

Eloy D Hernandez

December 20, 1927 - September 6, 2023

Eloy Domingo Hernández was born on a family farm in La Provincia de La Habana, Cuba on December 20, 1927, and he passed peacefully at his home of 52 years in Bloomfield, NJ on September 6, 2023. Eloy was born into a family of 11 brothers and sisters who worked the farm in their youth. Eloy always dreamed of a life in America. He rode his pony back and forth from the farm to the city for English classes. Eloy ended up working for the Avon Corporation, which had a manufacturing facility in Cuba. One day while visiting a friend in the city, Eloy met the love of his life, a beautiful tenant who lived with her mother in his friend's apartment building. He married her, Ofelia Cecilia González, on October 20, 1961. Shortly afterwards, Eloy needed to escape Cuba abruptly as a political asylum-seeker. He needed to leave his wife and his newborn son behind, but always had a plan to get them out of Cuba, Eloy ended up in Miami, FL, where he continued to work for Avon in its U.S. operations. He saved all of his earnings to bring his wife and son to the U.S.A. After almost two years of forced separation, the new family was reunited and resettled in Bloomfield, NJ, in 1964 when Eloy found a job with Schering-Plough Corporation. The trio proudly earned their U.S. Citizenship in 1969. Eloy ended up working for Schering-Plough for the rest of his working years until his retirement as a Maintenance Foreman in 1994. Eloy was predeceased by his beloved wife Ofelia in 2017. He is survived by 3 children: Luís Eduardo (Amy S. Smith), Maira Ofelia (Joseph J. Kinloch), and Eloy Jesús (Anthony M. Brien). He leaves behind 4 proud grandchildren: Jordan M.

Hernández, Olivia G. Kinloch, Matthew J. Kinloch, and Tyler W. Hernández. From annual family vacations to dear old “Aunt Peg’s” camp on Cumberland Head on Lake Champlain, to community activities with his church family from the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, through countless dinner parties and holiday celebrations with family and friends, to everyday living, Eloy was a gregarious, humorous, generous, and light-filled gentleman who left everybody he encountered with a smile. He will be sorely missed by so many, but his spirit of positivity will comfort all. The visitation is on Friday 09/08 4:00 PM-8 PM at Van Tassel Funeral Home, 337 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ. Funeral services will be held on Sat. 9/9 at 10:00 AM at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green in Bloomfield followed by the burial at Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, NJ. After Church World Service (CWS) helped him so much to build a new life in America, Eloy later repaid the kindness with his lifelong service to the elderly in need. For this reason, in lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider a donation instead to CWS <https://cwsglobal.org/> or the Bloomfield Church on the Green and its community Food Pantry <http://bpcog.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green
147 Broad Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Graveside Service

SEP 9. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Glendale Cemetery
28 Hoover Ave
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Papa always showed up at Franklin School with a smile on his face & a hug for me!! He always warmed my heart!! Oh how I loved him!!!* ❤️❤️❤️

Michele Topolski - September 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MH

Thank you so much ❤️🙏

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 26, 2023 at 12:49 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne W. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.*



Yvonne W. - September 09, 2023 at 11:27 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eloy D Hernandez.*

Yvonne W. - September 09, 2023 at 11:27 PM

PN

“ He was a beautiful man. You could tell because he raised a beautiful family. Mrs. H-K, your family is in our prayers and we know you will find peace. We love you 🥹🙏🙏
The Navarro's
Pam, Alan & Alana
xoxoxo



Pamela Navarro - September 09, 2023 at 10:05 PM

MH

Thank you so much ❤️🙏

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 26, 2023 at 12:49 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Maria Rodriguez - September 08, 2023 at 06:23 PM

