



Juan Jose Maldonado

November 2, 1935 - December 22, 2025

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Juan Jose Maldonado, beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, and great-grandfather, was born on November 2, 1935, in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

At a young age, Juan moved to New York City, where he was raised in Spanish Harlem. There, he became affectionately known as “Lefty.” In New York, Juan met his first wife, Lydia Maldonado Diaz, and together they later settled in Brooklyn, New York, where they raised their four children: Grace, Marissa, John, and Paul.

Juan was a hardworking provider who took on multiple jobs throughout his life, including operating a car service with his own vehicle whenever possible, always doing whatever it took to support his family.

Following his divorce, Juan found companionship with Petra Rodriguez and her two daughters, Maria (Millie) and Ivonne, in Queens, New York. A few years later, Juan and Petra married, and she became Petra Maldonado.

Juan and Petra eventually relocated to Lehigh Acres, Florida, where they both retired from the Lee County School System. Retirement allowed Juan to fully enjoy one of his greatest passions—gardening. He took great pride in growing

fruits and vegetables, but what brought him even more joy was sharing his harvest with family, friends, and neighbors.

Known for his generosity, Juan shared everything he could. He deeply valued family, faith, and church, and he cherished time spent surrounded by loved ones.

Juan Jose Maldonado is survived by his devoted wife, Petra Maldonado; his children Grace, Marissa, John, and Paul; his stepdaughters Maria (Millie) and Ivonne; and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will carry forward his legacy of love, generosity, and hard work.

Juan will be remembered for his giving heart, his strong work ethic, his love of family, and the quiet joy he found in sharing the fruits of his labor with others.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Elsie Castro Mackey lit a candle in memory of Juan Maldonado*



Elsie Castro Mackey - December 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM

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“ *Lynne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juan Jose Maldonado.*

Lynne M. - December 26, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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“ *Your CNA Family- Operations purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Juan Jose Maldonado.*



Your CNA Family- Operations - December 23, 2025 at 04:01 PM