



## Isidro Feliciano

August 8, 1928 - October 17, 2020

### Obituary for Isidro Feliciano

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Isidro Feliciano of Foley, Alabama. He passed away early Saturday morning on October 17th, 2020 at William F. Green Veteran's Home.

Isidro was born in Moca, Puerto Rico to the late Santiago and Paula Gonzalez Feliciano. Isidro was a patriot who served his country his entire life and retired a proud and disabled veteran. He moved from Puerto Rico to New York at the age of 20 with hardly anything and not being an English speaker. He didn't let that stop him. He proceeded to get a job and continue to set up his life.

Isidro met the love of his life Nilsa Feliciano in Puerto Rico at a wedding. He was invited but had no intention of going to the wedding. He saw Nilsa though and stopped in his tracks thunderstruck. He stood by the entrance so he could be near her and talk to her. Nilsa would say that he wouldn't leave her in peace as he'd seemingly always find a reason to interact with her. Six months later, his persistence paid off and they were married.

He felt the call of duty and enlisted at age 22 where he was proud to serve his country in the United States Army. He was a second generation soldier as his father also served in World War 1. Isidro was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam War. He always waved the American flag with great pride and admiration. Isidro was able to complete his education by going to night school and working full time while also being a father to his two children and taking

care of his wife.

Isidro would sing when he was happy. He enjoyed the classic Spanish boleros. He had a passion for film and Hollywood. He absolutely loved westerns. They could be the great classic cowboy pictures from Hollywood, or the Mexican vaquero movies, but he loved them all. My grandfather was obsessed with taking pictures of family get togethers. When he was able to get a handheld video camera, he took hundreds of hours of tape of family events and trips. He loved to learn the behind the scene Hollywood "magic" in how they were able to manage certain shots. He loved to talk about it too to educate others such as the Red Sea being parted in The Ten Commandments actually being Jell-O.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Nilsa Feliciano, his daughter Lillian Feliciano and his son Nelson Feliciano. He is also survived by his grandson's, Nelson Daniel Feliciano, Damien Lee Aguilar, Joshua Joel Feliciano, Richard William Feliciano, and his great granddaughters Cassandra Amaris Feliciano, and Emilia Grace Feliciano. He had numerous nieces and nephews as well. My grandfather was a man who loved history. American and European history were fascinating to him. But his real passion lied with Egyptian history. I remember as a child him talking about the pyramids and how he always wanted to see them one day. Sadly, it wasn't to be in his lifetime. He was able to have other amazing traveling experiences from around this great country, to around the world.

Isidro was a man who did anything and everything to ensure his family was always well taken care of and helped others as well. The definition of responsibility and determination, my grandfather never lived above his means. And even when he was comfortable in life with his position, if something broke, to everyone's dismay my grandfather would try to fix it first before hiring someone to do it for him. He never wasted anything but was always willing to help others.

When I asked my uncle Nelson to tell me what he remembered from when he was younger, he told me without skipping a beat that it was helping others out.

From helping his family come from Puerto Rico to stay with him as they established themselves, or family coming from New York and other places that also needed help, his hand was always extended. He was active in his church both in activities such as being a deacon but also provided financial support as well. He was always laughing and socializing with his brothers and sisters there.

Nelson and Lillian recall their father Isidro taking them to the circus. They all had an amazing time looking at the animals and the acts that followed. They would go to the Statue of Liberty, Coney Island, and much more. Isidro loved New York. It didn't get better for him than a Katz pastrami and rye sandwich. He was also a big fan of New York pizza and Italian Ice.

I (Damien Lee) have many wonderful memories of my grandfather. He was the father I never had growing up. He did his best to teach me what it was to be a man and to be responsible. I also remember going to the circus with him but I remember going to some of the Disney Parks with him and he just adored the shows. He was perfectly content to walk around and just wait for us when we'd go on the rides. I remember at Busch Gardens him truly enjoying the safari as he was a lover of animals. His last treasured pet is Tiger who was a cat that he just happened to find in a storm cellar that wouldn't have stood a chance had it not been for him finding him. He adopted him and he is still just as loved by those of us who remain behind.

I was able to join him on two of these excursions to Europe, once with the church, another time with my school. Both trips are some of the best memories of my life. My grandfather truly loved Lake Lucerne in Switzerland and he also had a special love for Germany. I remember the look of wonder and amazement in his eyes as we walked around Munich. He enjoyed seeing the traditions of other cultures and was never scared to participate as there isn't a person who he couldn't speak to.

He will be deeply missed by those of us who loved him. He left an impact on every person that he interacted with. He was a good man who loved his

country. We love you Pai and may he Rest in Peace.

His service will be a military graveside service will be on the 22nd of October at 11:00 AM (EST) at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort 34904 AL-225 Spanish Fort, AL 36577

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al

# Previous Events

## Military Graveside Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met this fine man decades ago. He worked for a time at my Grandfathers Dental Lab in NYC. My Dad knew him as well and had just passed on 3/13/2020. I am sorry I did not see this until now but I just found 'Cidro's' business card while clearing out my parents home and wanted to send a friendly thought, men like Isidro, will always be remembered.

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**Leonhard M Hoeglmeier Jr** - April 26 at 08:29 PM

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“ We never knew this kind gentleman but reading his "memories" written by a grandson were beautiful words and painted a perfect picture of Isidro Feliciano. We thank Mr. Feliciano for his service.

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**Bill and Kathy Martiniere** - October 20, 2020 at 10:42 AM