the years, I was always impressed by Paul's continually positive attitude, and humorously sarcastic outlook on life's situations. No matter what the adversity, Paul faced challenges with a smile on his face, saluted smartly, and fought the good fight. Dora Abbie, and Emily, rest assured Paul is still watching over you, vigilant as always; know his love and influence will live within you all and continue to be a part of your lives.

*“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose;
All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us.”
-Helen Keller*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers..
-Sean Crum and Family.*

Sean Crum - September 06, 2012 at 03:22 PM

SW

“ Stacie Wood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Stacie Wood - September 06, 2012 at 02:31 PM

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DW

“ Dave Wood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Dave Wood - September 06, 2012 at 02:03 PM

MC

“ Maggie Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Maggie Cox - September 06, 2012 at 01:52 PM

AS

“ *Annette Santiago lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo*



Annette Santiago - September 05, 2012 at 09:00 PM

JS

“ *Johnny Santiago lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo*



Johnny Santiago - September 05, 2012 at 08:59 PM

DC

“ *Debra Ciapi lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo*



Debra Ciapi - September 05, 2012 at 07:57 PM

LK

“ *Lori Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo*



Lori Kennedy - September 05, 2012 at 08:38 AM

SW

“ SFC Sean Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



SFC Sean Wagner - September 05, 2012 at 08:18 AM

NO

“ Nick Oqueno lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Nick Oqueno - September 04, 2012 at 08:24 PM

NO

I do not post online but as Paul's brother I felt it was time to share.

Paul let his faith grow like a seed into a great tree and like the character "John Appleseed" Paul planted seeds that others might water and that God would give the increase. If you knew Paul, He had this special way of bringing joy by sharing his humor and a smile. I cannot express our loss but we as a family must help each other heal. From Nick, LyLy, Nickolas, Christian, and Lily to Dora, Abigail, and Emily all our Love.

Nick Oquendo - September 04, 2012 at 08:35 PM

JB

Nick, We met when you came to Mountain View to visit Paul and Dora, but from what I hear of late, you are an awesome brother, too. I am sorry for your loss as well. Thank you and your family for being there for Dora, Abbie, Emily & Maxie "Auntie" Janice

Janice Bergh - September 05, 2012 at 09:48 AM

CH

“ Christopher & Audrey Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Christopher & Audrey Hill - September 04, 2012 at 07:59 PM

FR

“ Faye Lane, RN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Faye Lane, RN - September 04, 2012 at 03:14 PM

BT

“ We remember Paul for his patience and smile. Our love and endearment to Dora, Abbie, Emily the Oquendo and Trujillo families . It is obvious he touched many. It is true, you are all heroes!!! REAL HEROES!
xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox Angelo, Barbie, Becca and Nic Turiciano



Barbara Turiciano - September 04, 2012 at 10:18 AM

DF

“ Da Silva Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Da Silva Family - September 04, 2012 at 07:10 AM

DF

Dora, Abbie and Emily,

Our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow.

Da Silva Family - September 04, 2012 at 07:16 AM

PG

“ *From our family to yours; Much respect and love! I always heard that Real Heroes never asked to be! Must be true because Paul, Dora, Abbie and Emily are all heroes!*

Phil C. Gonzales - September 03, 2012 at 10:54 PM

TB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss my dear friends. I remember Abbie and Robert being in preschool on post together when we first met. I am glad we crossed paths through the military. Dora, you, Abbie and Emily are strong and will get through this. I love you all and he'll be missed but he will always be with you and watching you.*



Tiffany Bertolet - September 03, 2012 at 10:33 PM

MB

“ *Dora, Abbie and Emily Gary and I send our love and sympathy to you. Dora you and I have been friends although we have never met in person we are an army family. I know Paul is watching over you guys and will be with you forever and the girls will have their daddy as their guardian angel for the rest of their lives.*

Michelle Britton - September 03, 2012 at 10:05 PM

LS

“ *Laura Salazar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo*



Laura Salazar - September 03, 2012 at 09:54 PM

LS

“ *We met Paul and Dora shortly after we moved to Arizona. Unknowingly we were neighbors... right off the bat we all became good friends. Football was always the topic of the conversation for my husband and Paul. You will surely be missed by many.*

Laura Salazar - September 03, 2012 at 09:54 PM

BN

It seems like only yesterday we were all newlyweds living in base housing on Kirtland in Albuquerque. It's hard believe that was 18 years ago. We had so much fun doing cook-outs, hiking with the dogs, and just sharing great times. I used to love coming over to your house for green chili stew! Then by chance we both end up stationed in NY; I got to meet Abbie and Emily and have some great pics of us all at the beach. They were so small back then. It has been amazing to watch life take shape and see pics of the girls and see how much they look like you and Paul. There is no doubt that Paul will continue to love you from above and watch over you and girls. You are an amazing mom, wife, friend, and hero to us all. I pray that God holds you and the girls in his arms during this difficult time.

*With love,
Bonnie (Miller) Newlin & family*

Bonnie Newlin - September 04, 2012 at 09:52 AM

DO

“ *Dora Oquendo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo*



Dora Oquendo - September 03, 2012 at 09:54 PM



You were such a special man my love. I am gonna miss you more than anything. I look fwd to seeing one day when you come to greet me at the gates. I love you my handsome husband. You were a great father to our girls. We will all miss you. Forever in our hearts, Love Dora, Abbie and Emily.

Dora Oquendo - September 03, 2012 at 09:58 PM

LS

I don't know you personally, Dora, but we are united thru this awful disease called cancer. I lost my husband to synovial sarcoma a little over 3 years ago. Yes, it was the hardest thing I ever went through. We had been married for 26 years. I am like you, too, in the knowledge that we will be together again one day and that brings so much comfort. I am so sorry for your loss and will pray for you and your sweet girls. For now, lean on the Lord for your peace and comfort. He will get you through this time!

Lauren Sparks

Lauren Simmons Sparks - September 03, 2012 at 11:51 PM

SJ

My deepest condolence to the Oquendo family. Paul was a true NCO and a LEADER. he was a husband, a father, a son, a brother, and a friend. He always had a smile on his face that would change my mood. Paul will always be in our hearts and minds. He will never be forgotten. A true NCO.....until we meet again brother.

*SFC (Ret.) John J. Gilbertson Jr.
United States Army*

HOOAH!!!

SFC (Ret.) John J. Gilbertson Jr. - September 04, 2012 at 01:04 AM

DC

My deepest condolence to Dora & girls. I did not know you that well, but met you a few times. I was very inspired by Paul's smile he had on his face everyday, no matter what he was going through. Also your spirit through it all Dora, always doing what you needed to get done with a big smile on your face. You both inspired me every day watching your post of Paul & your journey together. You are both true hero's. Hope the memories you have had with Paul will keep you & the girls going. Sending lots of prayers to you & your family.

Debbie Carr & family

debbie carr - September 04, 2012 at 01:18 AM

KP

Dora, I will be praying for you and your girls! Paul was amazing! He faced so much on a daily basis, along with you and your girls! No more suffering for Paul. I can't imagine how you must feel. Blessings to you and your girls!

Krysty Pyle - September 04, 2012 at 05:13 AM

KD

“ Kelley Pierce Danley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



Kelley Pierce Danley - September 03, 2012 at 04:41 PM

KD

“ Paul was a special friend. We will always have our memories of running track and cross country together. The family is in our prayers.

Daryal Danley and Kelley Pierce Danley

Kelley Pierce Danley - September 03, 2012 at 04:40 PM

NA

“ Nancypierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Oquendo



nancypierce - September 03, 2012 at 03:33 PM

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