



Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez

March 18, 1952 - September 7, 2021

Clifton Park-Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez, 69, entered Eternal Life Tuesday, September 7, 2021 with family by his side. Born in Lorain, OH, Willie grew up in Brooklyn, NY and raised his family in Clifton Park, NY. He was the son of the late Julio and Maria Flores Hernandez. He attended East New York HS and Stony Brook University. Prior to retirement from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance in 2019 Willie was proud to hold other forms of long term employment.

Willie was the beloved husband to the love of his life Gilda Guy Hernandez of 46 years; a devoted father to his four children Olivia Clayton (Evril), Marco Hernandez, Lorenzo Hernandez, and Diego Hernandez; cherished and proud grandfather of Anthony, Isabella, Joshua, and Arianna; brother of Migdalia Jimenez, Julio Hernandez (Martha), David Hernandez (Nancy) and predeceased by two brothers Jorge Hernandez and Harry Hernandez. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and was also the brother-in-law of Hector Jimenez from Albany.

Willie was always an advocate for an active lifestyle and enjoyed swimming, cycling, running, paddleball, taking long walks and vacations with family. He was an avid sports fan who loved supporting his kids and grandkids at games.

He had a passion for music, gardening, dominoes, and photography. Willie had a heart larger than life; most of all he loved his family and enjoyed all the time spent with them.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with his family Sunday, September 12, 2021 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance; unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Monday, September 13, 2021 at 11:00am at Macedonia Baptist Church, 26 Wilson Avenue, Colonie, NY. The family will greet everyone at the church at 10:00am prior to the service. Masks and social distancing are required.

Interment will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery immediately following the service.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY 12204

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Baptist Church
26 Wilson Ave
Albany, NY 12205

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Gilda and family. So very sorry to hear of Willie's passing. We met through Clifton Park baseball. Lorenzo and Jason played on the same teams. Willie was an awesome man, father, and husband. He was truly an inspiration. There should be more like him. So so very sorry for your loss.*

Brent, Cindy, Jason and Allyson Koney.

Cindy Koney - September 13, 2021 at 08:21 PM



Cindy, Brent & family. thank you for your condolences. We certainly remember you and your and the boys playing baseball.

Gilda Hernandez - May 20, 2022 at 12:54 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to the Hernandez family. We are sorry to hear about your loss.*

Karim Adeen-Hassn - September 13, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Willie's family & friends. I know Willie from work and I am so sadden to hear of his passing. Willie was a very nice guy with a never ending smile.*

Rhonda Reisner - September 13, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 12, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ *Lorenzo...*

The very minute we met your dad, Lorenzo, we met a kind , sweet , gentle man who was a pleasure to see at all your ball games! He was so proud of you and your siblings!!!

There was never a time he didnt hold his hand out to say hi and also with that incredible smile he always had!

Lorenzo... your family is forever strong through him! and your mom!

His love of his family was always first!

We are blessed to have met and known him!

God bless you all.

sincerely.... the Degnan's

Kathy , Bob, Todd Degnan - September 12, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *With sadness and gratitude I offer condolences for the entire Hernandez family. Since first meeting Willie at the local YMCA and admiring his passion for healthy living and attitude for life was impeccable! Witnessing the love of family spoke deeply to knowing more of your family. This is too surreal, can't believe Willie has passed on but his memory will last for decades. Wishing everyone great strength and love in navigating through the days to come...*
Phil Marsh

phil marsh - September 12, 2021 at 06:31 PM

EE

“ *Willie was my beloved first cousin. We shared many memories joys and travails as the oldest. If anyone asked me what qualities to look for in a man, I would describe those that Willie just naturally embodied in his every day life. Willie impacted the world in such a positive way. Respect, kindness, integrity, love - all of the things seen in an enlightened man.*

When we were children together, born in the same year, we came to delight in the reunions that strengthened the link we had. Despite years of separation due to distance or life, I could always count on Willie to be the best dance partner around. He made it his business to reconnect whenever possible, bringing his family on their traditional summer vacation to see me when I moved to a new state. I will never forget his gentle voice the last time he called me. There was so much love in those words.

