



Carlos Rafael Valella

January 5, 1949 - March 11, 2025

Carlos Rafael Valella passed away on March 11, 2025, in Tequesta, Florida. Born January 5, 1949, in Wooster, Ohio, he resided in Florida most of his life. After living in Cuba for the first part of his childhood, he later lived in Belle Glade, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers and Tequesta.

Carlos graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University and began his career at Family Finance. He later moved to General Motors Acceptance Corporation, where he worked in several positions. He retired in 2005 from G.M.A.C. after working many years as a branch manager.

After retirement, Carlos was contracted as an auditor for Ally Financial and traveled to car dealerships around the state. He also kept himself busy with hobbies. He loved home improvement projects and was quick to loan tools from his extensive collection to neighbors and friends who needed them. He enjoyed working in the yard and tinkering with and maintaining his cars. He frequently met up with his close friends for breakfast and lunch.

In his earlier years, Carlos enjoyed cooking, watching movies and sports, playing dominoes and spending weekends in Key Largo. He was a Corvette enthusiast who owned several different models over the years but had a particular fondness for red ones. He also loved boating and golfing.

At home, Carlos lived with both dogs and cats during his lifetime. Most recently he enjoyed the company of his cats, Stinky B and Iva Blue, who were his constant companions.

Carlos is survived by his wife June, his children Jennifer Ghodsi and William Valella, grandchildren Madison and Alec Ghodsi, Emily and Katie Valella, Caleb and Clayton Cruse, son-in-law Greg Ghodsi, daughter-in-law Gina Cruse, and former daughter-in-law Mickey Valella. He is preceded in death by his father Hipolito Valella and mother Haydee Valella.

A visitation is scheduled on Wednesday, April 2 from 4-6 p.m. at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to local animal rescue, Furry Friends at 100 Capital Street, Jupiter, Florida 33458.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home

250 Center Street

Jupiter, FL 33458

(561) 744-2030

<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall

GI

“ I'm grateful to have known Carlos. He was always so welcoming and hospitable to me. He'd say "you don't need to worry about that" meaning he wanted to take care of it. I think I heard him say that more often than anything else! I enjoyed his sense of humor and ability to laugh at himself. He liked to tease and he let me tease him back with good humor. On our last visit he showed us how to make his delicious cornbread and wrote down his recipe for me. I know our family will always treasure having it and we will think of him when we make it. Rest in peace.

Love to June, and to everyone in the family.

Gina - March 22, 2025 at 12:33 PM

KV

“ One of my favorite memories of my grandpa is when he would call me “katie bug”. It was his nickname for me and only he could call me that. I remember getting birthday cards from him and they would have ladybugs on the outside just like “katie bug” ❤️

Katie Valella - March 21, 2025 at 11:45 AM

WB

Carlos was a true gentleman. He was a good friend, golfing-buddy, lunch companion and mentor. He was an ICON for GMAC in SoFL. He will be missed dearly but our memories and stories of him will live on forever. Peace and much love to the families and friends.

Wayne Boyd - March 21, 2025 at 06:55 PM

BB

Prayers for June and family. Carlos was a friend and I enjoyed working with him.

Bruce Buckingham - March 22, 2025 at 08:16 AM