



## Victor Valentin Gonzales, Sr.

September 12, 1942 - August 22, 2021

Our loving father, husband and friend, Victor Valentin, was born on September 12th, 1942 to his parents, Merejilda aka Petra y Manuel Valentin. He had a brother, Manuel Valentin Jr. who passed away on an undisclosed date. They moved to Hammonton, New Jersey from Santurce, Puerto Rico in 1949 and in 1950 moved to Manhattan, New York.

While living in New York, Victor attended PS17 Elementary School until the 8th Grade. He then started working delivering clothes.

In 1959 Victor met Juanita Rivas and they married in January 1960 while living in Brooklyn NY. They later moved to Coney Island N.Y. where they had their first born son, Ozvaldo Valentin, who was born August of 1962 in St. Vincent Hospital. Victor was a very happy father and dedicated to his family.

Two years later, in June of 1964, Olga Lidia Valentin, was born. He had his little Princess!

In 1966 while Juanita was pregnant with their 3rd child, Victor decided to go to Arecibo, Puerto Rico. In November of 1966, his 3rd child, Victor Manuel Valentin, was born in the Clinic of Arecibo.

Victor Valentin has been one of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1975. While

working on the family ice cream truck, a Witness approached the window and spoke Bible Truths to them. He loved what he heard, started a Bible study and was baptized that same summer.

Proud to have his family, they lived with his mother-in-law, Angelica Rivas, for 2 months to enjoy all the beauty the island of Puerto Rico had to offer. He then went back to New York. In total, Victor was married to Juanita for 19 years.

In 1980, Victor met Nancy Rivera in Orlando, Florida. In 1982 they decided to get married in Cayey, Puerto Rico. He then started working in construction in Maton Abajo of Cayey, where he continued to construct whole houses.

Victor's 4th child, Hector Luis Valentin, was born June of 1981 in Caguas Puerto Rico. Shortly after, he moved his family to Orlando, Florida, where he continued to work in construction.

Victor then travelled back to Puerto Rico for 6 months and had his 5th child, Manuel Valentin, born October of 1982 in Cayey, Puerto Rico.

Being the nomad everyone knew him to be, Victor then decided to move to Trenton, New Jersey where his mother-in-law, Virginia Cartagena, lived. He started working in a fiberglass warehouse making bath tubs for about a year. He then decided to go back into general construction.

In March of 1985, his 6th and final child, David Omar Valentin, was born in Trenton, New Jersey. After about a year, Victor chose to move back to Orlando, Florida where Nancy put her foot down and forbade him from moving any longer. He continued working in general construction with his son, Victor Manuel, as they established their company, V & V Remodeling.

As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, he has always taken the time to sit all his

children down and discuss the stories in the scriptures. Although we can't say we made it easy for him; we can say that all 6 of his children are serving Jehovah today because of his example and continued patience.

In June 2007, while in Panama City, Panama, Victor, through a Witness friend, met Rufina Navarro via phone call. During the call, he expressed interest in meeting her personally. She kindly declined because she felt that she was "too ugly" for him. He then responded by saying: "I am not looking for beauty, I am looking for what's in the heart".

After 3 months of dating, they were ready to tie the knot... and they did, in October of 2007.

Unfortunately after only 4 months of marriage, Victor suffered a stroke. Although this was a challenging time, their love for each other continued to grow. Rufina displayed her continuous love for Victor by caring for him through all of his health challenges, and he in turn supported her, within his limitations, by being a loving, devoted husband and spiritual provider.

One amazing memory that Rufina keeps with her of Victor is from waking up to him asking her "Mama, what would you like to eat for breakfast?" This was special to her because in her lifetime, no man had ever catered to her. He also mentioned that "even though I can't keep up with you in field service, I can show my support by taking care of you at home".

This proved to be true to them for 13 years until his very last breath.

In conclusion, Victor was a loving father, husband and friend who loved to preach and teach. He prayed constantly and had a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father, Jehovah. He always made the meetings and helped

encourage our brothers and sisters. He always opened his doors and showed hospitality to anyone in need. He was also very happy to share his joy by playing his guitar and singing beautiful songs to all.

These are the memories that will live with us until the day we see him again in a beautiful earthly Paradise.

Victor is survived by his loving wife, Rufina Valentin; son, Osvaldo Valentin (wife, Paola Valentin); daughter, Olga Lidia Alvarado; son Victor Manuel Valentin (wife, Julie Valentin); son, Hector Luis Valentin (wife, Olive Valentin); son, Manuel Valentin (wife, Aiyeira M. Valentin); son, David Omar Valentin (wife, Elianny Valentin); grandson, Adiel Valentin; grandson, Charlie Valentin; grandson, Andy Valentin; grandson, Vincent Valentin; granddaughter, Galilea Valentin; granddaughter, Helena Valentin; granddaughter, Jennifer Denney; grandson, Joshua Valentin; granddaughter, Angelica Rea; grandson, Zachary Valentin; granddaughter, Gissette Valentin; grandson, Nathaniel Valentin; granddaughter, Victoria Valentin-Gumera; granddaughters, Lisa Jimenez, Zaida Valentin, and Raquel Cartwright; and cousins, Cuqui and Nikki. He is preceded in death by his father, Manuel Valentin; mother, Petra Gonzales; and brother, Manuel Valentin, Jr.

Services will be held privately at a later date.