



Deacon Carlos Perez Beltran of Chicago

February 14, 1931 - October 31, 2014

Deacon Carlos Pérez – You're one of a Kind! Deacon Carlos Pérez, a.k.a, Papù, 83, of Chicago, Illinois, really loved life and lived it to the fullest. He took a one-way flight to heaven, Friday, October 31, 2014, and slept peacefully through his flight until he reached his final destination. (18/) A celebration of life memorial will be held from 3:00p.m. to 9:00p.m., on Wednesday, the 5th of November, 2014 at Morizzo's Funeral Home 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Family and Friends will meet Friday, November 07, 2014 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2515 West Palatine Road, Inverness, IL. 60067, from 9:30 A.M. to time of Mass 10:30 A.M. with a luncheon following the Funeral Mass.

Deacon Carlos was an amazing person and one of a kind. Yes, he was a fine example of someone who genuinely followed in Jesus Christ's footsteps and promoted his teachings. He was a wonderful father, husband, dad, grandfather, provider, friend, employee, inventor, Deacon, and spiritual advisor as well as so much more! He was a generous and compassionate man who would literally take the shirt off his back in order to help someone. A man who didn't judge and who made you feel at home instantly, Deacon Carlos Pérez was kind with a tremendous tender heart and an incredible sense of humor.

He was an athlete and as a champion tennis player he won several 1st and 2nd place trophies, yet he remained ever so humble. He was also very musically talented as he played piano, guitar, harmonica, accordion and sang!

Fond memories come to mind of him ritually stepping away from the table after dinner to play the piano while mom sang:) More often than not, music surrounded him pretty much up until he took that last flight. His journey began when he was gifted by God in birth to Felipe Pérez and Feliciano Pérez (Beltran) his parents, on February 14th, 1931 in Guadalajara Jalisco, México. He grew up a very privileged little boy in a financially abundant family and graduated from the Universidad Autónoma de México (Autónoma University of México). He decided to venture out on his own and went against all politics and protocol of high social classes when he decided to marry for love. He had informed his father that the love he found was priceless and opted for renouncing his copious birthright in order to marry the woman he loved, and moved to her birthplace, Chicago Illinois, U.S.A. There he would, with the love of his life, begin a new journey and start a family. They arrived in the United States, and in the city of Chicago. He with his wife, who barely spoke English, just 50 cents in his pocket, and when the tallest building was the Prudential building, together they stood side-by-side while she exclaimed, "We may be a poor little Mexican couple but we will see that building eye to eye. " Deacon Carlos Pérez demonstrated who he was, his will to survive and succeed by providing for his wife, Estela Pérez, her mother Rosario Guerrero and her grandmother Romalda Guerrero whom he has now joined, along with his sisters, Esperanza Gascón, and Consuelo Pérez de Becerra and one of his children, a daughter, Maria Elena Cabrera (Mike) may they all rest in Our Lord's embrace. Deacon Carlos is presently survived by 2 Siblings, Ana Maria Pérez de Williams, and Jose Luis Pérez. He is also presently survived by his children 4 daughters and 2 sons; Maria Lourdes Kepes (Michael John) Lucy Marie, Rosemary Mumford (Jon) Mary Ann Barrios (Joe) Carlos Pérez, (Yanira) and Rafael Pérez. He was Grandfather and Great Grandfather to 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Deacon Carlos is also survived by countless nieces, nephews, great and grand nieces and nephews. He worked for S&C Electric Company for over 30 years. He began on the assembly line and with the birth of every

