



RICHARD IVAN CRUZ

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Richard Ivan Cruz

February 16, 1949 - August 16, 2019

Richard Ivan Cruz, 70, died Friday, August 16, 2019 at home, following a brief illness. Born in Rochester, NY to his parents both preceding him in death.

Mr. Cruz was a long-time veteran employee at the Miami Dade County Clerk's Office, having completed 47 devoted years of county service. He loved serving the public and assisting them with their complicated driver license issues.

He not only took pride in his work, but truly relished the friends he made during his time in public civil service. Over the years, his expertise with traffic court records, and his reliability for having perfect attendance, earned him the reputation of being one of the best resources for case research and problem solving.

Mr. Cruz had a passion for his beloved football team The Miami Dolphins, and remained an avid fan until his last days.

He leaves to cherish two brothers, Glenn Cruz (wife Mina) of Jacksonville, FL, one nephew, Cary Cruz, and brother Russell Cruz of Miami, FL. And a host of close friends and many caring co-workers at the Clerk's Office Traffic & Misdemeanor Division that loved him very much.

A visitation will be held 5 pm – 11 pm Friday, August 23 at Van Orsdel Coral Gables Funeral Chapel, 4600 SW 8th Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Graveside Service 10 am Saturday at Flagler Memorial Park.



Events


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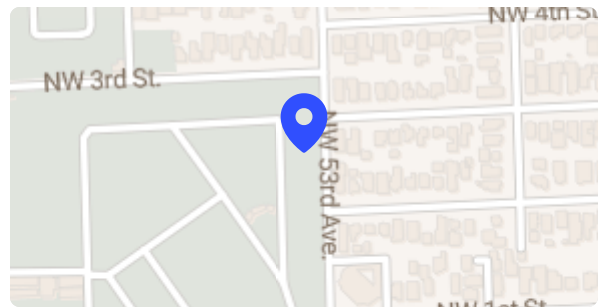
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Graveside Service


 **Saturday**, August 24, 2019

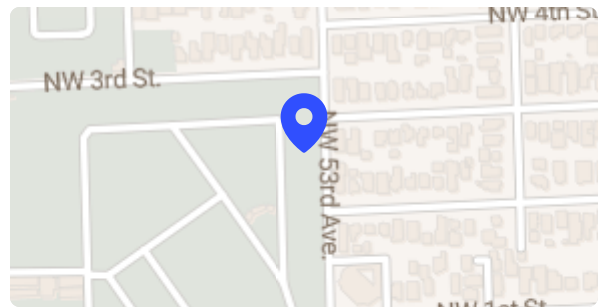
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 **Flagler Memorial Park**
5301 West Flagler Street, Miami FL



Cemetery Details

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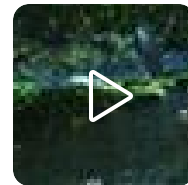
Tribute Wall

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Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 22 at 10:21 AM



Richard Buck Buchanan sent a virtual gift in honor of RICHARD.



I may not have known Richard well, but I knew Richard well enough. Richard is the older brother of my dearest friend Russell. Richard was quite, but had a sharp quick witt. Fun to be around and a hard core Dolfan. Win or loss he stuck with them. If it wasn't a good year, well next year would be better. May we speak of him often when ever something reminds us of him. For then he will always be apart of us. Richard has gone from us in this life. He is now with the great Architect. He is at peace with loved ones and friends that have gone before him. The journey on earth has ended and a new one starts on the other side. It is not good bye to Richard, but only see you later. For our chores here are not done, but when they are. We too shall go to the other side and see him again. Until we meet again my friend. Safe travels on your new journey. I know your in great hands. 🙏

August 24 at 8:30 AM



Richard Buck Buchanan lit a candle in honor of RICHARD.

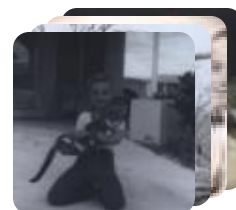


Russell & Glen my condolences to you both and extend family, On the loss of your brother Richard.

August 24 at 8:03 AM



Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared 13 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.



August 20 at 4:16 AM



Sandra Witherspoon lit a candle in honor of RICHARD.



August 22 at 12:16 PM



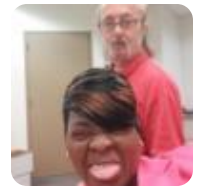
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Sandra Witherspoon shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



August 22 at 12:14 PM



Karen Williams shared an album called **Memories Album**.



August 22 at 12:13 PM



Sandra Witherspoon lit a candle in honor of RICHARD.

My Porkchop. You will truly be missed.SandraP



August 22 at 12:09 PM



Karen Williams posted:

PORK CHOP I am going to miss you.....

August 22 at 11:59 AM



Karen Williams lit a candle in honor of RICHARD.



August 22 at 11:56 AM



Sandra Witherspoon shared a photo to the **LifeTributes** album.



August 22 at 11:49 AM



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MR

Matilde U Roman lit a candle in honor of RICHARD.

