



Sergio Luis Diaz-Rivera

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CW5 Sergio Luis Díaz-Rivera was born in 1952 in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, made friends with everyone he met, and passed away unexpectedly on April 9th, 2024 at the age of 71 in Tamarac, Florida. He loved and was loved by many who knew him as Serg, Chief, Dad, Abuelo, Sergito, and Abuelito.

In his spare time, he loved gardening, connecting with family, teaching, laughing, singing, helping others, learning, and passionately cheering on the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs and Miami Hurricanes football teams.

Sergio proudly served in the United States Army for over 42 years, attaining the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Five (CW5), with deployments in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Outside of his military career, he worked as a Biomedical Engineer at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lee's Summit Hospital, and North Kansas City Hospital.

Sergio had an incredible sense of humor, was a selfless leader, proud Puerto Rican, patriotic American, Home Depot MacGyver, and knew a little bit about everything. He insisted on giving people nicknames and also had a special knack for hand-drawing birthday and Christmas cards for his kids and grandkids.

Sergio was preceded in death by his parents Celio Díaz Morales and Elicia "Alicia" Rivera Clas, sister Ana Elsa "Elsie" Díaz Santiago, and brother Rafael Díaz-Rivera. He is survived by his children Brandon "Daddio" and Sarah "Sarita" Díaz, Lindy "Grillita" Díaz, & Marli "Coqui" and Scott Penderis, nephew Juan Carlos "Juanky" García Díaz, niece Ani García Díaz and grandchildren Madisyn "Madi-boo" Tucker, Chase "Veterano" Enz, Hayden "JuJuBee" Díaz, Cole "Cano" Díaz, Preston "Pitirre" Penderis, & Isabella "Chachita" Penderis.

The family will be celebrating his life on Saturday April 20th at 2:00 pm at Alexander-Levitt Funerals (8135 W McNab Rd., Tamarac, FL 33321) and asks that any donation made in Sergio's



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honor go towards the "Wounded Warrior Project." For those who cannot attend in person, the service will be streamed via Zoom: <https://www.shiva.com/9k0aiyz4>



Events

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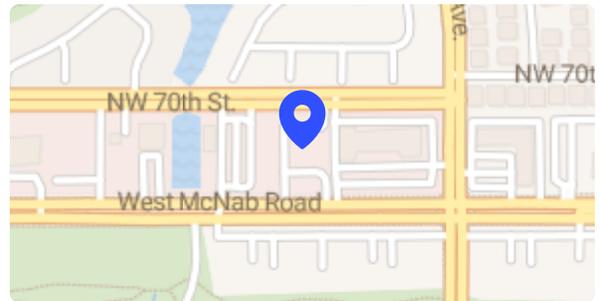
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 20, 2024

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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





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KA

Kate posted:

my name is kate. i first connected with sergio when he received one of the christmas cards i sent to the military hospital he was recovering in. we shared cards and letters back and forth for a time, and then began talking and texting. sergio had the biggest heart. he was compassionate and sweet. he was full of the most beautiful light. i was so blessed that he shared these things, and so much more with me. he was what i most looked forward to in my days. he opened my heart, and it was an incredible gift. sergio and i could talk about anything. we made big plans. we laughed. we shared so much. he was an absolute treasure. we lost touch for a time, which was incredibly hard for me. we recently reconnected though. we were both so excited. he told me he had so much to tell me. unfortunately, we didn't have that chance. my heart is breaking for all those who lost him. sergio sacrificed so much for all of us; he was brave and selfless and cared so much about his fellow service men and women as well as this country. i respected, admired and appreciated his service. i loved and cared about him, so much. i used to struggle opening up, sharing love and trust, connecting. sergio was so patient and understanding. i was able to share with sergio. i don't know that i did a proper job of letting him know just how special he was. i hope he knew. i hope he understood how much he meant to me. i hope he knew the positive impact he had on me and my life. i wish he had had the chance to tell me all the things he wanted to. i wish we had more time. my heart hurts so much knowing he is gone. to sergio's kiddos, grandkiddos, and family, you all have my sincerest condolences. i hope that knowing he was so loved by so many brings you some comfort. may we all treasure our memories and be so thankful we had the opportunity to be blessed with him and his love. i know how much he loved you all and i hope that love brings you peace at this time. sergio, rest in peace papi. i will love you, for always. thank you for EVERYTHING!

April 28 at 3:57 PM

GR

Gregory lit a candle in honor of Sergio.

Gregory lit a candle in memory of Sergio Diaz-Rivera

April 20 at 10:44 AM



HR

Hector V Rhon lit a candle in honor of Sergio.

Sergio was an esteemed member of our community. He was so generous with his time and always had a friendly word to share with us, and we will miss him. Our deepest condolences to Sergio's family during this very difficult time. May he rest in peace!!

April 16 at 5:45 AM





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Ria Team sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Diaz-Rivera family.



April 15 at 6:05 PM



Sue Ducasse posted:

Having to stop at that stop sign and not seeing that garage door open, with him sitting there ,smiling and waving is just heartbreaking. Sleep in peace my friend.

April 15 at 2:21 PM



Sarah Guess Díaz shared a photo to the **Sergio** album.



April 15 at 9:22 AM



Kate April 25 at 10:18 AM

what an incredible picture! ❤️



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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