I know I speak for my siblings as we send our deepest condolences to Gilda and his children. Willie was the pillar of the family and, with Gilda, formed and kept a strong family bond that included the rest of us.

May his spirit rest peacefully and memories of him always come easily to our hearts.

Eileen, Daniel and Sandra Ferreras

Elizabeth Eileen - September 12, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 11, 2021 at 08:44 PM

AM

“ I was shocked and saddened to see this obituary for willie. While it has been many years since we shared in family gatherings, those experiences were some of the warmest, enjoyable times for me and my family. Love and sympathy to Gilda and the children and the his siblings. May all those memories you made together sustain you as you face the future
Anna Mattei

anna mattei - September 11, 2021 at 06:21 PM

TT

“ Gilda, I am so sorry to learn of Willie's passing. My heart and prayers are with you and the family.

Terry Tracy - September 11, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.



September 11, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JR

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Will. We knew him and your family from the sports programs in Clifton Park. He was such a nice person. Always smiling and upbeat about everything. It was easy to see that he was a great husband and a fantastic father to his children. May he Rest In Peace. Janice and John Roche, Venice, Florida

john roche - September 11, 2021 at 06:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 10, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 10, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *We send heartfelt condolences to the Hernandez family for their loss of their beloved Willie. Our fondest memories of Willie was his infectious smile and love of family. We recall happy moments with Willie and Gilda at events celebrating others. As a couple they loved to tease one another and enjoyed each other especially on the dance floor. Willie, you will be missed!!! Pedro and I feel blessed to have known you, and to have enjoyed your presence and spirit. We know you are with the Lord and looking down on all of us.*
Yvette & Pedro Diaz

Yvette & Pedro Diaz - September 10, 2021 at 07:38 PM

BR

“ A BEAUTIFUL SMILE would always sure to greet you even at Brother Willie’s worst time. I remember our christmases at my sister n brother in law’s house (David n Nancy)! This holiday will never be the same ever again 😞 Every time I’d see Willie n Gilda I was always sure to never just get a hug. It would be a tremendous squeeze to let me know how much they both loved me so much ❤️ ❤️ I was late for Brother Willie’s birthday surprise when family n friends did a WEEPPPPAAAA SALSA DRIVEBY. I still went by with a car full of gifts! His grandson Anthony greeted me with a virtual hug. How do you resist immense love from an amazing nephew ❤️ I brought Willie a card, a Big Sherpa warm blanket and I believe a body pillow too. Willie n Gilda with so much exhaustion both gave me virtual hugs and brother Willie as weak as he was put his hands up together and shaped his fingers into a heart shape and said I love you, thank you, to show his love and appreciation to me. This memory I will carry forever in my heart. The expressional phrase “Willie was an amazing, loving family man” is never said lightly because those words are strong and so very true! It’s been expressed by EVERYONE that new him. I have added my brother to prayer List of all relatives passed, that our Savior Lord keeps their souls in eternal peace. Brother until we all see you and our families in Heaven , keep a space reserved between brother George and yourself so I know where my soul will go to dance with both of you and my parents. I love you Brother. Sleep Forever In Peace! A KING IS IN HEAVEN AMEN 😞🙏❤️👑

Betsy Rivera - September 10, 2021 at 06:59 PM

CD

“ My cousin Willie was a beautiful soul. He visited with me just a few weeks ago. He looked so good. Little did I know it would be the last time we would spend time together. He never failed to seek me out. We reminisced our childhood every time. Shared our good and not so good memories. He grew up to be a good man. He was my connection to that little girl who used to climb out that window in my aunts Brooklyn apartment to play with my cousins in their own backyard park. My heart goes out to his wife Gilda and his children who were blessed to be gifted with him as head of their FAMILY. Until we meet again, Your cousin Carol.

Carolina DeAldana - September 10, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.



September 10, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.



September 10, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 10, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *May he Rest In Peace. I know that your mother, father and brothers will be with him in heaven. May God give you all strength and peace during this time of great sadness. God bless all of you. Love you all!*



Edith Cruz - September 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM

GR

“ I'm in disbelief that I'm writing this for Willie... I never expected to hear those words when I received that phone call.

