

In Loving Memory of



Raul Gomez

Sunrise: August 1, 1959

Sunset: December 8, 2021

**Saturday, December 18, 2021
(Viewing: 4PM - 6PM) (Funeral: 6PM)**

Bronx Christian Charismatic Prayer of Fellowship Inc.

1069 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456

Pastor Andre Faison, Officiating

Assistant Pastor Darryl Baker

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist

Obituary

We gather today for the celebration of the life of **Raul Gomez** who was born on August 1, 1959 to Raul and Carmen Gomez in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Raul was the second eldest of four siblings, Evelyn, Josie and Magaly. Raul was a graduate and star basketball player out of Seward Park High School also located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Raul always had that team mentality and placing others before himself. His late uncle Luis Igartua would develop Raul's interest and love for sports. The same love and advice Raul received from his uncle; he would later pass down to his own nephew Matthew who also played football. Raul's open heart and love to see family and friends achieve what some may see as impossible—he would assist in making it possible.

After some years of enjoying the single life, he fell in love and married Janette Morales who would be his soulmate and caretaker for the remainder of his life. Together they began their blended family and raised their daughter Ebony, and sons Kareem and Joey. Raul's grandchildren, Ivory, Nasir, Lexus and JoJo made him light up whenever they visited. Raul and his wife Janette began to settle down and reflect more on life and how their life experiences could help guide family and friends.

The original OG, or “Big Pote”, as many knew him as, he made his cheerful joking persona known all over New York City—places like, “Disco Fever”, “Club 371”, “The Bottom”, and “Hotel Diplomat”. Money making Manhattan was named in part because of what “Pote” brought to the game. Even then, good, bad or indifferent Raul tried to elevate others above their potential or attitude.

Soon Raul's health became an issue, but he was adamant in not receiving or asking for the help he was to so many. His loving and caring wife Janette would be the care he depended on and would call upon. He was very private when it came to his well-being or any health concerns. On his sister Josie's 30th wedding anniversary she recalls Raul saying over a brief phone call with him that he was tired. Maybe he had done all he could for who he could and decided it was time to go home. His presence will surely be missed, but we will celebrate his loving memory forever because that's the impression he left us with.... a lasting lifelong impression.

Raul departed this earthly life on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 and is predeceased by his grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Raul leaves in our care: his loving wife of 30 years, Janette; daughter, Ebony; his two sons, Kareem and Joey; grandchildren, Ivory & Nasir and Lexus & JoJo; the other women in his life are his sisters, Evelyn Sobers (Elliot), Josie Bruno (Efrain aka Pachy), and Magaly Mims (Shawn); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, loving friends and his L.E.S and Midtown family.

Raul was loved and will never be forgotten.

A man with short dark hair, wearing a black short-sleeved button-down shirt over a white long-sleeved shirt, stands with his hands clasped in front of him. He is smiling slightly. Behind him is a large, ornate circular mirror with a dark wooden frame, reflecting a bright light source. The background is a light-colored wall.

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy and Family

Selection

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Sister Josie and husband Efrain

Sister Magaly and daughter Tabitha

Matthew and Abby Bruno

Shantara (BOO) Footman

Leedrew Cannon

Daryin Myrick

Keith Scott

Rick Hunt

Billy Midtown

Obituary

Efrain (Pachy) Bruno

Selection

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Eulogy

Pastor Andre Faison

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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