child worked ever more ardently which in turn led to his final promotion as Senior Draftsman. This exemplary man out of love for his wife provided for the 11 members in his family and at one point worked to own three houses in order to educate his children. While he worked at S&C Electric Company, he invented one of the first Car Alarm Systems, and obtained a United States patent. He and his wife were pioneers in the formation of the Christian Family Movement (C.F.M.) known as the Movimiento Familiar Cristiano (M.F.C.) in Spanish. This movement targeted the English speaking and Spanish speaking Christian family communities and brought families together to share in enriching activities for spiritual growth. He later made history when he was ordained in the first class of Hispanic Deacons in the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago and with his wife ministered in various churches in Chicago Illinois; St. Veronica's Parish, St. Mark's Church, Queen of Angels Parrish, St. Joseph's Church, St. Viator's Parrish, St. Joseph's church in Cobden and St. Francis Xavier's Church in Carbondale Illinois. As a team, they both worked for the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago for the Office of Marriage and Family Life. He and his wife were Pioneers in leading the Pre-Cana sessions in Spanish and even published a booklet! In 1976, he and his wife also received an award for their work in Ministry from the Chicago Association of Priests.

One day, while attending a diocesan meeting that took place in a high rise on one of the upper floors in this building, which surpassed the other buildings around them, Deacon Carlos's wife, Estela, opened the blinds and called him over and right there, across from them, was another building, a special one, for it was the same building they had first looked upon when they first arrived in Chicago so many years ago. This special building was none other than the infamous once upon a time tallest building in Chicago that they were in awe and splendor of. So there they stood, looked out the window and realized they were eye to eye with a familiar sign. It read PRUDENTIAL! And they were not even on the highest floor! Yes... Deacon Carlos Pérez had accomplished what he and the love of his life set out to do! Dad, you were undoubtedly invaluable

and have taught us well. You have touched all of us who were blessed to know you and love you. And although we know you are in a precious new place now, until we meet again, we will miss you dad for you were so loved... so very loved.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

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Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Carlos Perez Beltran of Chicago*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Dear Lucy and family, It is with deep regret and with our warmest condolences we share with all of you during this challenging moment. We have very fond and loving memories of you. Your father was such a great person. Although his physical being will be greatly missed, his divine spirit will continue to provide his fatherly oversight. Our prayers will be with all of you. Love, Annie and Respicio*

Respicio F Vazquez - December 26, 2014 at 04:20 AM



“ *Please accept my most sincere condolences upon the death of a great man. I think of you often and hoped to see you again someday soon. Please contact me when you can. Mi mas sincero pésame a Doña Estela y familia. Que Dios les fortalezca con su amor. P. Mateo*

matthew broohy - December 09, 2014 at 01:59 AM

AR

“ Dearest Lucy and Family,
I consider myself lucky to have been able to meet your parents, Lucy. I remember they shared incredibly inspiring stories. I also consider myself lucky and blessed to have met you, Lucy, in Carbondale, IL so many years ago now. I remember that your Father felt a connection to St. Xavier's and the community there and that he was a welcomed presence there. I really enjoyed reading about your Father's life, and between that and all of the awesome family stories you shared with me, I concur that he and your mother's spirits were positively influential ones within your immediate family as well as among the many people they encountered throughout life. When I think of your Father I immediately think of your Mother, for the team they were. Thank you, Lucy for being my dear kind friend and inviting me to respond here.
Love,
Angela

Angela Rutigliano - November 17, 2014 at 03:36 PM

GP

“ There are no words adequate enough to express the gratitude and affection I have for the unconditional love Mr. Perez brought to my life through his beautiful family... and I was only one of so many.

George Pappas - November 13, 2014 at 06:48 AM

LH

“ Lucy, thank you for sharing the life of your father. He must have been an amazing man. I can see where you got your strong faith and musical talent. It is comforting to know that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones. Continued prayers for you and your family.
Lena

Lena Hake - November 12, 2014 at 03:10 AM

SS

“ Dear Lucy and family, My deepest sympathies to you all. May God grant eternal rest to your Father and let His perpetual light shine upon his soul. Please know that you are held in my heart and prayers. What joy we shall know when at last we shall rejoice in the arms of our Eternal Father! Jesus, I Trust In You! Susan Sheffer

