



# Thomas Garriga

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**O**n Saturday, October 21st 2023, Thomas Garriga of Tamarac, Florida, was welcomed by the Lord into the gates of heaven with his beloved wife, Angela Garriga by his side. Thomas Garriga (Tommy) was born to Marianno and Aida Garriga on April 6th, 1951 in New York City. He is preceded by one brother, Alfred and four sisters, Dalia, Marie, Carmen, and Aida. He is survived by Esperanza, Margo and Julie.

Tommy's early jobs, which he held down while acquiring his associate degree, was a bank clerk. While working as an EMS Tech. he also studied to become a paramedic and was able to achieve this milestone in 1978. In 1992, he became a corrections officer. His hard work and dedication were a contributing factor in yielding him the opportunity to become a captain of a maximum-security prison in Walpole, Massachusetts. After becoming ill and being unable to continue his position as captain, he retired shortly thereafter.

He enjoyed going to mass at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church where he was a strong advocate in giving back to the community. He enjoyed DJ'ing, dancing, music, gambling, and the theater. His favorite color was blue, and his favorite pastime was watching his black and white movies.

Tommy is survived by his two sons, Desmond and Christopher Garriga and 2 stepchildren, Arlene Marie and Randy as well as 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He also leaves behind a innumerable amount of nieces, nephews, in-laws, aunts, uncles and friends and will be missed dearly by all who have had the privilege to cross his path.

He will be remembered as a man of spirituality, dignity, strength and grace. In his later years, he was able to enjoy his retired life with his devoted wife, Angie, of many years in Tamarac, Florida.



# Events

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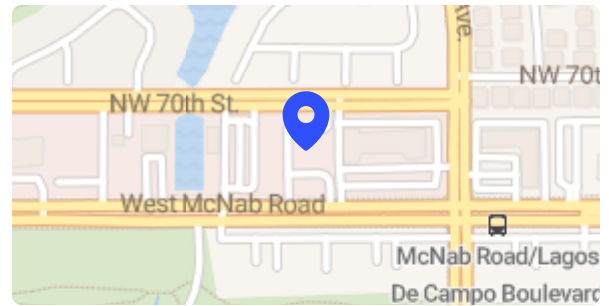
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## Chapel Service

 **Friday**, October 27, 2023

 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Alexander-Levitt Funerals and Cremations**  
8135 W. McNab Rd., Tamarac FL 33321





## Tribute Wall

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**Anthony** posted:

To my Uncle, my best friend, my mentor, you were the man the rock that taught so much about life. You guided at times when I was down, you encouraged me when life was going well. You always had a way with words to keep me level headed. We enjoyed so many good times together from playing basketball, paddleball and other sports, to enlightening me in our endeavors in the world of music. I remember when you would take me to church on Sundays, St. Thomas on Southern Blve and 174th Street. We both held high standards professionally when it came to becoming a paramedic. There was so many times when either one of us would call each other and it was like we lived close by. Our last talk we had I knew and felt the pain you were having, the breathing was heavy. You told me to take care of myself, knowing that I too have the heart condition you had. You always asked about my prostate cancer, and digestive issues when all I wanted to talk about was you. You gave me great insight into the history of our family. I learned plenty from you and you guided me through life, you Titi Julie, Titi Nena, Grandma, My Mother and Uncle Richie. Now left are only Titi Julie and Titi Esperanza and Marainna. I feel kind of empty but I know you are deep in my heart forever, until we meet again in Heaven, God Bless your soul Uncle Tommy. God Bless. You taught me that family is the most important thing in life. I will miss you greatly. From Anthony your nephew

October 27 at 12:21 PM

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**Nadine Obrien** posted:

Tommy...a gentle giant! May you be at peace and in the light! You are loved and missed.Nadine and Fred

October 25 at 2:23 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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