



Wilfredo Morales

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Wilfredo "Fred" Morales, age 58, of Lorain, passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, September 2, 2011 at the Cleveland Clinic following a lengthy illness.

He was born on December 5, 1952 in Cayey, Puerto Rico. He moved to Spanish Harlem, New York as a baby and to Lorain, Ohio at the start of High School. Wilfredo was a 1971 graduate of Southview High School. He enlisted with the United States Air Force in 1975 and was honorably discharged in 1977. He continued his education at Cleveland State University earning a Bachelor Degree in Chemical Engineering, a Masters Degree from the University of Toledo and a PHD from Cleveland State University.

He was employed by NASA as a Chemical Engineer for 33 years. He took great pride in his profession and was extremely dedicated to his research in the field of space exploration. He wrote many articles for numerous publications and obtained patents for his research. He was also the recipient of the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement award in 2006 for outstanding technical achievement.

Wilfredo was a very special man and was always there to help anyone in need. He enjoyed spending his free time reading, listening to music, watching movies and jogging. He was also a black belt in Judo. His most treasured time was the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren who referred to him as "Pa". He was an amazing husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Iris (nee Gonzalez); son, Wilfredo (Susan) Morales Jr., of Morrow, Ohio; daughter, Julie (Gary) Fisher, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; grandchildren, Gage and Lainey Reynolds, Conner, Niko and Logan Morales; mother, Aida Gonzalez; sisters, Elizabeth Martinez, of Amherst and Evelyn Silva, of Elyria.

He was preceded in death by his fathers, Antonio Gonzalez and Andres Morales.



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The Morales family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst. Closing prayers will be said on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. in the funeral center followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain. Rev. Fr. William Thaden, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

Online condolences may be left for the Morales family at www.dovinreberjones.com



Events


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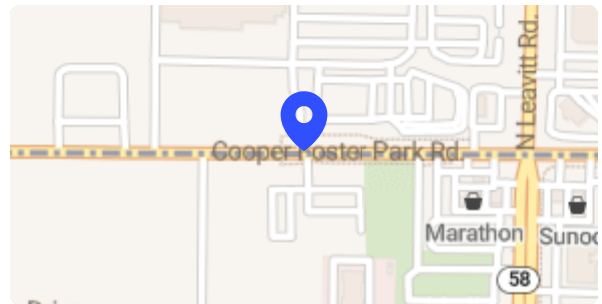
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, September 6, 2011

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001





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GN

Gabriella Palacios - Louisville, Ky - Great Niece posted:

we love and miss you uncle Fred:)

December 19 at 8:00 PM

ES

Evelyn M Silva - Elyria, Oh - Sister posted:

Not a day goes by that I don't think about my brother. I miss him very much and can't wait until we are together again in heaven with God. I am happy that he is no longer suffering but I really miss talking to him and just being around him. He really was a very special person. I am currently trying to set up a scholarship fund in his name so that he will never be forgotten. What he accomplished in his life educationally was against all odds. I want to honor his memory by setting up this fund in his name. This scholarship will be given to a deserving high school senior that is going into the same field as Fred did. I am still working on the details but will be setting up an account at a local bank. Anyone interested in helping can email me or call me at 440-452-1001. I am going to "PAY IT FORWARD" and do what I can to remember my brother. Love you always your sister Evelyn.....

September 23 at 8:00 PM

BN

Bob Handschuh - Cleveland - Colleague At Nasa posted:

Wilfredo and I took many classes together in Graduate School at NASA Glenn. We became friends discussing the course work we were involved in at the time. We had a common admiration for one of our Transport Professors, Dr. DeWitt. Eventually we were able to work together for a short time before his illness. Wilfredo was in my Team within the Tribology and Mechanical Components Branch for the last few years. I am so sorry for your loss. Bob Handschuh

September 11 at 8:00 PM

PN

Patricia A. Parker - Cleveland, Oh - Worked With Fred At Nasa posted:

I worked with Fred at NASA several years ago. I was always impressed with his cheerful manner and "can do" attitude. He will be missed greatly. My sincere sympathy to his family.

September 11 at 8:00 PM



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NW

Nelson Morales - Lakewood, Oh - Co-Worker posted:

Wilfredo was always willing to help out others. We both went to the inner city school to tutor math to high school students. I always remember his enthusiasm to help. Wilfredo, you will be missed by many. Nelson

September 6 at 8:00 PM

VW

Vern Wedeven - Newtown Square, Pa - Co-Worker posted:

My good friend Fred and I shared an office at NASA for a few years before I left NASA in 1983. He is fondly remembered as a pleasant person to work with and innovative in his deep thoughts. He always struck me as a caring and loving father. I am so appreciative to have been part of Fred's life for that brief period of time. My sympathy goes to his family and close friends who will miss this gracious man.

September 5 at 8:00 PM

SF

Susan Gott - North Royalton , Oh - Friend posted:

It was a pleasure to know and work with Fred over the years at NASA. He was a caring and genuine person, who always had a smile on his face. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

September 5 at 8:00 PM

BW

Bernadette Puleo - Independence, Oh - Co-Worker posted:

May God Be with all of you at this difficult time. I was a co-worker of Fred's and he was a very kind man. We liked to talk about the NASA way of doing things. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May the dear Lord, Jesus, wrap you all in His loving Hands and hold you up during this time.

September 5 at 8:00 PM

CC

Carmin Carrillo Colon - Reading, Pa - Prima , Cousin posted:

TO MY TITI AIDA MY PRAYERS IS FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY , MI PRIMO DESCANSE EN PAZ C EN LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS AMEN RIP FREDDY BYE FOR NOW I SEE YOU IN HAVEN YOU PRIMA CARMIN

September 5 at 8:00 PM



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JW

Jose Ayala - Lorain, Oh - Friend And Nasa Co-Worker. posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Morales family. May God bless you with comfort and strength during this most difficult time. Fred was a good friend and mentor to me during my time with NASA. We prided ourselves in saying we were from South Lorain and Southview. Above all. his contributions and commitment to our Nation, NASA and his loving family, is something I am most proud of.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

ES

Evelyn M Silva - Elyria , Oh - Sister posted:

I will always remember the times we spent together and cherish the memories of the things we talked about. No one deserves to suffer, as you did but I have comfort in knowing you are at peace and no longer suffering. You were taken from us way too early but God has a plan for all of us. Will always love you and will never forget you.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

BL

Barb & Tom Layton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in John 11:20-27 give you hope and comfort.

September 4 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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