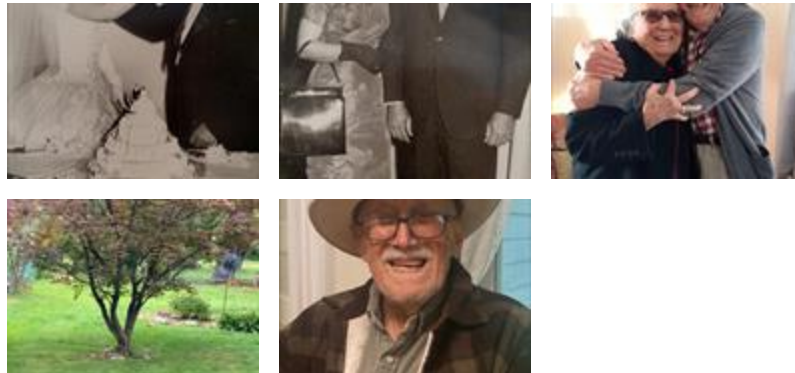
MH

Thank you so much ❤️🙏

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 26, 2023 at 12:48 PM

MH

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 08, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.



September 08, 2023 at 06:45 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.



September 07, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eloy D Hernandez.

September 07, 2023 at 06:32 PM

MK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



maira hernandez kinloch - September 07, 2023 at 04:31 PM

AV

*Linda pareja, un amor hermoso para toda la vida.
Bellos recuerdos del abuelo con sus nietos. ❤️ Mi cariño por siempre,
en nombre de mis padres y hermanos descanse en paz. Aselita*

Asela Isabel Acosta Valenzuela - September 08, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MH

Thank you so much. ❤️🙏

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 26, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.



September 07, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.



September 07, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eloy D Hernandez.

September 07, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ To Maira and family - I fondly remember the times your dad attended school music programs at Forest Avenue School - he was bursting with pride for you, Maira, and was filled with joy just to be there! Such a kind, friendly, funny, and joyful person! My thoughts and prayers are with you all, that you will be comforted by wonderful memories and thoughts during this time.
Lisa Walter

Lisa Walter - September 07, 2023 at 11:39 AM



Thank you so much Lisa. Love you dearly my friend. ❤️🙏

maira hernandez kinloch - September 07, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.



September 06, 2023 at 09:03 PM

MR

“ *Maria & Juan Carlos Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Eloy D Hernandez*



Maria & Juan Carlos Rodriguez - September 06, 2023 at 08:45 PM

MH

Thank you so much. ❤️🙏

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 26, 2023 at 12:47 PM

MG

“ *Maria Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Eloy D Hernandez*



Maria Gonzalez - September 06, 2023 at 08:12 PM

MH

Thank you so much ❤️🙏

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch - September 26, 2023 at 12:51 PM

MG

“ Dear Tio Domingo, your sisters and family in Florida are heartbroken to hear of your passing but take comfort in knowing you are now reunited with your beloved wife, Ofelia. They also know they too will see you again and be able to sit and reminisce about your early childhood in Cuba, your shared, great love for family and God. They will dearly miss your regular Saturday phone calls (oh, how they looked forward to those calls each week) and each time they spoke with you, you always, always talked about your family, your grandchildren and how very proud you were of their accomplishments. Your favorite word was 'maravilloso' (marvelous)...they were (are) marvelous! You raised a beautiful family. Your sister Zenaida sends you a special message: 'Te quiero mucho, mucho, mucho, pero mucho'. Thank you for being such a great inspiration to everyone who had the privilege and honor to have met you. We love you so very much. Ours thoughts are with your children and grandchildren. We pray for comfort, for peace, for acceptance and love. Your niece, Maria De Los Angeles (Richard Gonzalez), nephew Dago (and family) and specially your sisters, Zenaida and Aracelis.

Maria Gonzalez - September 06, 2023 at 08:10 PM

MK

Thank you so much for sharing this beautiful letter with us. He spoke with his sisters faithfully every Saturday and loved them dearly. They all had such a special bond and I will always remember your mother telling that she loved him "pero mucho mucho." He loved all of you and we cannot thank you enough for all the prayers.

Always,
Maira Ofelia

maira hernandez kinloch - September 07, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.*



September 06, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eloy D Hernandez.*



September 06, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eloy D Hernandez.*

September 06, 2023 at 02:29 PM