John Lennon's song "I get by with a little help from my friends" was the true meaning of our relationship. the memories of the times we shared together will last and in my heart you will be. till we meet again. rest in peace my friend I will always love you (IS TO EARLY)

August 22 at 11:28 AM



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CP

Carol Patti posted:

When I first started working for the Clerks Office Richard took me under his wing. I worked with him in Judge Meek Robinette's Courtroom. Richard always went out of his way to help anyone wether at the service windows or his coworkers. Let me not forget to add that he was a diehard Dolfan! I will miss him. Rest In Peace Richie Rich. Carol AKA Munchkin ❤️❤️❤️My sincere condolences to his family.

August 22 at 7:21 AM

TL

Tracy Matias Leon posted:

May God Bless you my dearest Richard, I will always miss you so much. I will always remember when I dressed you up as a women and did your make up for the Miami Dade County Halloween Party and you won second prize. I was so happy you won, and most of all, I will miss us listening to rock music dancing and singing together you will always be my angel in heaven. we will party together again. Tracy Matias Leon.

August 22 at 5:02 AM



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Denisse Baum posted:

My dear Richard, I will miss you so much. I will always remember our chicken dance, listening to our favorite Christmas songs, our talks about the dolphins, and so much more, but what I will miss the most are your beautiful blue eyes and smile. I will see you again and we will continue dancing. I love you . Your for ever fan Denisse Baum.

August 22 at 4:47 AM



Cynthia (Clerk Office's) lit a candle in honor of RICHARD.



August 21 at 6:06 AM



Paul Collado posted:

Richard was a co-worker when I worked for the traffic and misdemeanor division and was always a great guy and willing to help with anything needed. He was a die hard Dolphins fan and we always spoke after games.He is will be missed by all. My condolences to his family and friendsPaul Collado (ex co-worker)

August 21 at 5:15 AM



Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



August 20 at 8:43 AM



Ralph Padron posted:

Richard was a much beloved member of our Clerk's Office family here in the Traffic & Misdemeanor Division @ the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building. His dedication, reliability and special brand of humor earned him not only the love and devotion of his co-workers, but the admiration and respect of the public he served. He loved coming to work and making himself useful each day, even when his health was challenging him to stay home. We will all dearly miss him, but he will live on in our hearts and minds forever!Ralph Padrón (Co-worker/Manager)

August 20 at 7:44 AM



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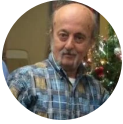
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W. Theresa, Rich, And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the CRUZ family.

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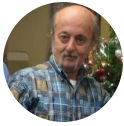
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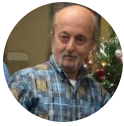
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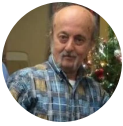


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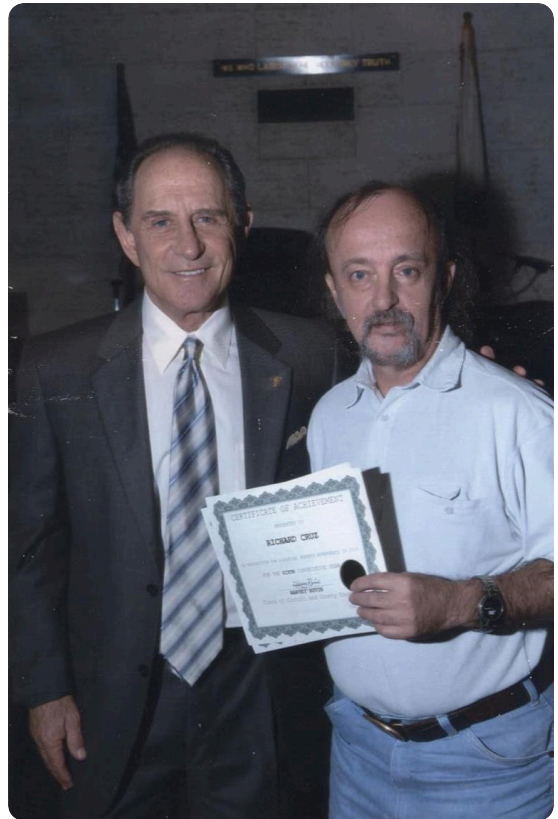
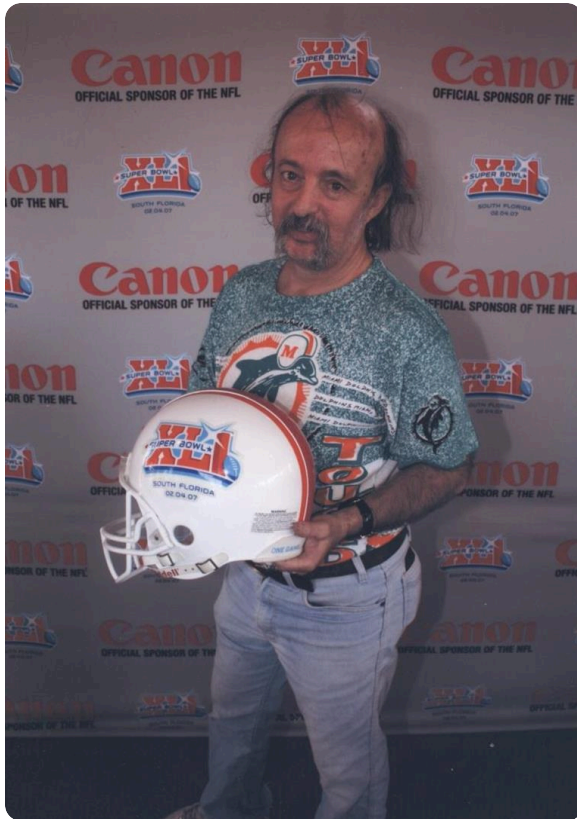


