



## Carlos E Mateo, Jr.

August 7, 1951 - July 13, 2019

Carlos E Mateo, Jr. Age 67, of Miller Beach, passed away July 13, 2019. He was a graduate of Andean High School, Class of 1969, and Ball State University, Class of 1973. He was a loving husband, father, brother and uncle. Carlos loved his Miller Beach Community with all his heart. He was a self-employed carpenter and he volunteered his time and enjoyed coaching all the youth at Nativity of our Savior Parish. No one was prouder of his daughter than Carlos. She was his whole world. Carlos' free spirit for life, his smile, and his hugs will be missed, but his love will forever remain in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carlos E. And Olga Tamargo Mateo. Carlos is survived by his loving wife- Liz; daughter-Mariah; brother- Michael (Paula) Mateo. Other survivors include many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Visitation for Carlos will be Friday, July 19, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Rev. Kevin McCarthy officiating. Interment Calvary Cemetery in Portage, IN. Donations may be made to the family to be used according to their wishes. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road  
Portage, IN 46368

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

JY

“ I guess that this is better late than never. Carlos was a frat bro at Ball State and he joined shortly before I graduated. That prevented me from spending more time with him. I was able attend one of his Labor Day weekend fraternity reunions. I'll remember him as a person who never was someone to draw attention to himself and was always genuinely glad to see me.

Jeff "Rufus" Young  
Omicron '69, Ball State '71

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Jeff Young - July 23, 2019 at 11:44 AM

PP

“ To Carlos's family, I am truly sorry for your incredible loss. As an Andrean classmate, he was always so cheerful and nice to everyone. My earliest memory of him goes back to the 8th grade. I went to St. Mary of the Lake and played the flute in the band. That Christmas, our band met up with other school's band at St. Peter and Paul to put on a Christmas concert. It was a fun day (plus no school.....yay!). I had met him then, as he was a drummer for, I think, St. Luke's. Then on to Andrean for high school, and soon we met again in band and laughed as we remembered that Christmas concert. My hubby & a few sisters had lunch at Ming Ling's one day then decided to stop in at Beach Cafe (too many years ago :(.

Carlos was there and was incredibly friendly, and especially beamed when he talked about his much loved family. He was a very special shining star, and I will always remember him fondly.

Pam (Landes) Palmer

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Pam Palmer - July 19, 2019 at 06:19 PM

VJ

“ Victor Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlos E Mateo, Jr.



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Victor Jackson - July 18, 2019 at 11:51 PM

VJ

“ He Was A Very Competitive And Hard Working Man. He Led Me To The Bailey Jr High School City Championship In Then The 440 Yard At A Record Setting State Best At 55.55 I Will Never Forget How Much He Challenged all His Runners, He Was Like A Father And Pushed Us To Be The Best By Practicing Your Event. I was A Winner And A Better Person Because Of His Coaching And Teaching. He Really got the Best Out Of You. Im forever Greatful For The Way He Challenged Me.Mr.Victor D. Jackson 1977-78 Gary Middle School 440 Yard Dash Champion.

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Victor Jackson - July 18, 2019 at 11:43 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 18, 2019 at 07:30 PM

AS

“ I am proud to state that Carlos Mateo has been my dear friend for nearly 50 years! He was always there when you needed him! His character was dominated by LOVE - in all its good persuasions, which include: kindness; loyalty; compassion; respect and justice - all of which were in perennial application towards family, friends and fellow man. He was a truly unique person of great complexity...he was Conquistador, Taino and Merengue syncopator all penuriously rolled-in-to-one that he termed as "HoosieRican"!

To Liz, Mariah, Mike and the rest of the Mateo family: our deepest sympathy...he adored all of you...you gave meaning to his life! A Good man is gone...but not lost...Dei Gratia!

Ah! Carlos...you will be Missed...but never Forgotten!

For all those cognoscenti who participated in his ways:

...Let's drink a toast to Carlos...let's shout one last "wazoo!" Lets slip the grip, give a slap on the back and know that our bonds are still true.

The things we had, the times that we shared, you know they will always be

Till they lay us to rest, and plant us all deep, and our spirits are once again free!

We'll always will be brothers, brothers. We have/are the Sig Tau Blues! (from the irrepressible song "The Sig Tau Blues")

Love to all,

Adrian Stackhouse and family

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Adrian Stackhouse - July 18, 2019 at 03:31 PM

DS

“ diane, bill, lynn and sasha purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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diane, bill, lynn and sasha - July 18, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 18, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 18, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 18, 2019 at 10:10 AM

MO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



mouse - July 18, 2019 at 10:09 AM

RT

“ My success as a Cross Country coach at Andean HS had a lot to do with Carlos and his ability to take a simple sport like running and show the kids at Nativity how to embrace a tough sport that inevitably would pave the way for many of them to have successful high school careers, but more importantly careers in college and thereafter. I always remember asking Carlos to join me at the high school ranks but he would always say, " then I can't feed you any runners." He was an honorable man, a man of integrity and high character and I will always be grateful for the bc example he was to the young kids that crossed his path, he loved them all. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family specifically Liz and Mariah, may God provide you comfort where emptiness presents itself.

