



Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo

September 27, 1938 - June 29, 2018

Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo, 79, of Waldorf, MD passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018 at the Hospice of Charles County in Waldorf, MD.

He was born in Victoria de Las Tunas, Cuba on September 27, 1938 to the late Rafael and Stella Curbelo, Sr. He is also preceded in death by his grandparents, Dr. Bernard and Ida Manduley and Ricardo and Ramona Curbelo; parents-in-law, William and Marcella Heidinger, Sr.; brother-in-law, William Roger Heidinger; and many aunts and uncles.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 52 years, Barbara Curbelo; his daughters, Marcella Savage (Thomas) and Theresa Curbelo; his brothers, Robert Curbelo and Roland Curbelo (Judy); his best friend of 65 years, William Davis; his "Honorary" grandchildren, Joseph and Julie; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In 1945, he traveled with his parents from Cuba to Tennessee and shortly thereafter moved to Washington, DC. He graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, DC in 1957. In 1960, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and was a Private E-2 with the 80th Training Division. Due to a medical disability, he was honorably discharged in 1962.

During his professional life, he worked as a Cashier and

Accounting/Purchasing Clerk at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC and as an associate for a private insurance company in Silver Spring, MD. He then spent 23 years as an Accounting Clerk at the Washington Gas Light Company in Washington, DC and retired on medical disability in 1992.

He enjoyed history and politics, watching sporting events (including the Washington Nationals, the Washington Redskins, and World Wrestling Entertainment), dining at his favorite restaurants, listening to country and oldies music, and reading the newspaper. He especially enjoyed helping his wife with babysitting children during his retirement years and caring for his numerous pets. He had a "Heart of Gold" and was very charitable to many people and non-profit organizations. He was also a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf, MD.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD and where a Funeral Service will also be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 11AM. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Memorial Gardens

3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.
Waldorf, MD 20601
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

Previous Events

Friends Received

JUL 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Friends Received

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Service

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Family Photos*



Reinerio Jorge Curbelo - September 15, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Family Photos*



Reinerio Jorge Curbelo - September 14, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ *Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

CT

“ Barbara, I am so sorry about the passing of your beloved husband. I remember when I worked with you at the Naval Air Facility at Andrews AF. that whenever you spoke of your family your face would light up with joy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

With deepest sympathy.

Cheryl Thomas

Cheryl Thomas - July 11, 2018 at 03:36 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the album Family Photos



Roland Curbelo - July 05, 2018 at 09:22 PM

CG

“ Barbara, Theresa, and Marcella and Tommy - Your family has been a part of our family for over 20 years and you have always been considered family. Our deepest condolences and love to you at this difficult time. Ralph was such a wonderful man. I'm glad he was a part of my children's lives. Sending you love, hugs, kisses, and prayers. WE LOVE YOU ALL. Love all the pictures.



Carole Goodnow - July 05, 2018 at 03:31 PM

SD

“ *Stefania Damo purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo.*



Stefania Damo - July 05, 2018 at 02:06 PM

ST

“ *Stefania lit a candle in memory of Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo*



Stefania - July 05, 2018 at 01:53 PM

RE

“ *Theresa,*

I'm so sorry for you loss of your beloved dad. I'm wishing you and your family comfort and peace. I know this is a very tough time.

*With my deepest sympathy,
Renee*



Renee - July 05, 2018 at 09:35 AM

DD

“ Dear Theresa,
I was so sorry to hear about your father's passing. While I can't attend the visitation and funeral service, please know that you and your family are in my prayers during this time.

Peace and blessings,
Dawn Doakes

Dawn Doakes - July 05, 2018 at 09:30 AM

TC

“ 8 files added to the album Family Photos



Theresa Curbelo - July 04, 2018 at 07:06 AM

TC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Theresa Curbelo - July 03, 2018 at 10:11 PM

TC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Theresa Curbelo - July 03, 2018 at 09:08 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Stelacone lit a candle in memory of Rafael "Ralph" Damian Curbelo*



Lisa Stelacone - July 03, 2018 at 05:08 PM

ST

“ *Barbara,
Lonnie and I are deeply sadden by the loss of your beloved, Ralph. Our deepest sympathy to you and your girls and to the entire family.*



*Love,
Lonnie & Sara Thompson
LaPlata, Maryland*

Sara Thompson - July 03, 2018 at 09:37 AM

MT

“ We love you and will miss you! You have been such a blessing to us. All our love, Tommy & Marcella



Marcella and Tommy - July 02, 2018 at 05:38 PM

MT

“ To the best Dad ever! We love you dearly and will cherish you always. All our love, Marcella & Theresa



Marcella and Theresa - July 02, 2018 at 05:30 PM

BC

“ To my beloved husband, I love you with all my heart and always will. I will miss you dearly. All my love, Barbara



Barbara Curbelo - July 02, 2018 at 05:09 PM