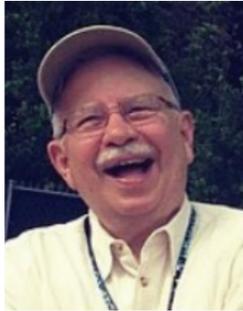


Rolando J. Castellanos, 89
Sauk Rapids, MN
Jan. 14, 1926 - Nov. 12, 2015



A celebration of life was at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at Peace United Church of Christ in St. Cloud for Rolando J. Castellanos, 89, who passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. John Fiscus officiated and burial was at Benton Cemetery, Sauk Rapids.

Rolando was born Jan. 14, 1926, in Baire, Cuba, to Oscar and Ines (Collazo) Castellanos.

Rolando met Aleida in Elia, Cuba, in 1945 by chance on a bike ride to work. They fell in love and married four years later on Dec. 19, 1949. That love blessed them with five beautiful children, four being born in Cuba with the youngest being born in the United States shortly after their arrival to the U.S. in 1968.

They were forced to leave behind their oldest son, who would join the family later in 1978 in Sauk

Rapids. They lived in Connecticut until 1975 when Rolando, wanting to keep his family together, moved to Sauk Rapids, where his oldest daughter Alina was moving to after meeting and marrying Donald Manea, a native of Sauk Rapids.

Shortly after moving to Sauk Rapids, he along with Alina, Donald and sons Juan and Oscar opened Manea's Meats, which continues to be family owned and operated. It was the pride of his life, second to his family. Rolando was a proud man who loved his two countries equally.

He was thankful for all he had. Every person he ever met was greeted with a warm amigo hug. His love for our mother continued with blessings of their five children, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, who all loved their Pio. That love will live forever in our hearts.

Survivors include his daughters and sons, Alina (Don) Manea of Sauk Rapids, Rolando (Martha) Castellanos, Jr., of Woodbury, Oscar (Veronica) Castellanos of Sauk Rapids, Juan (Marion) Castellanos of Sauk Rapids and Cusi (Scott) Radzak of Sauk Rapids; sisters, Raquel (Agustin) Guerra of Sartell and Enid Castellanos of Coral Gables, Fla., and many nieces and nephews; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Rolando was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Aleida on Aug. 9, 2012; and brother, Oscar.

Our family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to: the nurses and staff at the St. Cloud Hospital, all those at Visiting Angels that cared for him, a big Rolando hug to Dr. Melissa McClure for whom he cared for deeply.

In lieu of flowers donations are preferred to the CentraCare Hospice.