



## John B. Melendez

June 24, 1941 - July 11, 2022

John Melendez, age 81 of Crown Point, formerly of East Chicago, passed away peacefully at home on July 11, 2022 surrounded by his family. He was a retired firefighter with the City of East Chicago for 24 years and a proud owner of John A-1 Body Shop for over 30 years and an avid car enthusiast. John was preceded in death by his parents- Esteban and Catalina Melendez. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years- Toni; his two children- John David (Debbie) Melendez, Dianna (Hector) Roque; 7 grandchildren- Andrea, Jon Vincent, Brianna, Matthew, Lauren, Lisa and David; 4 great grandchildren- Skyla, James, Alyssa, Victor; siblings- Nestor (Patricia), Victor (Judie), Marisa, Nina (Hector) Lopez, David (Sherry); numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 12 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Chaplain Rick Greene officiating. A special thank you to his caregivers- Sara, Lesia and Amanda for their loving care, and his Traditions Hospice Team and Franciscan Senior Health & Wellness Team for their compassion and care. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John B. Melendez.*



July 21, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John B. Melendez.*



July 21, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of John B. Melendez.*



July 19, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *I was introduced to John by his grandson Jon, and I loved him immediately! What a great man and mentor! You will always be in my heart!*

**Craig Oldenberg** - July 16, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John B. Melendez.



July 16, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ John and family were always alley gang members. Great person great family!

Michael Chobanov - July 16, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ John, "Neighbor", would have the best garden vegetables season after season. Tomatoes the size of a softball and so tasty. Despite his ongoing feud with the neighborhood rabbits he would just plant extra for them. I was blessed & honored to be called "neighbor" by him.

Ruben Roque - July 16, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ We sure had a lot of good times together. Never will forget and always will remember. Retired Fire Chief Edwin Duwar Rest in Peace.

Edwin Duwar - July 15, 2022 at 10:13 PM

JM

“ For 28 years I have had the privilege of being John’s sister-in-law. He was a wonderful man full of love for his family. Vic and I always loved John’s visits to our Florida home. Those are memories we will always cherish. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Toni and Dianna & her family. May God bless and comfort all of you.

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**Judie Melendez** - July 15, 2022 at 07:54 PM

DB

“ To the entire Melendez family sending prayers and sympathy. Memory eternal. I was very lucky to have him in my life.

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**Denice Chobanov Barsich** - July 15, 2022 at 07:47 PM

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“ I will be forever indebted for the Life lessons he taught me and my children. Hector Roque

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**Hector Roque** - July 15, 2022 at 05:43 PM