Willie was my supervisor at Tax and Finance. From the moment I started working with him, I received nothing but his support, words of encouragement, good advice here and there, and he always made sure to let me know whenever I did a good job. He was always willing to help and he wanted to see us grow in our careers with the State.

He loved and was very proud of his family. He always had a smile on his face. I'll remember him beating everyone at dominoes during our Department's parties, going on long walks around the campus, lecturing us about a healthy life style and bugging me at the end of each pay period to complete my timecard timely (sorry Willie, I never got in the habit of doing my timecard on a daily basis).

Willie, I'm deeply sadden by the fact that we have to say goodbye to you so soon after your retirement. I remember how much you were looking forward to it, but it comforts me knowing that you didn't wait until retirement to live a full life.

Vuela alto Willie!!! Guardanos un espacio allá, en donde dicen que todos vamos después de esta vida... Gracias por todo!

-Griselda Villegas

Griselda - September 10, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JJ

To the Hernandez family, we are very sorry to hear about your loss. You was one of a kind. I remember at one time that you learned that I was depressed when my Mom was very sick, you started to send me beautiful pictures that I still have on my computer from your family vacations down in our country, PR, I was home sick back then, looking at those pictures I felt a lot better. Made me very happy. We love you and your whole fa. Very much. Our deepest condolences to all your fa. from the Jimenez fa. In Fl. You will be missed a lot. Forever in our hearts. Hugs to your wife and fa.

Juanita Jimenez - September 10, 2021 at 01:50 PM

JC

“ *It is hard for me at this moment to come up with the words to express the great sadness I am feeling over the loss of a friend and co-worker. I had the joy to Supervise Wilfredo and be a peer of his once he was also promoted to a Supervisory position at Tax and Finance. He was my lunch buddy where he had all kinds of conversations and respectfully disagreed over politics. Wilfredo demonstrated nothing more than a man of respect, integrity, and love for his family. You will be missed greatly.*

Jason Cintron - September 10, 2021 at 08:55 AM

WL

“ *Our deepest sympathies for the loss your family is experiencing. May the memory of his gentle and kind spirit bring you comfort during these times.*

Walter and Wilma Little - September 10, 2021 at 08:50 AM

RW

“ *So sorry for your loss Willie was an inspiration to all of us to life your best life and stay active. RIP my friend*

Russell Ware - September 10, 2021 at 08:35 AM

VI

“ *Trabajé con Willie en Tax and Finance durante 4 años, y durante todo ese tiempo siempre conté con su apoyo y ayuda. Su pasión por viajar le llevó a visitar mi país, España, junto a su esposa hace unos años, y tuve el placer de recomendarle mis lugares favoritos.*



Willie vivirá siempre en mi corazón, porque sólo muere quien olvida.

Hasta siempre amigo.

Victor Perez Alcaraz

Victor - September 10, 2021 at 08:33 AM

ES

“ *Dearest Gilda, your husband Willie was the kindness and gentle person I have ever met. Not only was he a wonderful husband but he was an exemplary father to Olivia, Marco, Lorenzo, and Diego. He was a loving brother to Micky, Julio, David and George. I will sorely miss Willie. He is now with George in Heaven. My prayers are with you all.*

Evelyn Salas - September 10, 2021 at 03:21 AM

YN

“ *Gilda, Micky, David and Julio, We are so sorry for the loss of your big brother. Willie's smile always lit up a room. He will be sorely missed. Love Eddie and Yvette Nieves*



Yvette and Eddie Nieves - September 09, 2021 at 11:32 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 09, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 09, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *12 files added to the album Memories Album*



Migdalia jimenez - September 09, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 09, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Wilfredo "Willie" Hernandez.*



September 09, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Our dear brother Willie we will miss your quiet ways, your love for everyone, your kidness and so much more. Love you always, Cases Family.*

Cases - September 09, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *I worked with Willie at the Tax Dept. He was one of the kindest, most sincere people I've had the pleasure to meet. My heart goes out to all his family and loved ones.*

Brittney - September 09, 2021 at 04:57 PM