Susan Sheffer - November 08, 2014 at 05:22 AM

MJ

“ Lucy, thank you for inviting me to read your parents' story! I pray their influence will be spread to many friends of theirs and that many will be introduced to Jesus and His love! What a wonderful life they had together....and shared with their children! Can't you just picture your father and mother together, singing praises together, and enjoying their new home in Heaven!!!! I'm so glad you were able to spend time with your father and sing to him; what a blessing that was to you both!!! I pray the Lord has been wrapping His arms around you, Lucy, and holding you close. You know He will never leave you alone, even on the darkest of days...He is always there just waiting for us to call out to Him. I pray He will continue to help you as you go back to Carbondale and get into the 'routine' again. Just remember, you have many folks in C'dale who love you very much and are praying for God's blessings upon you! Although I'm no longer in C'dale, I still love you, Lucy! You are a very unique person and I know God will continue to lead your life each day! You will be in my prayers!

Marilyn Rasche Juhlin - November 06, 2014 at 04:57 PM

TR

“ myncondolences to the loving family. I am Lucy’s friend SIU and currently in Istanbul, Turkey. I had the honor to know Estela and Carlos during my stay in Carbondale. They were the perfect love story that everyone would be lucky to have. It brough tears to the eyes when i used listen to their fairytale! Now they are together for eternity. We believe there is a special purpose for everyone in life and Carlos has fulfilled this purpose in complete perfection as a loving husband,father,grandfather, community leader and friend. Carlos and Estela are finally together at rest for ever and this is where their happily ever starts. They have done so many good things in life that they are proud to leave behind. They have taught their children the meaning of their love and their love for God. And they will continue their parents traditions and values to make difference in others lives. My friendship with Lucy has touched my life in so many ways anyone would be lucky to have her in their lives. And i know she was one of the loving fruits of Carlos and Estela. May they both rest in peace, and eternity and forever love...

Tulin Cetin r - November 05, 2014 at 09:29 AM

MC

“ Dear Lucy and family, I am sooo excited that your Dad’s soul was free to go marching in with the Saints on November 1! I think he just couldn’t wait.
I did not have the privilege of meeting Deacon Carlos, but I have certainly witnessed his legacy. I am grateful for his courage and for sharing his gift!

Maria Cristina - November 05, 2014 at 03:53 AM

BB

“ Lucy,
I am so happy to have known your mother and father back in Carbondale, IL. I enjoyed them so much. I remember your mom as a wonderful cook, and your dad as funny and engaging. Chad and I so enjoyed knowing them....and YOU. Know that he is in heaven and he and your mother and all the loved ones who passed before them are now together. And I hear singing! I wish I could have heard your dad play the accordion. Now I understand why you are such a beautiful singer and have a beautiful soul.
Love you forever,
Your friend, Bonnie

Bonnie Briggs - November 05, 2014 at 03:19 AM

MA

“ In this time of sadness
May you see God
In the faces of friends,
Hear Him in their voices,
Feel Him in the touch
Of their hands
May their help, caring
And sympathy
Reflect His love and kindness
At this time
When you need Him most. with Caring Thoughts Consuelo Ayala
and family

Maria Consuelo Ayala - November 05, 2014 at 03:09 AM

TM

“ I met Mr. Perez in 1980. The house on Argyle street was like a second home to me and the Perez family was like a second family to me. These two things came at a time when I really needed it and I have never forgotten that. I always felt welcome there to eat, share, tell stories at the kitchen table, and celebrate music. He was one of the examaples that taught me masculinity was not about being macho. It is about being gentle, caring, and providing uncondditional love to your family. These are things I try to do in my own life and he was certaainly a wonderful example of that. Look at all of the wonderful life he helped create! At mass on Sunday we sung Be Not Afraid. I immediately thought of him and his passing. I know he was not afraid as he passed into a better place.

