



Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz

August 13, 1962 - April 20, 2026

Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz, 63 of Waldorf, Maryland, formerly of Northern Virginia and Washington, DC passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 20, 2026, at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland. His loving partner of 32 years, Robert (Bob) Riccardo was by his side at the time of his passing.

Born on August 13, 1962 in Pasaquina, El Salvador, Lito was the son of the late Marco Medrano and Catalina Cruz de Medrano.

In addition to his partner, Lito leaves behind his 4 sisters, Rosa, Paz, Juana and Carmen, brother-in-law, Feliciano and several nieces and nephews, Yvette, Cathy, Edwin, Stephanie, Nereida, William, Beverly, Mila and Leo. He also leaves behind "sisters" Kimberly and Kristine, and "brother-in-law", Kevin, the family of his partner and a multitude of friends who dearly loved him and his smile.

Lito started his life in Pasaquina, El Salvador but had been living in the US for more than half of his life. Most of his life was spent working in the restaurant industry and most recently at Mr. Henry's, in Washington, DC with his partner, Bob, where he rediscovered his love of working with people and building relationships with new friends.

The relationship Lito had with the love of his life was unbreakable, and it was very rare to see Lito without Bob. He lived to make his partner in life happy and did it very well. Lito enjoyed visiting his home in El Salvador, spending time in Alexandria and the city, working in the garden, shopping, listening to music and dancing, and enjoying great food and wine. Wherever Lito went, people always loved spending time with him and making him smile and laugh. You didn't need to know him very long or very well to fall in love with him and his kind and generous manner. Once you met Lito, you never forgot him. His absence will leave a void for many more people than he would have ever imagined, but his memory will live on in our hearts forever.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 2pm to 4pm and from 6pm to 8pm at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Celebrations of Lito's Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Lito's name may be made to Homes Not Borders, 3610 East Street, Landover, MD 20785 or online at www.homesnotborders.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service , P.A.
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646

Visitation

APR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FC

“ Freddie Lutz & Johnny Cervantes purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



Freddie Lutz & Johnny Cervantes - April 30 at 10:41 AM

FC

“ Freddie Lutz & Johnny Cervantes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

Freddie Lutz & Johnny Cervantes - April 30 at 10:41 AM

MA

“ Mike Lucas & Bill Amery purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



Mike Lucas & Bill Amery - April 29 at 10:33 PM

RM

“ Ricky M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

Ricky M. - April 29 at 09:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



April 29 at 06:27 PM



“ James, Pablo and Nellie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



James, Pablo and Nellie - April 29 at 12:57 PM



“ James, Pablo and Nellie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

James, Pablo and Nellie - April 29 at 12:57 PM



“ Shannon & Angie purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



Shannon & Angie - April 29 at 11:30 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.*



April 27 at 01:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

April 27 at 01:13 PM



“ *Linda and Pat purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.*



Linda and Pat - April 27 at 11:35 AM



“ *Linda and Pat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.*

Linda and Pat - April 27 at 11:35 AM

JF

“ Jenny y Fredy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



Jenny y Fredy - April 26 at 07:37 PM

JF

“ Jenny y Fredy planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

Jenny y Fredy - April 26 at 07:37 PM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



April 26 at 12:39 PM



“ A </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

April 26 at 12:39 PM

JK

“ The last time me and my family spent time with Bob and Lito was a few days before Christmas at my brother’s house. This was just one of many occasions over the last 20+ years when their little family blended with ours. I remember this night especially fondly because we started reminiscing about 80s songs we loved. We played these songs, sang loudly and danced with joy. Lito mentioned how much he loved the song “The Promise” by When in Rome. I played it while baking and with my students in my cooking class last week. It brought me so much joy to remember our last meeting like this.

Jennifer Kudashov - April 26 at 10:21 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



April 26 at 09:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

April 26 at 09:57 AM

RJ

“ Risvinda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

Risvinda J. - April 26 at 09:18 AM

SF

“ Suzanne Madore and Maureen Fazzino purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



Suzanne Madore and Maureen Fazzino - April 26 at 09:07 AM

TF

“ The Kudashov Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



The Kudashov Family - April 26 at 07:40 AM

CB

“ Carrie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.

Carrie B. - April 26 at 06:57 AM

AB

“ Andy and Diane Bartholomay purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.



Andy and Diane Bartholomay - April 25 at 11:14 PM

HF

“ *Helen Perrone & family purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.*



Helen Perrone & family - April 25 at 02:14 PM

IT

“ *Il gusto team. purchased the Rainbow Of Remem brance Spray for the family of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.*



Il gusto team. - April 25 at 01:59 PM

IT

“ *Il gusto team. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claro "Lito" Medrano Cruz.*

Il gusto team. - April 25 at 01:59 PM

DE

“ *Lito was an amazing person—always happy, always smiling, never complaining about anything. I always felt joy whenever he came and sat at the bar; his presence could brighten the whole room. I will definitely miss you, Lito. You will be deeply missed by everyone who had the chance to know you.*



Deris - April 25 at 01:52 PM

DC

“ *There are no words to ease the pain, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May cherished memories bring you comfort and peace. Forever missed, forever loved, forever remembered.* ”

Delmy Centeno - April 25 at 01:49 PM