

# Celebration Of Life

**Sunrise**

*September 14, 1934*

**Sunset**

*June 13, 2014*

**Argelio A. Hernandez**  
**“Papi” “El Viejo”**

*Service*

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

**St. Anthony of Padua Church**

63 Franklin Street  
Belleville, New Jersey

# Order of Service

<b>Viewing</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>
Introductions:	Walford Enniss
Reading of Obituary:	Hennessey T. Aquino, Neice
Musical Selection:	Inal Toledo, sister-in-law Maria to Argelio “Wind Beneath My Wings” Bette Midler Argelio to Maria “Con los años que me queda” Gloria Estevan
Eulogy:	Mrs. Awilda Rivera
Pallbearers:	Jesus Rodrigues - Antonio Toledo Mark Triber - Daimen Green David Mejias - Walter Alequin
<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.</b>  St. Anthony of Padua Church 63 Franklin Street Belleville, New Jersey
Order of Service	Presiding: Father Dave Sison 1st Reading- Old Testament - Aida Montoya 2nd Reading- New Testament - Marixsa Toledo
<b>Repast</b>	<b>Following Church Service (1:30 PM)</b>  Spanish Manor Restaurant 246 Heller Parkway Newark, New Jersey

## **Cremation (Private)**

*Wednesday, June 18, 2014*  
Rosedale Crematory  
Orange, New Jersey

# Obituary

**Argelio A. Hernandez**, affectionately known as “Papi”, “El Viejo”, was born on September 14, 1934 to the late Bernardo A. Hernandez and Francisca Pina-Hernandez in Camaguey Cuba.

In his treasured country Argelio was a welder by trade and an accomplished Chef, which he continued after migrating to the United States of America in 1980. While acclimating to his new country, he met members of the Toledo/Mejias family and was instantly adopted by them.

In 1986, he fell in love with one of the Mejias’ sisters, Maria “Ea”. His daughter of the heart, Marixsa, encouraged him to ask her on a date and the rest is history. In 1986, they were engaged and in 1988 married. Even though no children were produced from this union, he would always say with affection, “who needs children of our own, when we have tons of nieces and nephews who think they belong to us.”

Unbeknownst to him that at the precise moment when he said “I Do” commences his career as the “Family Chef” for all major and minor family events and holidays. He had the family wrapped around his fingers since he always prepared the favorite dish of every single person that attended the gatherings. How could we have not loved him?

His reputation as a chef reached the ears of City Hall and Housing Authority via his wife, Maria and his sister-in-law, Jacqueline. Shortly thereafter, he was preparing meals for their Christmas luncheons. He was always a true friend to all, his doors, arms, heart and his wallet were always open if anyone needed a place to rest their head, and of course accompanied with a good meal.

Argelio, “Papi” became the beloved uncle of the family and had the honor of becoming God Father to several of his nieces and nephews.

In the past several years, Argelio had had many battles with his health, but remained determined to live. His doctor’s favorite phrase about Argelio was “He’s a tough old bird.”

However on Friday, June 13, 2014, the Almighty called him and this call he could not ignore.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his courageous unstoppable wife, Maria “Ea”; his daughter of the heart, Marixsa, who never left his side until the very end; his sisters-in-law, Milago, Irene, Maria, Inal, Mayra, Jacqueline, Elba and Emily; his brothers-in-law, Eddie, Antonio, Jesus and Alfonso; his beloved mother-in-law, Clotilde; his endearing god children, Jesus, Ailisse, David and Marcus; and countless nieces, nephews (37-we did say we had lots of them) and to his four most loyal and revered friends, Awilda and Pedro Rivera and Jose and Loyda Montalvo whom he felt a cultural kinship to and the utmost respect for.

Last but not least, his two most faithful and loyal furry companions, Lucy and Chewy, who never left his side.

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# Paradise

*Please don't sing sad songs for me  
Forget your grief and fears  
For I am in a perfect place  
Away from pain and tears.  
I'm far away from hunger  
Hurt, want and pride.  
I have a place in heaven  
With the master at my side.  
My life on earth was very good  
As earthly lives can go  
But paradise is so much more  
Than anyone can know.  
My heart is filled with happiness  
And sweet rejoicing too  
To walk with God in perfect peace  
A joy forever new.*

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Argelio A. Hernandez acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the comforting messages, floral tributes and other expression of kindness during this time of bereavement.

A special thank you to Dr. Rajendra R. Desai, MD, I owe you a world of gratitude and respect, for you kept him going when he thought he could not. You gave me extra years of happiness through the excellent care you provided, and the love you cherish him in.

To my friends, neighbors and colleagues, thank you all so much for caring about us and for your support. There were many trying moments and you all in some way helped me get through them.

To my dearest sister, Marixxa, I could not have done it without you. You truly loved him as much as I did. You were his daughter to the very end. How grateful he was to have you by his side always.

**May God continue to bless you all!**

**Maria C. Hernandez**

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