



## Orlando I Blanco

January 29, 2022

Orlando Blanco passed away peacefully on January 29th, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Orlando leaves behind his loving and devoted wife, Teresa Blanco, his daughter Karina, daughter Natalia and son-in-law Derek, and his grandchildren who brought him so much joy, Velouria and Devin. Orlando was a loving husband, father, abuelo, uncle, brother-in-law, cousin, and friend to many, especially his extended family in Argentina.

Born in Argentina, Orlando moved to America over 50 years ago and became a successful businessman owning his own cleaning business and construction company, and was the Vice President of the Bergen County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Orlando will be remembered by all for his smile, outgoing personality, generosity, love for life, hosting the best Sunday Parilladas (barbecues), and his love for his favorite futbol team, River Plate.

The family will have a Memorial Visitation at the Barrett Leber Funeral Home on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and a Memorial Funeral Mass at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood on Friday, February 4th, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation in Orlando's name to Operation Smile, a cause that was very close to his heart. Operation Smile  
Link: <https://www.operationssmile.org/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Funeral Mass

FEB 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Cecilia Church  
55 West Demarest Avenue  
Englewood, NJ 07631

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Uncle Orlando, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You were a happy soul who opened up his heart to My Mom and I every time we visited you, Tia Teresa, your two daughters, Karina and Natalia, and the rest of the family. My Mom, Tia Teresa, and Chena would make the salad, rice, and other delicacies to go with your spectacular parrilladas. You honored me so many times asking me to lead the prayer and to partake in some vino.

Now that I have a family of my own, my wife, Valerie, and my two boys, Nathaniel and Anthony, I see how much of a role model you were to me, to us a true father figure. This included driving me to one of your work sites and going out of your way to introduce me which was a big esteem booster, sharing time watching The World Cup rooting for your Argentina club to win it all, getting up and offering a warm hug after we arrived from Virginia, and listening to me tell you about my life.

Through the years, you were patient with me during my childhood years when I would occasionally misbehave...you always stuck up for me in front of the other adults or looked to ease the tension with a well timed joke. As I got older, I would observe how easy it was for you to make people smile and feel welcome. The Blanco household was always a busy one and full of life.

Now that you can rest and your memory lives on, I will make sure to take the lessons you taught me on how to be a better man and find joy and humor whenever possible.

Querido Tío Orlando/Dear Uncle Orlando may God Bless You and though we are separated now it is only temporary as I am sure we will meet again. Love your nephew, Billy

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**Bill Marin** - February 20, 2022 at 10:14 PM

SA

“ *Querida familia,  
Estamos junto a ustedes en estos tristes momentos, la ausencia de Orlando nos duele, pero su recuerdo restará siempre vivo en nuestros corazones: todo lo que hemos compartido junto a él a través su forma espontánea, alegre y generosa de acoger las personas y hacerte sentir siempre parte de la familia.  
Damos gracias a Dios por haberlo encontrado en nuestro camino de la vida y mantendremos vivo su recuerdo, junto a su familia, llevando adelante ese ejemplo de amor, con sus enseñanzas y su forma de gustar de la vida (...con su buenas parrilladas acompañadas de un buen vaso de vino argentino).  
Les abrazamos y estamos cerca a ustedes con cariño y afecto de siempre  
Sonia, Andrés y familia*

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**Sonia y Andres** - February 05, 2022 at 06:57 AM

MB

“ Querido Tío,  
Quisiéramos que sepas que siempre tendrás  
un espacio especial en nuestros corazones.  
Eres un grande ejemplo para nosotros:  
Tu forma de ser tan amable,  
Tu gentileza en tus acogidas,  
Tu amor para la familia,  
Tu dedicación a tu trabajo,  
Tu lucha para realizar tus sueños,  
Tu manera de gozar la vida,  
Tu vino y tus parrilladas,  
Tu generosidad incondicional  
Tu... Simplemente tu Tío Orlando.  
Gracias de corazón por tus enseñanzas,  
Serán un precioso tesoro para nosotros.  
Mi abuelo decía “Siempre juntos con los ojos del corazón” y se que  
así será.



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Manuela Benassi - February 03, 2022 at 03:02 PM

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“ With a heavy heart we send our condolences to Teresa, Karina,  
Natalia, Marcelo and the rest of his family and friends.  
Orlando was an amazing soul. We will cherish the memories of the  
weekly visits he made to the mechanic shop before he got sick.  
We are honored to have met him, he made us feel like family as  
well. He was a mentor to my husband and I. He always gave us  
advice on growing our business and wanted to see us succeed.  
In this sad time, we are thankful to have experienced his friendship,  
his genuine love, for him to have shared his wisdom, his great taste  
in wine and food, to have met his family. Grateful to have  
experienced his presence, which is one that will always live on  
through his family and his friends.

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Dora Fukunaga - February 01, 2022 at 09:18 PM

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“ *La irreparable partida de Orlando duele mucho, siempre que visitaba su casa me trataba como su sobrina, mis hijos lo adoraban. Nos hacía reír con su acento argentino y nos preparaba su parrillada tan deliciosa. Un hombre bueno, generoso que su recuerdo estará presente. Mis condolencias y oraciones para su esposa Teresa y familia.*

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**Cecilia Furnia** - February 01, 2022 at 12:46 AM

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*Lamento muy mucho tu partida tan rápida y prematura es muy doloroso p todos es una puñalada artera d la vida mis condolencias a Teresa hijas yerno y nietos de corazón un fuerte abrazo 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Martin Turek** - February 04, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful man Orlando was, so welcoming and generous. When my son, Derek, married his daughter Natalia he opened his heart to our whole family. I thank God he was able to enjoy his grandson, Devin these last two years. We will dearly miss his legendary BBQ's and spending time with him around the pool. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.*

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**Helena Guide** - January 31, 2022 at 06:27 PM