



## Rene Zapata Jr.

April 4, 1959 - July 12, 2022

Mr. Rene Zapata Jr., 63, of Orchard Lane, died suddenly on July 12th, 2022 after a battle with Alzheimers.

He was born in NYC and lived in the Borough of Manhattan for a few years until he moved to Levittown, Puerto Rico. Then after joining the Air Force, he was stationed in Panama, Arkansas and Florida. After retirement he lived in Winchester, VA for a few years and then moved to Manassas, VA where he remained.

He served his country for 20 years in the United States Air Force until retirement in 1999. Afterwards, he worked in the Federal Government in different roles until his retirement in 2019.

He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, grandfather and a great friend to many. He will be missed by all. He enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. His favorite sports teams were the New York Knicks and the Yankees. He was proud of being Puerto Rican. He was proud of serving in the US Air Force for over 20 years.

He is survived by his wife: Zulma Martinez, his children: Rene III, Giselle, Carolina, Alexis and Ariel, his grandchildren and stepchildren. He is also survived by his Father: Rene Sr, his sister Nina, and his brother Mario among other family members.

His sister Nancy Zapata passed away a few years ago after a battle with Alzheimers. His mom Rafaela Pagan passed away in 2007 after a long battle with Alzheimers.

A service will be held at 10am on July 20th at Pierce Funeral Home on 9609 Center Street.

"These Things We Do, That Others May Live"

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Memorial Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To his wife and family,*

*Sorry for your loss. He was a Antilles HS friend; it was nice seeing him and meeting his wife in our class reunion in PR in August 2017. He shared his first University years at Bradley.*

*Thoughts and thoughts are with your family.  
Gladys Valentin, Class of 1977*

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**Gladys** - July 19, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rene Zapata Jr..*



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July 18, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rene Zapata Jr..*



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July 17, 2022 at 10:13 AM

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“ Antilles High school class of 77 extends our deepest sympathy to Rene’s family and all of whom he helped while on his life journey. A true leader on multiple fronts Rene brought peace and was always called upon when success had no alternate course of action. As a warrior leader his commitment to his troops generated mission success, 24/7, 365. Rene will be missed by many but he left us all with the gifts that he shared selflessly. RIP my friend, A Nickel in the grass. Cesar “Rico” Rodriguez, AHS 77, CID81.

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Cesar “Rico” Rodriguez - July 16, 2022 at 08:47 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family from myself, my spouse Elizabeth and the whole Class of 1977 from the Colegio de La Salle in Bayamon, PR.

*While Rene left us after the 10th grade, he was always an honorary member of our class, and a dear friend over the years.*

*In '04 some of the members then living in Florida got together, and Rene was kind enough to come share a meal.*

*Hasta siempre Rene...*



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Luis Figarella - July 15, 2022 at 11:28 AM