



Danilo de la Osa

February 11, 1931 - August 21, 2020

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If you knew Danilo he made you laugh on more than one occasion. His smile and spirit filled up a room. The love he had for people made him smile and engage in conversations with 'strangers' daily. He was a natural born charmer...

Born February 11th, 1931 in Havana, Cuba. He moved to Detroit, MI with his mom, Isaura de la Osa Valdes, to be near his brother Mario in 1966. He built a life with and is survived by his bride of 49 years Marilyn (Coty) de la Osa and daughter Theresa (Craig) and granddaughters Brenna and Auraelea. His nephews Mario, Eduardo and Henry were all like sons to him. He held them very dear - along with his very best friend of 50+ years, Leo (Noreen) Benancourt.

He was the youngest of 7 siblings, who all preceded him death. Along with his first daughter, Tania.

He started at Foamade Industries in 1967, sweeping floors and learning English, working his way up to shipping supervisor, until he retired in 1997.

He loved good music, especially Motown. Dancing was his favorite thing on

earth. "One, Two, Three, Turnaround" was how he taught his daughter to dance (along with another precious family friend Julie (Myers) Beskangy).

While he loved attention and being the sparkle in the room, he wouldn't want you to be sad. He would however, appreciate if you would play this song in his honor and dance for a bit... <https://youtu.be/fdKsgBNEHUU>

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation <https://www.pcf.org>

Tribute Wall

BW

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. Danilo and his brother Mario lived with my family when they first came to this country. My father recommended them for their first job. They would play bongo drums for the children/grownups in our neighborhood. My sincere condolences to his family.

Beverly Williams-Slade - May 24, 2021 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ Sending healing thoughts and prayers to Theresa and the entire de la Osa Family. Theresa, thank you for sharing memories of your Dad with me, it is obvious that he was an incredibly special and caring person and a wonderful father to you. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely, Maria B.

Maria Berry - September 17, 2020 at 12:35 PM

RS

“ Marilyn and Theresa -- Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I am sorry.
With love and prayers,
Ray Sullivan

Ray Sullivan - September 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM


Jennifer
Rutledge

“ I remember him very well and the love he exuded. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your mom and the rest of the family. Hugs to everyone!

Jennifer Rutledge - August 26, 2020 at 02:33 PM

HP

“ I missed him since I moved out of Madison Heights and kept Telling myself, “I need to stop by and see him. “I really wish I would have now knowing there’s no more time left. Truly a wonderful human being and so blessed to have known him and spend time with him. What fun we had! One of my favorite memories when I was trying to interpret his last name, and for some reason I thought Osa was “eye” in English, So I said of the eye? And he literally roared just like a bear, “OF THE BEAR!!”. Which I then replied with “Oh that’s much better!”

Heather Pasquinzo - August 25, 2020 at 12:26 PM

SH

“ He sure did light up every room he walked in to! Danilo loved life and celebrations and being a friend. People meant so much to him and he loved and adored no one more than Marilyn and Theresa. I’m so grateful to have been their neighbor for 18 years and to have so often been the recipient of his kindness and cheerfulness and just...him. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers and I love you both!

Susie Hamilton - August 25, 2020 at 12:20 PM