



Rolando de Leon

February 23, 2020

Rolando de Leon, 79, of Woodside, NY, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2020 in Saddle River, NJ.

Rolando was born March 15, 1940. He's a beloved husband, father and grandfather to those he left behind. He spent his early life as an architect, but he enjoyed retirement the most, where he spent his days watching his grandchildren grow. He helped raise most of his grandchildren, and they fondly referred to him as Papa. His favorite past time late in life was watching them play basketball.

He was quite the cook and also quite the critic of other people's cooking. He enjoyed eating as much as he did cooking. He had a love for salt that was uncanny. He always said that he could give up sweets, but that salt was near impossible. Up to his last day, he was thinking of eating soy chicken.

He had a love for Shirley Bassey, Jeep Wranglers, Mini Coopers, dogs, parrots and exotic fish. He believed in perfection in everything and doing it right or not doing it at all. He was an avid chess player whose skills were unmatched by few. He was an intelligent man, with too many ideas and too little time.

Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with cancer a year before his death. He

fought valiantly and with integrity but he would eventually succumb to the condition.

He is survived by his wife, Delia de Leon, and his children Richard Kraus and Yasmin de Leon-Kraus, Dax and Ruby de Leon, and his grandchildren Katalina de Leon, Jack de Leon, Collin Kraus, Lara Kraus, Cailleigh Kraus and Jacob de Leon.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Funeral Mass

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel RC Church
10 County Road
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 28, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ *Dear Tita Del,*

It really saddened us when we heard about the death of Tito Rolly. We know how close and love each other so much.

May God Bless you and your family with inner strength to get through this sad and difficult time. Always remember your always in our prayers.

And may the soul of Tito Rolly be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

Take care of your self Tita Del cause We Love You!

Love,

Anthony and Cathy

Catherine Marinez - February 28, 2020 at 12:38 AM



Thank you so much Anthony and Cathy. Tito died peacefully and was able to say good bye to all of us including the grandchildren who truly adore him and each one delivered their own eulogy.

Delia G de Leon - March 02, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ My sincerest condolences Tita Delia, Yasmin, Dax, and the rest of the family. I will pray for Tito Rollie's reunion with the Father in heaven. God bless your family. - Kathy Concepcion-Carag

Kathy Concepcion Carag - February 26, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.



February 26, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ From Stephanie and Patrick, Next Door Neighbors purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rolando de Leon.



From Stephanie and Patrick, Next Door Neighbors - February 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.



February 25, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DJ

“ *Dax, Ruby, Kate, Jack and Jacob purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



Dax, Ruby, Kate, Jack and Jacob - February 25, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MS

“When I think of Rollie, I think of joyful times, grateful times, among dear and faithful friends, the ones who bring laughter and sunshine to your life, and like a gift, are treasured and remembered for years. The first time I saw Rollie, was way back in the mid 60's. Every summer afternoon, a table of merienda fares was set up close to our house by enterprising neighbors, frequented mostly by little hungry children tugging at their mothers' skirts. I wondered though why there were 2 young male teens among them, Angelito and Rollie, boyhood friends and co-acolyte at St Andrews Catholic Church (now St Andrews Cathedral.) After Angelito and I were married and I had met his friends, he confessed that he was there to “catch” a glimpse of me and he brought Rollie along with him as “support,” after all, what were friends for? I got to know Rollie and Delia better after we came to the US. Although they settled in New York and we, in Texas, the bond of our friendship became stronger. We visited New York and they visited us in Texas and our children met. I love this man, I love the way he spoke, slow and gentle, I love his core values, his dedication to his family, his loyalty to his friends, and his exquisite sense of humor. One night, during our visit to New York, the family was taking us to see St Patrick's Cathedral. We were 4 children and 4 adults. It was night and there was still a considerable traffic as we were waiting for our turn to cross the very wide cross street leading to the Cathedral. We immediately moved as soon as the green light came, but we were hardly in the middle when the yellow light started flashing. There was no way we could cross safely as the red light would not be far behind, Without missing a beat, Rollie, who was a few steps ahead of us started walking slowly with a considerable limp. When our light turned red, the oncoming traffic waited “respectfully” as the “man with the limp” and company crossed safely. How could one not love him? Dear Rollie, dear friend and brother at heart, you will not be forgotten. Rest well in God's loving arms till we meet again.

Metty & Lito Santos,
Sugar Land, Texas

Marietta Santos - February 25, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 25, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 25, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 25, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Yasmin and Richard purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



Yasmin and Richard - February 25, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 25, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 25, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *Yasmin and family, my heartfelt condolences and sorrow. Little one in this sad day remember the joyful moments spent with your departed love one, and your sorrow, I hope may be lifted.*



Myriam - February 25, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Delia purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



Delia - February 25, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LF

“ Love, Carly, Stacey and families purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Rolando de Leon.



Love, Carly, Stacey and families - February 25, 2020 at 09:51 AM

YP

“ Your Friends at Coffey Practice purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Rolando de Leon.



Your Friends at Coffey Practice - February 25, 2020 at 09:00 AM

JC

“ Jessebell Caballero lit a candle in memory of Rolando de Leon



Jessebell Caballero - February 25, 2020 at 07:48 AM

JC

My deepest sympathies for your loss Yasmin. May you find comfort in the beautiful memories you shared with your dad, the support and love of your family and your faith. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

Jessebell Caballero - February 25, 2020 at 07:50 AM

MT

“ *Marilyn Tirri lit a candle in memory of Rolando de Leon*



marilyn tirri - February 25, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 25, 2020 at 04:20 AM

NR

“ *Dearest Yasmin and family,
We're so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all at this very hard time.
Nisha Rughwani*

Nisha Rughwani - February 24, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.*



February 24, 2020 at 09:32 PM

SS

“ Dear Yasmin, Richard and family,
We are sorry for your loss. I heard so many wonderful stories about his life when Yasmin and I shared an office. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.
Love
Siobhan and David Sundel

SIOBHAN SUNDEL - February 24, 2020 at 07:00 PM

MF

“ Maravillas Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rolando de Leon.



Maravillas Family - February 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM

GF

“ Garcia family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rolando de Leon.



Garcia family - February 24, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rolando de Leon.



February 24, 2020 at 05:09 PM