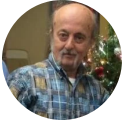


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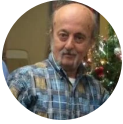


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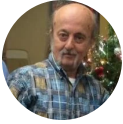




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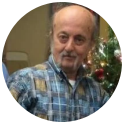


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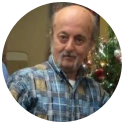
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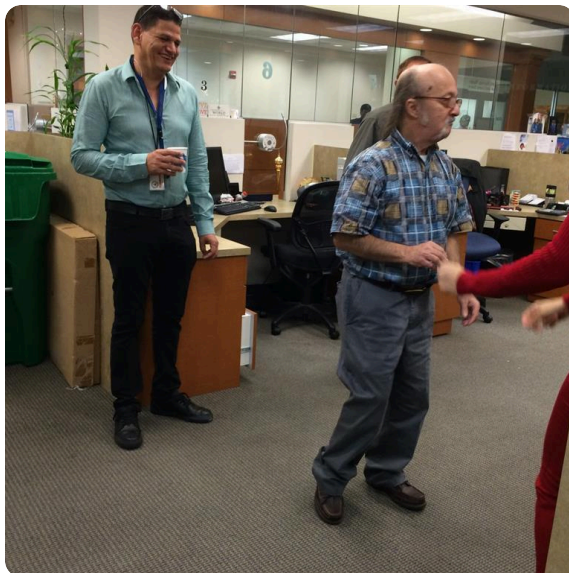
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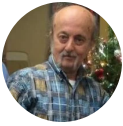
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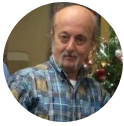


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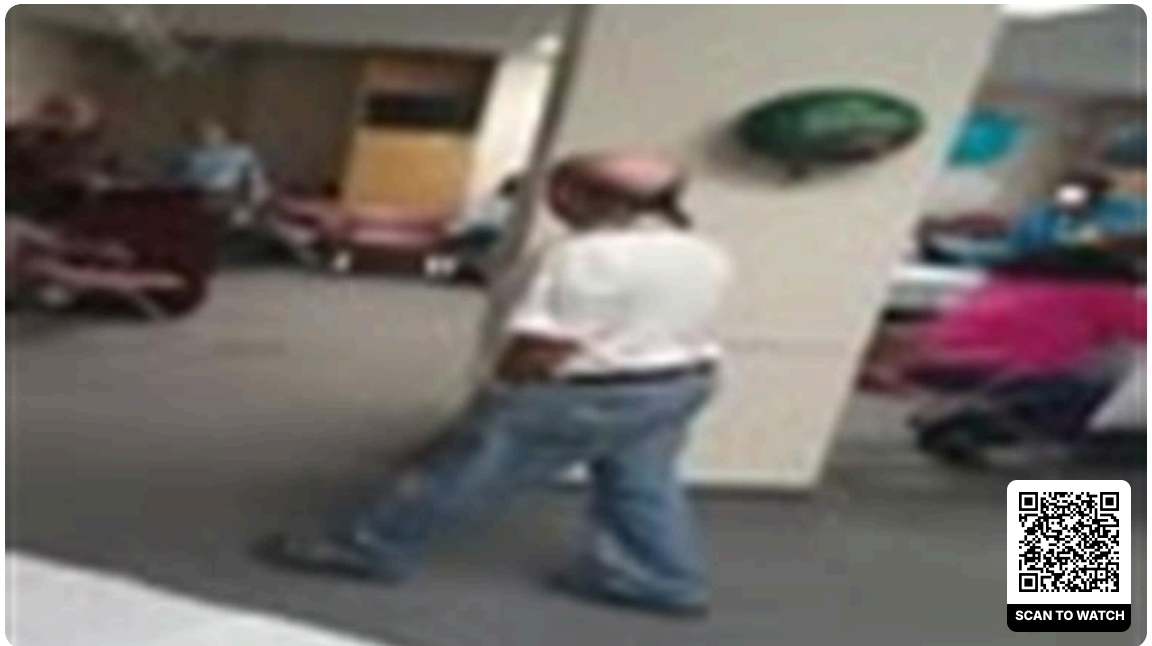




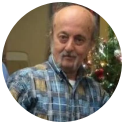
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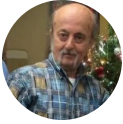


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Memories only last if you share them

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



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