



## Wallace Rodriguez Jr.

August 23, 1961 - March 26, 2019

Wallace Rodriguez Jr.

1961 ~ 2019

After a long and difficult journey laden with illness and struggles; God's child, Wallace Rodriguez Jr, 57, was finally called to be in the eternal love of his father in heaven on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in Lathonia, Georgia after a courageous battle with health issues resulting in cardiac arrest.

Wallace was born August 23, 1961 to Wallace Sr. and Tillie (Williams) Roderiquez in Waco, Texas. The eldest of two sons, Wallace spent his childhood traveling with his army family until they settled down in Denver when he was 11. Wallace was a graduate of George Washington High School and the University of Arizona in business (1979). A man of many strengths and talents, Wallace took up the torch for which his father before him had set an example and chose to join the armed forces as a specialist in the communications division of the army. Serving 4 years in services, he returned to Denver six months after the birth of his daughter Georgina in 1990. Both driven and smart he found work in several companies over the years as a corporate sales man until complications of illness prevented the ability for further employment.

An avid and dedicated lover of music, especially jazz; Wallace almost never

missed a chance to go to live music events throughout the year. He was a devotee of the summer jazz concerts in City Park and even rode a pink scooter to be able to attend. God always close to his heart, in his illness; he was all the closer and took every opportunity to receive God's message, whether that was attending in person or watching services online. Through all of his life's journey, Wallace was fortunate enough to have a band of loyal and true friends: Hubert, Hugh, Willy, Jo, and Kenneth Harden. Blessed with a big heart, Wallace always gave freely of himself, his time, and was an all-around big teddy bear. His life was filled with laughter and lots of love, he will be greatly missed.

A man of many words and gifts, those left to cherish his memories include his two daughters. His eldest Georgina Nanoshika Rodriguez, 29, a English major attending Metropolitan University of Denver and his youngest Tamara Lachea Rodriguez, 28, who resides in San Diego, California, his mother Tillie (Williams) Roderiquez of Denver, his younger brother Gregory Dale Rodriguez of , as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his friend Kenneth Harden, who he probably is high-fiving in heaven now, his father, Wallace Sr, and his grandparents, Lacy Sr. and Lennie Williams, as well as; Jo and Beulah Rodriguez.

Time of gathering will be held on Monday April 8, 2019 from 12 until at 200 at Greater St. John Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado with Reverend Richardson Jr officiating. Interment followed at Ft. Logan Cemetery under the direction of Ballard Funeral Services. Visitation will be held from 11am to 12pm, at Greater St. John BC before funeral. Reception will be held proceeding funeral in dining area of church.

Daddy

There were countless times for which we took your love for granted and became stubborn in our ways. However, through all the changing of the

seasons and the years that have passed us by; you were always there when it was needed. You never let us down. You always loved us and we you.

We want to let you know how blessed we were to have you and how much light and joy you brought into our lives each day. Sturdy and strong; your teachings and wise words are the foundation for which we built our lives. No one could have been as perfect as you were.

Your arms were our shelter, you wiped away our tears. Assured us that we could do better, fly higher, and do anything we wished. Your hands were our comfort, lifting us up when we fell. Only a heart as dear as yours would give so selflessly. You have laughed with us, cried with us, and stood solid as a rock. For all the love and care you have showered on us, all we can say in this goodbye....

We love you, We love you, We love you

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

Greater St John Baptist Church  
1312 Uinta Street  
Denver, CO 80220

## Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (MT)

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1312 Uinta Street  
Denver, CO 80220

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *Paula Johnson lit a candle in memory of Wallace Rodriguez Jr.*



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**Paula Johnson** - January 17, 2021 at 09:53 PM

PJ

“ *Wallace Rodriguez senior was in the armed forces of the United States army he served along with my father James Martin Johnson. They knew my family before I was even born I don't know how over the years they managed to lose each other and then find each other again Mr Rodriguez senior was a great man and he was an exceptionally loving person I think this is where Wallace Junior got all of his loving ways morals and standards was from his parents not just Mr.Rodriguez but also Mrs Rodriguez they were always there for my family as far as I could remember. And before the passing of my mother Johnellen Johnson the whole Rodriguez family was there for me when my old family wasn't they took me in cared for me love me said me treating me as if I was their own child why was going through this trying time of seeing my mother die Wallace Junior will be sorely missed I will always miss his kindness seeing him at the various jazz festivals and just going over to the home for laughs and good dinners and as well as non alcoholic beverages. I can remember when I was a young girl when Mr Rodriguez arranged the pre-marriage for me and Wallace but I wasn't of age yet Mr Roberta said he will wait LOL well however our faith was different and our life took different paths it was more than a loving brother to me more than my own biological Brothers I will never forget him and he will always be in my heart forever as well as Mr Rodriguez I hope that they both are resting in peace*

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**Paula Johnson** - January 17, 2021 at 09:51 PM

PJ

*Correction I would like to make a correction when I said that Mr Rodriguez said he would wait*

Paula Johnson - January 17, 2021 at 09:54 PM

EB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Rodriquez family in the loss of your loved one. May God be with you.*



Elizabeth J. Boyd - May 01, 2019 at 11:33 AM

TC

“ *The Franco and Rodriquez Clan purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Wallace Rodriquez Jr..*



The Franco and Rodriquez Clan - April 08, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wallace Rodriquez Jr..*



April 06, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wallace Rodriguez Jr..*



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April 06, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC** - April 05, 2019 at 07:43 AM