Todd Mayer - November 04, 2014 at 03:18 PM

AZ

“ lucy, it was an honor to have met your parents. they have done a great job raising their children and you're a great example of it. i love their love story and how they helped change the world. now they're together, love birds singing in harmony. love you Lucy. your pal alfredo.

alfredo Isaac zires - November 04, 2014 at 02:25 PM

MK

“ Dear Rafael and Perez family, Thanks for sharing your father's incredible story.
It's an amazing example of the blessings that can come for having the courage to follow your heart with a deep belief in faith and family.
Prayers for your family for your loss. Mark Karhoff
Rafael's friend (and past coworker)

Mark Karhoff - November 04, 2014 at 02:19 PM

MK

“ I met your daughter, Mary Elena, at a TOWH retreat in 1980! We became fast friends in a weekend and I was invited to the Perez Casa shortly after. You had a houseful already, with 7 of your own children, but me and so many other friends of your children were welcomed as family every time we came over! You always had a smile and chatted with us for a while and your lovely wife almost always had something in the kitchen to share with guests!! Time passed, but I reconnected with mi hermosa esposa, Maria!! When we dated, you were living with her and I remember the chats we had!! We talked about sports, weather, work, news of the day, movies or about life in general!! You always had a smile and I felt welcomed again, like I did 30+ years ago!! You touched countless lives here on earth and everyone that met you became a better person for meeting you! You raised your children beautifully and they now raise theirs, following your example!!! We could see how much you loved your wife, Estela, and know how much you missed her! You are now where you have longed to be, in her arms again!!! That tap on your shoulder is Mary Elena, she wants to hug her Papi!!! You were born on Valentine's Day and left us on Halloween!? So appropriate!? You have a kind, warm and generous heart but also a humorous/trick or treat side to you as well!!! Thank you for all people you were!!! Son, brother, co-worker, friend, deacon, father, grandfather, great grandfather and maybe your most favorite person, HUSBAND!!!! You are now with your beloved esposa and I wish you peace and happiness with her for eternity and longer!!! You will be missed terribly but never forgotten by those who knew and loved you!!! Rest in Peace!!

Mike Kepes - November 04, 2014 at 11:54 AM

BC

“ Dear Mr.Perez, You were such a good man. I always enjoyed visiting with you when you and your wife were staying with Lucy. I know where her big heart and unconditional love comes from. You were always so kind to me and Alfredo.You touched so may lives. Sending prayers and love to your family.

Bridget Carney - November 04, 2014 at 01:15 AM

LJ

“ Such a warm spirited man and loving family..he embraced me as his own when I was just a eager young college student..Along with him and his eyes that smiled was his beautiful daughter and my friend forever, Lucy.. Your father well be missed and loved forever...

Lee England Jr - November 03, 2014 at 11:18 PM

SR

“ Dear Lucy & Family: Your father was a WONDERFUL person! He touched the hearts of many and is greatly missed. May you find comfort, peace, and healing as you reflect and cherish the memorable times shared with your Beloved Father. “May the Lord of peace Himself, give you peace at all times, and in every way.”
Sheree Randle – SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Sheree Randle - November 03, 2014 at 10:15 PM

FC

“ Querida familia perez lamento mucho su perdida pero al mismo tiempo es lindo saber que dios les dio la gran bendicion de tener un papa tan especial como lo fue el señor Carlos de corazon deceamos que Dios los bendiga y les ayude a superar su dolor

Familia luna cortes - November 03, 2014 at 09:04 PM

ES

“ Dear Maria and your wonderful family, Reading the history of your dad was like reading a great novel. What your dad endured to be with your mother was powerful. I can see why you, Maria, are such a loving person spreading your love over so many people. May God wrap his arms around you and your family to bring you comfort. May your dad for ever more rest in peace with the love of his life.... Eddi

Eddi Scott - November 03, 2014 at 07:18 PM

AW

“ Dear Rose and family, What a beautiful story of a beautiful man! He surely lives on in you as you carry his joy and love of life. Wishing you peace in these coming days. Love,
Ann

Ann Walle - November 03, 2014 at 06:37 PM

JL

“ Dear Rose and family, In reading about your father, your sadness mixed with the joy of this incredible man, was evident. You will miss him, and you will remember him forever. With prayers and wishes for all of you. James Landis

James Landis - November 03, 2014 at 05:32 PM