



## Manuel Ortega

January 1, 1953 - July 16, 2022

Manuel Ortega, affectionately known as “Juanito” of Miami, passed away on July 16, 2022, at the age of 69, after health complications.

Juanito was born in the year 1953 to Juan “Mojillo” Ortega and Maria “Margo” Salado in the Island of Cuba. At an early age, Juanito migrated to the United States, where he would meet Manuel Vega in a church setting, in the city of Chelsea, Ma. The two soon created an unbreakable bond and unbeknownst to them both, GOD would set the path for Juanito to experience the greatest level of love through Manuel’s children, aka Juanito’s God Children.

Juanito is known to many and loved by all. There are many words that help describe the incredible human being God blessed Juanito to be and here are just a few that will shine through on his Tribute Wall... SELFLESS, GIVING, HONEST, CARING, KIND, INTELLECTUAL, at times short tempered but to all just a BIG LOVING SOUL that many had the blessing of sharing their lives with.

Juanito was a great cook and loved to try all types of foods... He also loved the OPERA and singing it at the highest pitches, while mimicking a MAESTRO in directing his invisible orchestra... He had a love for traveling and visited places like London, Paris, the Caribbean and many more. Everyone who knew Juanito, knew his love for Disney movies, which amongst

many other things... he made sure to pass down to his God Children, even if it was through drilled force to make them fall in love with fairytales.

Juanito's biggest loves were his family and God Children, but everyone that encountered Juanito always held a special place in his heart, as he was always there to help all in need and give even when he did not have.

Juanito is survived by Consuelo Philipp (sister), Tony Ortega (brother), Manuel Vega, Linda Vega, Yubetzy Vega, and Adrian Vega (God Children). We know in our hearts, Juanito will always be watching over us, alongside his lifelong companion who he loved dearly and shared many memories in life with, Elizabeth "Betty" Birch.

Services to celebrate Juanito's life will be held at the Wilcox FFH on Friday, July 22, 2022, at 10:30 am, followed by the burial ceremony at Miami Memorial Park, at 2:00 pm.

May God bless and be with you all.

# Cemetery Details

## Miami Memorial Park Inc

6200 SW 77th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33143  
<http://www.memorialplan.net/cemeteries/miami-memorialpark>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries Center  
100 S. Douglas Road  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

## Service

JUL 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Committal Service

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JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilcox Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Manuel Ortega*



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**Wilcox Family Funeral Home** - July 26, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Manuel Ortega*

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January 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Manuel Ortega.*



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July 21, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Manuel Ortega.*



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July 20, 2022 at 03:35 PM

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“ Gladys Y Rios purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Manuel Ortega.



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Gladys Y Rios - July 20, 2022 at 12:08 PM

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“ Sending our deepest condolences with much love from the Rios Family. My mother Gladys Y Rios met Juanito when she first arrived from Cuba in 1972 when she arrived in Boston. Since then she has kept in touch with Juanito thru the years. My mother Gladys just celebrated her 90th bday. She cried when she heard about his passing. May he rest in peace with much love.  
Gladys Y la Familia Rios.

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Gladys Rios - July 20, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manuel Ortega.

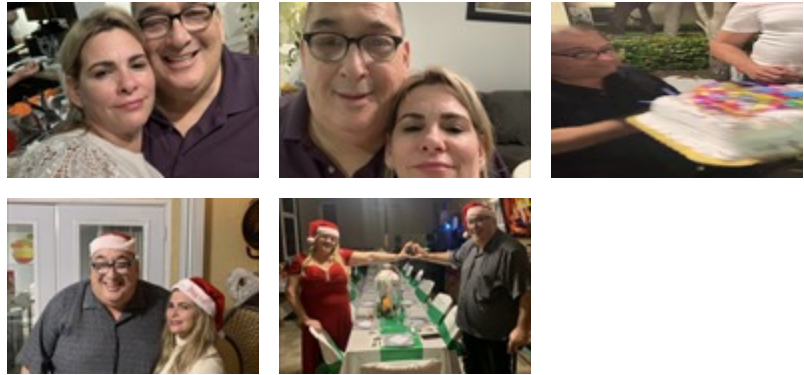


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July 20, 2022 at 11:12 AM



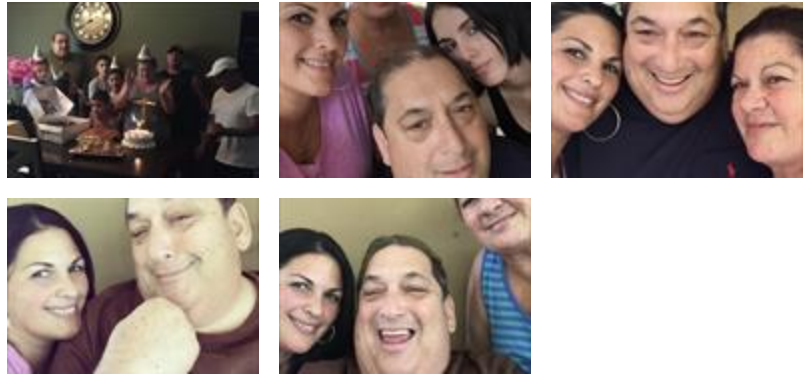
“ Descansa en paz amigo , Gracias por tanta bondad , por tanto cariño , Gracias por compartir hermosos momentos en nuestras vidas que no olvidaremos , siempre estarás en nuestros corazones y te querremos por siempre , que los ángeles en cielo te hayan guardado un lugarcito porque aquí en la tierra fuiste uno de ellos , brilla siempre en la eternidad . De luis y familia



**luis y familia** - July 20, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ You’ll always be in my ❤️ mi Pingui. We’ve so many memories.. I wish I could post them all. 😞💔💔💔💔💔 I miss you and I wish this was all a dream. May you be at peace now. 🙏💔💔💔💔💔



**Eve Nodal** - July 20, 2022 at 01:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Manuel Ortega*.



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July 19, 2022 at 11:02 PM