



Jose A. Rivera

September 5, 1966 - April 4, 2023

Jose A. Rivera, 56 of Lancaster passed away unexpectedly Tuesday evening, April 4, 2023 after being stricken ill at home. Born on September 5, 1966 in Cayey, Puerto Rico, he was the son of the late Jeremias and Maria Rojas Rivera. He was the husband of Carmen M. Acevedo Rivera, with whom he married on June 5, 2005.

After moving to Lancaster at age 16, Jose graduated from McCaskey High School in 1985. He obtained an associates degree from the Spanish Eastern School of Theology. He was pastor for Living Christian Church Ministry, Jesucristo Es El Rey, Lancaster for almost 12 years. His true passion was for missions and evangelism. He believed in glorifying God above all things and restoring lives with the love and power of God. Rarely would you see Jose without a smile on his face.

Jose enjoyed gardening and his chickens. He loved his family, especially his grandbabies. He was always happiest when with his family.

Jose will be dearly missed by his wife, Carmen; daughter, Daliana Montanez of Lancaster and his sons, Carlos and Joel Montanez, both of Lancaster, Austin Anthony Rivera of Lancaster and Zachary, husband of Emma Rivera of Reading. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Natanael, Darinel, Anaiya, Elias and Miles; his sisters, Milagros Rivera of Cayey, Puerto Rico and Carmen Vazquez of Lancaster; his brothers, Jose L. Rivera of Lancaster, Jose M. Rivera of Mt. Joy, Benjamin Rivera and Carlos Rivera, both of Lancaster and his nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He will be deeply missed by his church family.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jose's Funeral Service on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 11AM from the First Spanish Assembly of God, 626 S. Duke Street, Lancaster. Friends will be received at the church on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 6PM to 9PM, where a church service will be held at 7PM Tuesday and also friends will be received on Wednesday at the church from 9:30AM to 11AM. Interment will be held in the Mellinger's Mennonite Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mellinger's Mennonite Cemetery

Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

First Spanish Assembly of God
626 S. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA

Service

APR 11. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Spanish Assembly of God
626 S. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA

Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Spanish Assembly of God
626 S. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA

Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Spanish Assembly of God
626 S. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA

Graveside Service

APR 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mellinger's Mennonite Cemetery
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Jose A. Rivera

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ Jose A. Rivera

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Jose A. Rivera

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jose A. Rivera.



April 12, 2023 at 02:42 PM

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“ Nuestra condolencias a la pastora Carmen Rivera y familiares
Los pastores Juan & NelsyAgramonte
Ministerio MONI, Lancaster

Nelsy Agramonte - April 12, 2023 at 01:32 AM

ÉO

“ Sou amiga e colega de Mahanaim.
Tenho boas lembranças de José como uma
pessoa alegre! Infelizmente não pude estar no culto fúnebre pois moro em Brasil,
mas envio meu abraço a esposa, filhos e toda congregação 🙏

Élide Oliveira - April 11, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jose A. Rivera.



April 11, 2023 at 05:22 PM

JO

“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences are with Jose's family and church for their loss of this wonderful, kind, spirit-filled man. Jose was one of the happiest people I came across in my work! I pray you feel our Lord's grace comfort and love during this most difficult time. Joyce - Lehman Insurance.

Joyce - April 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM

AC

“ Jose was such a nice Person, caring and very Compassionate. We were very close in our young adult lives.. It was a pleasure bein around him.. He never stopped smiling and He helped me thru my struggles.. He made me smile when I was feeling down.. He continued to Make everyone around him feel good, Happy wit his words and his Smile.. He's going to be very well missed.. My condolences to his Family. May God Bless them and give them Peace thru this time of Sadness!



Anita CORTEGUERA - April 11, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jose A. Rivera.



April 10, 2023 at 10:13 PM

AM

“ When I think of Jose I will always think of his laugh, he was always so full of joy and had such a strong love for God and his family. He leaves behind such a legacy of love which speaks volumes of the kind of man he was. Heaven gained a wonderful saint. My condolences ❤️

Amelia - April 10, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jose A. Rivera.



April 09, 2023 at 07:37 PM

YI

“ Yanira Irizarry lit a candle in memory of Jose A. Rivera



Yanira Irizarry - April 09, 2023 at 03:11 PM

YI

“ Por donde empezar...no le voy a pelear(ya que me llamaba peleona y le decia a todos que yo siempre me pasaba peleando con el)por ya no estar aqui :(Tuvimos compartiendo for 5 years,cuido mucho de mi familia y de mi.Me escucho,me aconsejo,me escucho llorar,me habrazo y me ayudo a levantar de nuevo.Pues asi era usted,todo lo que hacia lo hacia con amor.Compartimos muchas veces y siempre era una rise con usted...entonces como no lloarar and miss. Gracias a le doy a Dios por usted ser mi primer pastor,porque gracias a usted 5 years ago conoci a Jesus.Nunca habra alguien igual,nuestra congregacion no sera la misma pero se que Dios nos ayudara para que usted en el cielo este oguloso de nosotros,por lo que logro hacer.Im gonna miss los textos y llamadas,su Byeeeee como lo decia,im gonna miss que luego de cada culto/clase se pare en la puerta y me grite,Yaniraaaa Dios te bendiga love you! :(Todavia no creo que este escribiendo esto cuanto lo he llorado.Dios lo tenga en su santa gloria...hasta pronto mi querido Pastor.

