



Antonio Juan Padilla

February 19, 1982 - May 4, 2021

FOR A SON, FATHER, BROTHER, FRIEND

Antonio Juan Padilla was called home to eternal life on May 4, 2021. He was born on February 19, 1982 to the union of Carlos Padilla and Lillie Mae Larkins in Jamaica Queens, New York and shared his earthly life with us for 39 years.

Antonio was a caring, charming, cheerful young man with an infectious sense of humor and big smile. He loved to help others, especially senior citizens. He was widely known and deeply loved in the community. He never said "No" to anyone who asked him to lend a hand and his co-workers and employers considered him a hard worker.

Antonio received his formal education at St. Clement Pope Elementary School and Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School in Queens, New York. He matriculated at St. Francis University in Brooklyn, and Beaufort County Community College in Washington, NC. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served as a sharpshooter.

Antonio accepted Christ and was baptized around the age of eight. Like his twin sister, Antoinette, Antonio was a track athlete throughout school and college. He was his State's high school champion in long jump, triple jump, 300-meter hurdles and played the clarinet. Antonio and his twin sister served as ushers, sang in the choir, ran track together, and shared that special bond of closeness that only twins can share.

Antonio was preceded in death by his father, Carlos Padilla; grandparents,

Mary Best Tyre, William "Buster" and Gladys Simmons.

Antonio was previously married to Marika (nee Young), to which one son, Antonio Juan Padilla, Jr., was born of their union. A loving father, he leaves five beautiful children to cherish his memory, Antonio Juan Padilla, Jr. of Chapel Hill, NC, Zay'Kwon Tuten of Aurora, NC, Jahzara A. Padilla, Alexiha L. Padilla, and Alana Padilla, of Rock Hill, SC; Antonio lives on forever in the hearts of those who love him dearly, his mother, Lil Larkins of Aurora, NC; sister, Eleanor D. Moore (and partner, Desi Baptiste) of Brooklyn, NY; twin sister, Antoinette Y. Padilla (Katharine LaBoy Padilla) of Jamaica, NY; sisters, Regine Padilla of Charlotte, NC and Juanita Padilla of Bronx, NY; maternal aunt and uncle, Annie Grimes and William Charles Larkin, both of Aurora, NC; "play grandmother" Mattie Moore of Aurora, NC; "play mom and dad" Lawrence and Geneva Moore of Aurora; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Antonio Juan Padilla left us all too soon; he will be missed.

Cemetery Details

Idalia Cemetery

Aurora, NC 27806

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 15. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Antonio Juan Padilla

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ Joyce White lit a candle in memory of Antonio Juan Padilla



Joyce White - May 15, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Dear Antoinette and Family, You have our deepest sympathies and condolences in the loss of your brother Antonio, truly gone too soon. Please know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We share in your grief today and please know that we are here for you during this very difficult time of personal loss. You and your brother will forever be our Hebron Baptist Church Children. Antonio was always so helpful to everyone. He will be missed. Pray your memories of him will live on in your heart and comfort you in the long dark days ahead. Trust God and know that he will always be with you.

In Profound Sorrow and Love, 🙏💜✝️🌹

Trustee Joyce White and Family (Jesonne, Julian and Sheena)

Joycd White - May 15, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 14, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 13, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ 😔 *you gave me one of the greatest gifts ever & I will forever remind him of your love for him! I never thought this day would come so soon but until we meet again Tony rest easy 💔*



Latisha Tuten - May 13, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 13, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Shiapola Gaynor lit a candle in memory of Antonio Juan Padilla*



Shiapola Gaynor - May 13, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 13, 2021 at 02:25 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.



May 12, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ I'm still in disbelief.. We went to St. Clement Pope together with your twin sister 5th grade until graduation My first crush because I could talk to you about anything. You was always joking making me laugh. Remember that time in gym doing those sit ups? I was so embarrassed lol. You were a good friend. Always respectful. Even kept in touch throughout the years. Thanks to social media a lot of us classmates got a chance to keep in touch. I'm heartbroken. I know your soul is resting. We sure said enough Hail Mary's lol in our youth. I'm praying strength for wife, children your mom and your womb mate especially.. You will be missed.

Natalie Richardson - May 12, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ Antonio was like a son to me he was kind and when he came to Brooklyn he came to visit me and when he stayed on Brooklyn I picked him up and we went to church together. What ever took him away from us. God had the answer and will handle what needs to be done. To God be the glory for all he has done and will do. 🙏

Sharron Edwards-alleyne - May 12, 2021 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Sharron Edwards-alleyne lit a candle in memory of Antonio Juan Padilla*



Sharron Edwards-alleyne - May 12, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 11, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 11, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *My dear friend I don't know what happened but one thing you and a few others has taught me is that Time is the enemy I haven't seen you in awhile but we kept in touch you had a beautiful heart and soul I prey your family finds the strength to get through this difficult time lam so lost for words My condolences to the family in the most biggest way 🙏🙏*



Danny Young - May 11, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 10, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 10, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 10, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 10, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Antonio Juan Padilla.*



May 10, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *I lost my best friend...*

The only person who knew me more than I knew myself, the ONLY person that I could say who loved ME Unconditionally: Attitude, Stubbornness, and ALL! With whom I shared many Teenage memories with. We lost contact throughout the years but reacquainted with each as of recent. We learned a lot about each other during our time away but that did not change the feelings we had for each other. I will NEVER Love anyone the same again. My Heart is heavy; My Heart is BROKEN, I am Numb. I am at a complete lost for words with His sudden passing as I've never experienced such a loss of this magnitude so close to me, but I know I have gained an Angel. My prayers go out to his mom, children and sisters, especially with him being the twin of Antoinette Padilla.

Antonio, I will ALWAYS LOVE YOU...

Until We Meet Again 🙏🙏🙏



Ebony Booker - May 10, 2021 at 07:46 PM