Rick Torres - July 17, 2019 at 11:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



July 17, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 17, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *Extremely sorry that this happened. It was a shock to me as well as all his friends and family. He and I had run against each other for years; both knowing of each of our abilities and both besting each other at each race. (I'm 65+) Truthfully I couldn't wait till he would be in the next age group so I could possibly place. I have to work on Friday and can't make it, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Doug Pauley*

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**Doug Pauley** - July 17, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 17, 2019 at 07:04 PM

TO

“ *My condolences to the family. Carlos was an age group competitor of mine, his birthday being almost exactly one month earlier than mine. If we saw each other at a race we knew we would have to run harder to place, but I wouldn't have had it any other way. Always a good time after the finish and a most pleasant person. I've thought of him often. If the picture I sent comes out as I Hope it will, I am the fellow over his left shoulder. I'll catch him on the other side. Tom Ortega*



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**tom ortega** - July 17, 2019 at 05:52 PM

BM

“ *Liz & Mariah,  
We are so very sorry for your tremendous loss. We thought the world of Carlos. He was always so friendly & down to earth. We only got to see him about once every 5 years, but we seemed to just pick up from where we left off. He was always happiest talking about you - he was so proud of Mariah!  
We loved Carlos & rest assured, he will not be forgotten.*

*Mary & Bill Martin*

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**Bill & Mary Martin** - July 17, 2019 at 02:55 PM

BP

“ *Bernadette & Ewaldas (Duke) Pakalniskis lit a candle in memory of Carlos E Mateo, Jr.*



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**Bernadette & Ewaldas (Duke) Pakalniskis** - July 17, 2019 at 01:43 PM

JN

“ *Judy Nash purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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**Judy Nash** - July 17, 2019 at 01:20 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 16, 2019 at 09:28 PM

KK

“ Carlos lived the most exemplary life of almost anyone we have known. He took pride and pleasure in his family, work, and the service he gave to our community. We will always remember him as a joyous person who lived life to the fullest. Carlos seemed to know he had everything that's most important in life, especially his greatest loves, Liz and Mariah. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

*John and Karin Kirulis*

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**Karin Kirulis** - July 16, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 16, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 16, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



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July 16, 2019 at 05:07 PM

DH

“ David Hein purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



David Hein - July 16, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



July 16, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..



July 16, 2019 at 04:04 PM

KB

“ I was so sorry to read of Carlo's passing. I attended St. Luke's in Gary with both Carol and Michael. I often bumped into Carlos at the beach over the years. May he rest in peace.

Karen O'Brien Bynum - July 16, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 16, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *My sincere condolences on the passing of Carlos. I was hoping to see him at the upcoming Class of 69 reunion. I grew up in Miller and spent quite a lot of time at Miller beach in the summers and at the Miller beach Bath House. I remember him showing me the restoration/renovation he had worked on there. He will be missed and remembered by all those who knew him.*

*Kevin Flood, Class of 1969*

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**Kevin Flood** - July 16, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *Carlos warmly welcomed me as part of Mouse's 'family' many years ago. He was so excited when we asked him to be our daughter's (Jessica) God father. The many celebrations, beach parties, fireworks, reunion concerts & just hanging out are fondly remembered. It will be hard to not have him nearby, but he will always live in my heart.*

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**Sue Kolodzinski** - July 16, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *Carlos was always so proud that he won our very first Gallery Gallop Run in Miller so long ago. I will miss his smile and sense of humor-so much. We've lost a real friend. Tracy*

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**Tracy Cooley** - July 16, 2019 at 08:21 AM

JA

“ *The fond memories I have of Carlos are some of the most enjoyable in my lifetime. Carlos lived his life in friendship and kindness to all. A special person who took the time for all. He will be missed by many but not forgotten. Carlos, always in my heart, always in my mind. Our prayers and support are with your family. Jeff.*

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**Jeff Abrams** - July 16, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 15, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *Carlos of Coamo, lived el mejor de dos mundos,  
Work and Play, Run and Rest, City and Beach,*

*Carlos had the best love of two beautiful women.  
Liz and Mariah, wife and daughter,  
—we can't say anything you don't know,*

*But know this, Carlos is still looking out for you, for us.  
He is going to be at every tailgate party at IU games,  
At the beach 'office' when the discussion gets good,*

*Listening and finding the best way to solve it  
If there's a question to settle or project to fix,  
He'll show us how, with a Thumbs Up when done.*

*Carlos was a Craftsman in every way, not just a carpenter.  
He changed humble cottages to gems, castles on the sand.  
The beach was his inspiration, Miller and the lake his world.*

