

## William Dones

August 10, 1931 - May 27, 2015

William was born on 10 August 1931; a man whose smile would light up a room. He was a kind and generous man and a person Nestor, Dee Dee and I try to emulate in every way.

He came from humble beginnings raised on a farm in Puerto Rico. He lost his hand in a terrible industrial accident in his early twenties, yet he never complained or felt sorry for himself and it never stopped him from enjoying life and working hard to provide for his family.

He loved his daughter, Dee Dee, his sons, Nestor and me, his son-in-law, Marc, his daughters-in-law, Dalair and Mary, his grandchildren, Chardy, Collin, Nicole, Robbie, and Joey, all his friends, the Cubs, and especially his wife. Married for 59 years, he would say his only regret was not meeting his wife sooner.

A handsome man who never worked hard for a date, he found his match in his future wife, Carmen. She challenged and intrigued him, driving him to please her and take care of her. He listened to everything she told him, making him appear whipped, but he was ok with this because she was the love of his life.

He helped raise his children and was a disciplinarian, but only when my mom told him to be. He demanded we respect our elders and family, and if we didn't

we paid the price. He taught us grandparents were sacred and my siblings and I passed this on to our own children.

We loved hearing our friends say my mom and dad were cool, and wished my dad was their dad. He became everyone's dad. If he learned someone didn't have a dad, he volunteered. After hearing a young lady in his CVS, his favorite place by the way, of which he was mayor, grandfather had passed, he assured her HE would be her grandfather from now on.

He laughed a lot and most recently loved watching a YouTube video with a kid talking to his mom. He watched this Linda, Linda video at least a hundred times and I know that little kid did more to help him through this time than any medicine ever did or could.

We feel fortunate we were able to care for him for the last 3 years. We will remember and cherish this time we spent together for the rest of our lives. He leaves a lasting legacy of friendship, kindness, respect and love for everyone he met or who crossed his path. This is how those who knew William Dones will always remember him. As he joins my mom and the rest of his family in heaven, we know he is looking down on all of us and smiling, because that's Willie.

We will miss him and love him always.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 31. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Bill and Carmen were special friends to us. I remember the moment as he was enjoying being in our jaccuzzi as we talked about why he should move to Orlando.*

*Those were the best days of his life. He was a good friend and we enjoyed having reunions and sharing stories. Although, this was such short notice, we will always treasure the moments spent. He continues his journey in a better place. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy goes to your family. God bless you all, Margie Hensley and family.*



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**Margie Hensley** - June 09, 2015 at 11:27 PM

AT

“ *It was nice being friends from Chicago to Orlando, and knowing how much you took care of your family. My sympathy to the Dones family. You'll be remembered from the great times we had together from daily events to formal banquets attended. Those were the good old days. May he rest in peace with Carmen now. My regards, Toni Torres.*



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**Antonia Torres** - June 09, 2015 at 11:17 PM



*Thank you so much Toni!*

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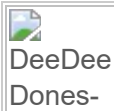
**DeeDee Dones-Crandall** - June 11, 2015 at 06:02 AM

JM

“ I got to spend just a little time with your dad, but he was so warm, funny, and friendly that he felt like a dear uncle I'd known my whole life. Will not forget his joy over the giant, perfect flan that a niece brought to dinner. The twinkle in his eyes will really light up heaven! He was so proud of all of you.

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**Julie Muir** - June 03, 2015 at 08:49 PM



Thank you very much!

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**DeeDee Dones-Crandall** - June 11, 2015 at 06:01 AM



“ We will always remember your sweet and happy personality. Tio Chan, thank you for the beautiful memories and laughter shared. You are now in heaven with Titi Lydia, your bothers and parents. Now there is no pain and you will be surrounded by love and peace. May you rest in peace. Love your nieces Madelyn, Nina and sister in law Fela.



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**Madelyn Santiago** - May 31, 2015 at 08:47 AM

TR

“ We always enjoyed visiting with Bill Sr. Always had a smile on his face. Gave us a hugs and kisses. He loved his family and friends. He is at peace now and will always be remembered. God Bless. Darrel, Tina and family.

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**Tina Rush** - May 30, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Dones.*



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May 30, 2015 at 03:14 PM



“ *I will never forget the time Bill, Steve, and I drove to Orlando to first meet your Dad and Mom We had such a blast laughing, eating, and just sharing life's wonderful moments.*

*Your dad was such a true caballero.... he will be missed, but we all were so blessed to have shared a part of our lives with him.....*

*Love you guys...*

*Joe Almodovar*

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**Joe A** - May 30, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *DeeDee Dones-Crandall lit a candle in memory of William Dones*



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**DeeDee Dones-Crandall** - May 30, 2015 at 08:15 AM



*Your light will be with me forever!!! I'm going to miss you so much!!! I love you dearly pop!!*

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**DeeDee Dones-Crandall** - May 30, 2015 at 08:16 AM

PL

“ *May God comfort your family in your hour of need and may he hold your Dad in his loving arms forever. Love, Patty & Gary Luken*

Patty & Gary Luken - May 30, 2015 at 07:22 AM

MM

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Minerva McLaren - May 29, 2015 at 09:52 PM

MM

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Minerva McLaren - May 29, 2015 at 09:33 PM

MM

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Minerva McLare - May 29, 2015 at 09:28 PM

DM

“ *The true meaning of gentleman. Gentle, caring, loving like no other. His smile inspired me to be joyful. I will always have him in a special place in my heart. I love you Tio Chan.*

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**Dharma Mirabent** - May 29, 2015 at 05:45 PM

 Diana  
Dones-  
Rosas

“ *My entire family and I are so so saddened by you leaving us. Zachary and Jazmin are so sad they didn't get to say goodbye. We are remembering our time together a few weeks ago and how you were happy spending time with dad watching Walker Texas Ranger. How I made you laugh with stories of Deedee and I and eating pizza!! That was awesome. My dad, mom, me and Serena will cherish that day forever. Daddy says he loves you and thanking god you are no longer in any pain. We love you forever Tio Chan.*

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**Diana Dones-Rosas** - May 29, 2015 at 05:01 PM

CB

“ *Loved seeing how much enjoyment you found in spending time with Dee Dee and the kids. The family will carry on your legacy of love.*

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**Chrissie Crandall Brarens** - May 29, 2015 at 04:54 PM