

Pallbearers

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Flower Attendants

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Miss Me-But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little- but not for long. And not with your heads bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey we must all take; and each must go alone; It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know, laugh at all the things we used to do. Miss me, but let me go.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late *Mr. Damian Reyes* would like to thank you for your prayers, support, calls, visits and words of comfort. Your expressions of sympathy and kindness has given us great comfort. May God continue to bless each of you.

~The Family

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*A
Celebration
of Life
for*

Mr. Damian Reyes



March 4, 1926 — December 27, 2017

Service

3:00 PM, Friday, December 29, 2017

Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel

4315 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Obituary

Mr. Damian Reyes, 94, passed away on December 27, 2017 at 4:11pm at the Terrace of Jacksonville Nursing Home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Puerto Rico in the country of Bayamon on March 4, 1926. He is the 4th oldest son of 22 siblings. The son of Perfecta Ortiz and Eladio Reyes.

On April 3, 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Infantry from Ft. Buchanan, P.R. He was shipped to Ft. Knox, Kentucky to be placed in the 84th Infantry Division in World War II, the "Railsplitter" division landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy D-Day (June 6, 1944). From France, the unit moved quickly into the Netherlands in preparation for an offensive into Germany. During the Battle of the Bulge, the 84th was diverted to Belgium to stop the German offensive. In March 1945, it moved into the Rhineland and subsequently advanced northward, capturing the city of Hannover on April 10th. The 84th eventually made its way to the Elbe River and made contact with Soviet armed forces in early May 1945. The "Railsplitter" division advanced into the interior of Germany, its troops uncovered Hannover-Ahlem (April 10, 1945) and Salzwedel (April 14, 1945), both satellite camps of the Neuengamme concentration camp. The SS established the Hannover-Ahlem camp on November 30, 1944, after transferring the camp and its inmates from the Continental Gummiwerke factory at Hannover-Stocken. Several days later, the 84th Infantry captured Salzwedel, a camp formed by the SS in July 1944 to supply forced labor for a German munitions factory. The unit found some 3,000 female inmates, mainly Jewish women who had been transported from the Auschwitz camp complex, and several hundred political prisoners. He served in the European Theater of Operations was the fight in the following campaigns, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was Honorable discharged on April 3, 1953. **Damian** also worked for the United States Merchant Marines until 1985. He lived in the Mandarin community of Jacksonville, FL from 1990 until his passing.

Damian is survived by his wife, Edel Reyes along with 2 Sons, 6 Daughters, 32 Grandchildren, 3 Great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Order of Service

Prayer Mr. Eladio Reyes
Reflections (*Two Minutes Please*)



Interment

1:30 PM, Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218