Yanira Irizarry - April 09, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JO

“ *Pastor José, gracias por estar en mis momentos difíciles , fuistes y eres un excelente pastor y un buen amigo.
Descansa en Paz querido pastor!
Fue muy pronta tu partida pero así lo quiso Dios.
Nos dejastes un hueco en nuestros corazones pero con alegría sabemos que estas mejor que todos nosotros aca en la tierra.
Ahora gozas caminando por las calles de oros y sintiendo esa alegría y gozo que tanto uno desea aca en la tierra.
Gracias Jose por todo
Te extrañaremos tanto pero sabemos que estas Gozando*

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Mis condolencias a La Familia y Su congregacion.

Joseline Troche

Joseline - April 09, 2023 at 12:58 PM

PV

“ *Jose un buen amigo y compañero de ministerio recuerdos de mucha risa y muchos intercambios de ideas lo vamos a extrañar mucho*

Pastor. Israel Vega & Mery Vega - April 09, 2023 at 09:52 AM

MT

“ *José, fuisteis un buen amigo para mi familia y buen supervisor para mi. No sabes lo difícil que se me hace a mi y a mi mamá aceptar que ya no estás con nosotros. Te conocemos por muchos años y realmente fuisteis tremendo ser humano con un corazón enorme muy dedicado a al Señor y su obra. Fue un placer trabajar contigo en el Cork Factory Hotel me entrenabas para que fuera tu asistente porque me acuerdo que me dijistes que querías trabajar part time para poder estar más tiempo en la obra y estar ahí para tus ovejas (eso me dijistes). Nos duele mucho tu partida pero sabemos que te estás gozando con nuestro Señor. Llegastes a la meta. Esto no es un adios si no un hasta luego. Siempre estarás en nuestros corazones 🥹🙏🕊️*

Marilyn Torres - April 08, 2023 at 02:56 PM

ZG

“ *It breaks my heart to see my two son's lose there father so soon. I promise to watch over them and be strong for them. Rest in peace...Zoraida*

Zoraida Gonzalez - April 07, 2023 at 11:47 PM

RC

“ 15 años en nuestras vidas, fuistes mi amigo, mi padrino de bodas y mi Pastor. Una gran persona , siempre estuvistes hay para mi y mi familia, me distes y habristes muchos caminos en el ámbito profesional y siempre creistes en mi aunque yo siempre tenía dudas. Dios te uso para que yo llegara a los caminos del señor . Esta hija de Mingo como solías llamarme te va a estar más que agradecida, siempre te recordaré con mucho cariño.

Roxanna Colon - April 07, 2023 at 10:38 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jose at Cork Factory Hotel for 3 years and he always had a smile on his face. He was incredibly kind to everyone — his staff, his colleagues, and all the guests. His kind and giving nature was always evident and he extended a helping hand to anyone in need. I admired how involved he was in his church and within the community. He seemed to always radiate positivity, love, and warmth and I can only imagine how much he will be missed by those who love him most. He has been missed by those who worked with him at the Cork since he left in 2021 and we are all so devastated to learn of his passing. I will forever remember him for his heart of gold and the love he shared with all those around him. My deepest condolences to his family as I know his loss will be felt immensely.
- Jenny Mercandetti

Jenny Mercandetti - April 07, 2023 at 10:10 PM

EH

“ Les doy mis condolencias y ruego al Señor que les dé mucha fortaleza en este proceso, y reciban un abrazo de su Amado padre celestial. La Paz sea con ustedes.

Edna I.Lizardi y Jose A. Huertas - April 06, 2023 at 09:59 PM

SG

“ Mi más sentido pésame a la familia y que descance en Paz

Salvador Gonzalez - April 06, 2023 at 08:13 PM

NM

“ He was like a fathers to me 10 years he’s been in my life I never will forget the first time I danced and after service he said he was proud of me with tears of joy I’m never gonna forget the way he lit a room up with his smile I will always and honor him as the loving caring hardworking man that no matter what when and where he was always there with a smile Carmen I wish you the best I know this is so hard for you I wish I was there to hug you, your a warrior even if he is not present he will always be looking down I wish you and the family nothing but the best



Nailea Marin - April 06, 2023 at 07:25 PM

JC

“ 13 years of having you in my life. You were like a father to me. You married me, you presented my children to the Lord, you were always there when I needed you. Even when I was hardheaded (you’d laugh and would agree on that!), your love was pure and sincere. There are absolutely no words to describe the incredible loss we have to face. Carmensita, our hearts and thoughts are with you. May God’s peace and strength surround you! We love you!

Julymar Carrion - April 06, 2023 at 06:53 PM

CA

“ José rivera, mi mejor amigo y paño de lagrimas eras como un padre y un abuelo para mis hijos un hombre maravilloso jamas te olvidaremos ...te amaremos para siempre , dejastes huellas profundas que jamas seran olvidadas..Mi Mada pastora Carmen Rivera estamos contigo; te amamos Carolyn acosta y familia

Carolyn Acosta - April 06, 2023 at 06:46 PM