*He watched our house for us, while we were gone,  
an empty soldier on the counter to show he was there.  
Carlos shines in every window, passes through every wall*

*Carlos coached kids and ran with the pack to show the way  
He cared for Gary, for Miller and PR, least and great alike  
Hands-on was his way all-ways, whether with hammer or drums*

*The beat goes on, and Miller will never be the same, but yet,  
Because of Carlos Miller will always be the same,  
A precious gem in the industrial forge, love at its heart.*

*Love in the heat, warmth in the cold, Carlos Mateo is with us all,  
Showing us this work in progress, with his unforgettable smile,  
His chuckle, and his knock-on-wood. Just as Carlos said--we know  
it's true--*

*"Trust me"*

*John and Lillian Attinasi & Family*

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**John Attinasi** - July 15, 2019 at 07:47 PM

LR

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**Laurie Rice** - July 15, 2019 at 07:14 PM

JS

“ *I always liked Carlos. He was always happy and funny. My thoughts and prayers to all the family. Judy Sturges*

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**Judy Sturges** - July 15, 2019 at 05:36 PM

SS

“ *I remember battling it out with Carlos in a lot of road races, fun time and happy memories. My condolences to his family.*

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**sandy stefanski** - July 15, 2019 at 04:38 PM

RJ

“ *The bond between friends can't be broken by chance; no length of time or space can destroy it. Not even death itself can separate true friends....RIP my friend!*

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**Rodney Johnston** - July 15, 2019 at 03:55 PM

DC

*I was a neighbor of his late mother and father from their Puerto Rico 🇵🇷 home. Carlos used to run the San Blas de Illescas Marathon being such a caring person of all our community we would be all go out to support him. After he stopped running he would visit almost every year and the whole community where his mom and dad use to live always came out for his famous hugs. RIP dear friend and our Prayers are with Liz and Mariah, his two greatest loves of his life. His two girls, as he would say. 🙏 His friends and extended family from Urbanización Las Colinas of Coamo, Puerto Rico  
Our deepest Condolences to his family, he will never be forgotten ❤️*

**Damary / Daniella & all our Community** - July 15, 2019 at 07:00 PM



*“ Words alone cannot express my deepest sympathy ... Carlos was a friend to all of us in Miller and he lit up our neighborhood anywhere and everywhere he went. I pray that the power of prayer and all the love and support you are receiving from family, friends, near and far carry you thru these difficult days.....Rest Easy Carlos, I too will miss you and that infectious smile.*

**Nancy Galloway-Engel** - July 15, 2019 at 03:18 PM

DM

*“ Dan & Barb Molinaro purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



**Dan & Barb Molinaro** - July 15, 2019 at 03:01 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Maggie - July 15, 2019 at 01:47 PM

MA

*Will always have fun memories. RIP friend.*

Maggie - July 15, 2019 at 02:48 PM

VW

*We are so shocked and saddened by the loss of Carlos. He was one of our favorite people in Miller. He always had time for a chat and a laugh. The carpentry work he did for us was absolutely first rate as was the easy friendship he shared with us and so many others. We will miss him.*

Valerie Denney & Jack Weinberg - July 15, 2019 at 06:06 PM

RS

*Thoughts and prayers are with your family. Carlos and I raced together many times and had a common bond thru running. He always was so friendly and had a great smile! He will be missed. May God comfort you during this time and the days to come. Roger Steffen*

Roger Steffen - July 16, 2019 at 10:19 AM

AL

“ *What a wonderful man, I want to send my sincerest sympathy to Liz and Mariah, and all of Carlos friends and family. My prayer is for your peace, your comfort and healing hearts. May he rest in Heaven. Alexis Ballogg Lierman*



Alexis Lierman - July 15, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 15, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..*



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July 15, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Carlos was my pledge Father at the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity while we were attending Ball State University. I will never forget the energy that Carlos had each and every day. His smile that is shared on this posting is truly what speaks volumes for the blessing that all of us received by knowing Carlos. May he Rest In Peace!*

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**Jerry G Gabbard** - July 15, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Our prayers and condolences to Carlos's family. We will miss him.*

*Nereida Martinez Hernandez and family*

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**Nereida** - July 15, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carlos E Mateo, Jr..

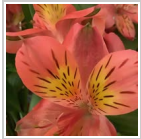


July 15, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ Carlos was an amazing coach and mentor. He pushed kids to do their best and never gave up on anyone. He was the only coach to ever get our daughter to run cross country! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Liz and Mariah! He will be greatly missed!

**Kemberly Markham** - July 15, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ prayers to Carlos family and friends ❤️



**Sharon Magro Anderson** - July 15, 2019 at 09:19 AM



*An unforgettable smile. RIP Carlos. Love to all who loved him.*

**Eileen Woodard** - July 15, 2019 at 05:53 PM