



Hector Gregorio Rios

March 12, 1952 - April 12, 2023

Hector Gregorio Rios AKA Haji Isam Abdul Hakim, 71, of Newark, NJ passed away in Monroe, NC on April 12, 2023. Mr. Rios was born to Monserrate Padilla and Domingo Rios Acevedo. He was Muslim in faith and fulfilled Hajj in Mecca in 2009. Mr. Rios proudly served his country in the United States Navy. After his time in the military, he went on to receive his Masters Degree in Education. Mr. Rios retired from the Newark Public School System after teaching many years in Health and Physical Education. He was also the Student Awareness Coordinator and a counselor who worked with At-Risk youth. He helped many who were gang members, drug users, those involved with violence and was an advocate of the D.A.R.E program. Mr. Rios was an 8th degree Black Belt-Grandmaster in Taekwondo and earned a Black Belt in Hapkido. He liked motorcycles, the beach, listening to jazz, blues, and salsa music. Above all, he loved spending time with his wife and family. Mr. Rios is survived by his wife of 19 years, Rosa I. Dros; children: Bridget Rios, Myra Rios, Shemia (Jesus) Stark, Davidde Rios, and Lisa Rios; stepchildren: Joseph (Natalia) Martinez and Lisa (Jonathan) Martinez-Evora; grandchildren: Jabri, Abdur (Muizz), Chelsea, Dante, Lizbeth, Taina, Jessairah, Rando, Joseph, Farah, Charlotte, and Tayla. His siblings include: Johnny, Domingo, Raymond, William, and Jamal. He was preceded in death by his parents, Monserrate Padilla and Domingo Rios Acevedo and his sister Barbara. Visitations will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 4-6pm and Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 2-4pm at Purcell Chapel, Beyers Funeral Home in

Bushnell, FL. Graveside services will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 1:00pm at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the family at 1029 Barbee Farm Drive, Monroe, NC. 28110.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel
114 W Noble Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 793-4531

Visitation

APR 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hector Gregorio Rios*



Beyers Funeral Home - April 15, 2023 at 08:45 AM

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Beautiful video. Thinking of family and friends as you grieve his loss AND celebrate his life. It was an honor to know Mr. Rios. Bless you all!

Deanna Mangieri - April 19, 2023 at 07:59 PM

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Rosa Dros Rios - April 19, 2023 at 11:02 AM

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“ *I was Hector’s former Supervisor in the Public Schools. He was a devoted worker and held a deep passion for helping the students we served. I will never forget his ideas and the way he helped out Department to learn about gangs which often included drug use. He went on to develop his original presentation and conducted sessions in the community. I will miss him. He was always a gentleman .*

Clarencia Shade - April 18, 2023 at 01:32 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers to the entire Rios family. Pop was proof that blood doesn't have to be family, he took me under his wing from earlier childhood(Tae Kwon do days) .So many great childhood memories because of him (roadtrips, countless restaurant outings, flying kites in Liberty State park and so many more).After moving back to NJ after college, I knew I was protected and always had someone close by looking after me. Whether I needed a place to rent, advice, rides, help with my car, he was always there. I know he will continue to look after me and everyone from above. Family was everything to him.❤️*



Alicia - April 16, 2023 at 12:58 AM