



Reinaldo Pilar Machado

October 12, 1926 - February 10, 2019

Reinaldo, "Dad", was born during a hurricane in Cuba. Arriving into a stormy world was a sign that Dad would always be the safe harbor in a storm and take care of those around him. Dad was instilled with his caring and kind personality from his mother Carmen while receiving his natural mechanical aptitude from his father Jose.

Dad graduated from Tennessee Tech after serving in the Army as a mechanic repairing tanks and artillery.

After the Army, Dad moved to Washington D.C. where he got a job in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. During this time he met his wife, Trudy, and married raising a loving family. People that knew Dad would gravitate to his amazingly positive attitude and his genuine loving and caring nature. From Boy Scout leader to Birdhouse builder, there was nothing that Dad couldn't accomplish.

Dad's lasting accomplishment is showing us how Love can bring everyone together and, that Love, is a part of every heart he touched. His wish is that we all carry that Love forward in our hearts.

Relatives and Friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on Saturday February 16, 2019 from 12 PM until time of service at 1PM. Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association.
225 N. Michigan Avenue, FL. 17
Chicago, IL 60601

<https://www.alz.org/donate>

Cemetery

Events

Arlington National Cemetery 1 Memorial Drive Arlington, VA, 22211	FEB 16	Visitation	12:00PM - 01:00PM
		Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, US, 22315	
	FEB 16	Service	01:00PM - 02:00PM
		Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, US, 22315	
	FEB 16	Reception	02:00PM - 04:00PM
		Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, US, 22315	

Comments



“ Dad, tomorrow marks 3 months since you left us. I never knew how much a heart can hurt and how broken it can be. Having you at home gives me some comfort. When the time comes to move you Arlington, I'm not sure how I will do. This is all so complicated. I miss you. I want life like it used to be.

ricardo machado - May 09 at 05:27 PM



“ The pain will never stop but memories will ease them so much. For I remember the good about my dad!

james machado - April 23 at 10:29 AM



“ Dad, it's been two months, and I miss every day. I wish I could hear your voice one more time. My heart aches. :-(

ricardo machado - April 10 at 11:28 AM



“ every day I think of dad and I smile at the goodness it brings to me. He was such a kind , gentle man among so much more!

James Machado - March 22 at 09:09 AM



“ One month ago I was rushing to be with Dad. Not sure if a broken heart ever heals. Love you Dad. Miss You



Ricardo Machado - March 08 at 12:57 PM



“ miss my dad everyday!

James Machado - March 01 at 09:15 AM



“ Reinaldo Pillar Machado who was he?

I will tell you who he was to me...He was truly “A Man for All Seasons” surpassing Sir Thomas Moore many times over!

My dad met each day with a smile, a positive attitude and his real zest for life!

For he lived his life as a “builder” and not a “destroyer”...he woke each day to “do only good” and not “do any harm”.

A man of many talents he could build a simple wooden box or build a home for Humanity.

He could fix a toaster or take a car engine apart and put it back together. At the Patent Office which he loved dearly his production was always 115%, as a father he was the Dr Phil of advice and wisdom. And as a loving devoted husband to his wife of 64 years he was the KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR!

He was always eager and willing to give of his time, of his talents and of his knowledge to his family, to his friends, to his co-workers or to any strangers that needed his help.

My dad could have been a winning contestant on Dancing with the Stars.

And he was a world class CUBAN downhill skier; and wow what a CHEF

EXTRAORDINAIRE he was at the American Legion dinners, in fact he was mister fix it for anything broken.... including feelings and emotions. And dad's stories of his life growing up in Cuba rival that of Ernest Hemingway.

My dad was a proud immigrant, my dad was a proud American and most of allmy dad was proud of our name “MACHADO”

So many superlatives and adjectives can label my dad. Honest, caring, decent, fair, loving and so on. But I ask you to please think of them yourselves and add them to this list.

For I could write pages and pages and talk for hours about this very special man, this very special dad,

but, you all have what is most important and that is your own fond and wonderful memories of a very special man and how he shared in your life.

But, most importantly for me is that he is my DAD.

And how lucky was I ...to be his son!

I hope I have not been too somber, for knowing my dadhe would want us to share a glass of red wine, turn up the salsa music and dance the night away.

PS: did I mention what an incredibly handsome man he was and still is!

James Machado - February 18 at 10:21 AM



“ Ray would always tell me there are No problems, only situations. Being with Ray would make any problem I had, less heavy. Words cannot begin to express my feelings for him. He was, and will always be, the most special man in my life. His presence was my happiness. I am surrounded by his love just by remembering all of the special times we spent together. One of the greatest gifts in my life was the day you walked into it. Thank you for being the special man that you were. I love you, Ray. Lilli

Lilli - February 16 at 09:20 AM



“ Ray brightened all of our lives. You could always count on having a good laugh and lots of smiles and happiness when Ray was around. He made time for everyone and could change a bad day to a great day by just by being present. He truly was a Ray of sunshine. You will be immensely missed but happy thoughts of you will live on. We love you, Ray. Thank you for coming into our lives. Pam and Wayne Butler

Pamela butler - February 16 at 07:42 AM



“ Dad loved jeeps. He used to repair the guns on this and tanks and artillery when he was in the Army.



Ricardo Machado - February 14 at 02:04 PM



“ I may not have known Dad for long, but he was definitely a wonderful sight to see at every fire station fundraiser. His positivity and smile was infectious. I will miss him greatly. Prayers and love to the Machado family during this difficult time.

Kayla Thompson - February 13 at 08:57 PM



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Ricardo Machado - February 13 at 03:53 PM



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Ricardo Machado - February 13 at 03:42 PM



“ some many times way to many to attempt to count were you walked me to my first job cosign for our first car watching you spreading that joy that we could not help to embrace it . You mission in live was to make anybody to cross your path a happier person , so easy for you to do your gift to all of us . my hero my stolen dad my mentor if anybody can turn hell in to haven is you love you ray Lilli

Lilli - February 13 at 06:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reinaldo Pilar Machado.



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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Reinaldo Pilar Machado.



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“ Life's Puzzle

The final piece of the jigsaw puzzle we call life falls into place. We finally see the whole picture in its full glory. To finally appreciate the hard work and life long effort of assembling an amazing portrait of a life well lived. A portrait of true humanity for all creatures and all people. A puzzle framed by empathy for all.

The puzzle of life is not defined by the size nor the number of pieces, but rather how harmoniously they interlock with each other. Each piece crafted from life's experiences, mistakes and successes. Each person in life creates their own puzzle. A unique rendering. But it is amazing how pieces of one life's puzzle helps to fill the missing pieces in another persons life puzzle.

This is how we are all interconnected. This is how we carry life's meaning and memories forward. For those we love and care about, pieces from their puzzle are forever integrated and perfectly fit into our own puzzle until the day our puzzle is completed.

And the puzzle, the mosaic of life, continues on.

Thank you for the most beautiful puzzle anyone could have ever put together for a son Dad. I will forever cherish the puzzle you have left me until it's my turn to pass on my puzzle and we meet again to place them side by side in hopes you would be proud of mine.

All my Love Dad, your son Rick

Ricardo Machado - February 13 at 12:28 PM



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Ricardo Machado - February 13 at 11:43 AM