



Restituto Gonzalez

September 28, 2010

Gonzalez, Pastor Restituto, 74, of Brandon departed this life Sept. 28, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Julia; one son, John Gonzalez (Rosie); daughter, Victoria Cruz; siblings, Bernardino Ortiz, Raul R. Gonzalez, Margarita Ortiz, and Anacelia Raspaldo; eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Mr. Gonzalez was a Pastor with the Assembly of Christian Church, John 3:16 in Los Angeles, California for seven years before retirement. The family will receive friends Thurs. Sept. 30 at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 County Rd. 39 S., Plant City, from 6-8:00 pm, with a 7pm service. Committal services Fri., Oct. 1, at 10am at the funeral home. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ WELO, YOU WILL BE MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN! I WILL CHERISH THE LAST MOMENTS WE HAD TOGETHER! I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART! LOVE ALWAYS YOUR GRAND DAUGHTER JESSICA GONZALEZ !###imported-begin##JESSICA GONZALEZ###imported-end##

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“ My father-in-law was a great man of God. He was always reading or studying the bible. He was always talking about God to anyone that would listen. Gods light shone thru him. He taught me honesty and humbleness. I will miss him in our family get togethers for bible trivia. Love u grampa###imported-begin##Rosie Gonzalez###imported-end##

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“ They attribute this saying to the evangelist Moody "A Christian should always preach Jesuschrist and when necessary use words" this definitely applies to my father, he taught me integrity, honesty and my walk in Christ among many other things and most of these things he did by example. I know he's with our Lord and Saviour but I will still miss him but all the more to keep walking the faith.###imported-begin##John Gonzalez###imported-end##

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“ You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him only that he is gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on. You have always been an inspiration to me and always will be, I love u welo with all my heart and soul your granddaughter Christina Gonzalez Guzman, Junior, Mariah, and Ceana Guzman##imported-begin##Christina Gonzalez Guzman##imported-end##

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“ It's a difficult thing to put to words what this man means and has meant to me. I could list out the memories but for many of them, this wounded heart and tear drenched face brings pause to my hands. I can say, that to me he was a teacher, friend, soldier, and father. I was fortunate enough to be at his side as he fought that terrible affliction. Throughout that fight his strength never left him, and he continued in his selfless ways. Teaching others, easing the pain of those around him, and one of the many things I'll miss the most, laughing. He moved so many with his passion, emotion, and unquestionable conviction. Within this chest beats a wounded heart. One which can never heal, but this wound I will carry with me till my days are done. It will give me strength and ever remind me to listen, never push, and do what I can for others. When I last saw him face to face he told me that when he's better we would go for a walk just as we used to do. Little did I know then, that the walk would be with me as his pall bearer, nevertheless walk by my Papa Tuto I did and love him forever I shall. For the myriad of words and memories I can say about this great man, only one thing does him justice through my eyes. He is and always shall be my Papa Tuto.##imported-begin##Carmelo Cruz##imported-end##

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“ To my loving uncle Restituto as I remember him year ago. The loss of a love one is so hard to face, you just want to hide,go some where and escape! But death is something,we all must go through, I know it's hard,when it's someone you loved and knew. Just know now,he is in a better place,no more hurt or pain shall he face. It seems unfair and yes this is true, but he is in Heaven now watching over you! God has called him home to rest!! And he's being well taken care of Because God knows best! Love your niece Emy##imported-begin##Emily Montanez-Velazquez (Emy)##imported-end##

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“ Quiero expresar de lo mas profundo de mi corazon, un pequeno detalle. Compartimos todos estos anos juntos, cada momento lo disfrutamos juntos hasta que la muerte nos separo. El era todo para mi, Gracias mi Amor por toda la felicidad. El Senor me lo presto y el dia 27 de Septiembre, yo se lo devolvi; con dolor en mi corazon. Pero regocijada en el Senor, se que un dia nos volveremos a encontrar. Con Amor, Julie.##imported-begin##Julia Gonzalez##imported-end##

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“ Carmelo- My sincerest & most deepest condolences. I'm at a loss of words & still in shock from this sad news. How I wish I could be there for you & your family. Even if a hug is all I can offer- you have my heart as well...Mahual Kita Mama Julie- Atraves de las millas le mando mi sincero pesame. Dichosa usted que tuvo la dicha de compartir su vida al lado de un verdadero caballero. Recuerden que ese viejito querido realmente no nos deja, en estos momentos le estan midiendo su alas para cuidarlos desde el cielo. No han perdido ni un esposo, ni un abuelo...han ganado un angel de la guarda. Le mando un fuerte abrazo y recuerde que siempre los llevo en mi corazon.##imported-begin##Christina Granillo##imported-end##

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“ *Dad was a man of few words, but with a lot to say; especially when it came to our Lord & Savior. God was always First in his life and heart ; due to that we have always been blessed with his example of love, patience, joy,faith, persistence,dedication to service, and strength of spirit. May we follow suit and honor him with our lives. I miss you, Papi.##imported-begin##Victoria Cruz##imported-end##*

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“ *OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE GONSALEZ FAMILY. OUR BROTHER IN CHRIST HNO.RESTITUTO WAS A WONDERFUL MAN. HE TAUGHT US SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, WHICH WE LEARN ALOT. HE WAS FUNNY AND HE WILL ALWAYS "SE ME LENGUA LA TRAVA" WHICH WOULD ALWAYS MAKE US LAUGH. NOW HE IS IN HEAVEN ALONG WITH OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. HE WILL FOREVER BE MISSED. HNO. RESTITUTO WE LOVE YOU.##imported-begin##victor & patty martinez##imported-end##*

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“ People say everything happens for a reason even though there are many things we do not understand. And Christians say that God has his hands in every situation. I guess I believe that both go hand in hand. Because of a situation long ago my grandfather Resti was brought into my life. In a time where I only knew one good man, my grandpa Cesar. God gave me the privilege of meeting another soldier of God. In a time where I had lost hope in men, God allowed me to meet a father and son who would both teach me to love myself, which in turn allowed me to love others, to have faith & believe in great things which softened my heart to follow the path of God's soldiers. And I could go on & on. From this one soldier grew an army from son, daughter to grandchildren to step grandchildren to great grandchildren, the legacy he leaves behind is grand, because of this great man this world will truly be a better place. Out of all the lessons I could have learned from him is that this life is hard but with GOD with us there's nothing we can't do. So as I look forward to the future I just hope I can walk this path with as much LOVE, faith, understanding and patience he has shown me. Love you Grandpa!!! You will be missed.##imported-begin##Eileen Montellano##imported-end##

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“ YOU WILL ALWAYS LIVE IN OUR HEARTS YOU HAVE SERVED THE LORD IN THIS WORLD AS GOD HAD INTENDED YOU TO DO AND NOW HE HAS CALLED UPON YOU TO SERVE HIM IN THE NEXT WORLD LOVE ALWAYS YOUR NIECE BECKSY##imported-begin##becksy##imported-end##

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“ my grandpa is my hero. he showed me many valuable things and many things i will keep in my heart. he loved me forever and he was always there for me. i will try to be the great-granddaughter he wanted for me and i will see him one day in heaven standing at his right hand. I love you forever grandpa :)###imported-begin##Alexandra Montellano##imported-end##

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“ I loved my grandpa very much and through his faith in God, i will continue to follow in his footsteps by following God like he would want me to. he was and is my example <3###imported-begin##Denisse Gonzalez##imported-end##

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