Celebrating the Life of Avel



MITH SOUTDOOR

Sunrise April 29, 1957

Sunset **October 2, 2020** 

## <u>Obituary</u>

Avel Villanueva also known to his family as (Pichy). He was 63 years old when he passed away. He lived all of his life in New York City. He passed away on October 2, 2020. He died in his home on his bed, with his brother Noel by his side. His life was cut short by cancer which he most likely received saving over 200 lives during the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11.

Avel was born April 29, 1957 to Jose and Norma Villanueva. He had two brothers, Jose Villanueva Jr and Noel Villanueva. He graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. He worked for Xerox and Sun Microsystems for most of his adult life. As a young man he loved to play racquetball and handball. He is a recovered alcoholic who was sober for over 30 years.

He is survived by his four children, Avel Jose Villanueva (age 39), Melanie Villanueva, (age 36) David Villanueva (age 35) and Wynn Villanueva (age 33). He has four grandchildren and a fifth on the way that he will unfortunately never get to meet, Madison, Lee, Anayalis, Nathaniel and Aliana.

## My Hero

He was always there for me He was my hero He never let me down He was my hero He seemed immortal He was my hero He never walked away He was my hero He used to take my hand He was my hero He always listened He was my hero He inspired me to always try He was my hero He was intelligent He was my hero He was curious about the world

He was my hero He taught me about life He was my hero He was kind and giving He was my hero He loved to laugh He was my hero He always took care of me He was my hero He was strong and handsome He was my hero He taught me right from wrong He was my hero He had integrity He was my hero He stood in the light He was my hero He was my father

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