



Leo Ivan Ayala

June 22, 1980 - October 21, 2025

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Leo Ivan Ayala, 45, of Asbury Park, NJ, passed away on October 21, 2025, surrounded by love. Leo was a bright light in every room. An entrepreneur, a creative, and a deeply generous man who touched the lives of so many. His presence was magnetic. He brought excitement, humor, and heart into every space he entered. Whether he was dreaming up a new idea or making someone laugh, Leo had a gift for connection.

He is survived by his wife Teal Godesky, his parents Elena and Leo Ayala, and his sister Elena Ayala, beloved uncles and aunts Rosie (Octavio), Wilson (Sandra), Josefina (Jaime), DeeAnn (Rene), Delmy (Dennis), David (Aleika), Jeaneth (Yared), and Endy (Julita), cousins Jose Rodrigues, Karen Mazariego, Vanessa Prevete, Andrea Holzherr, Suzy Velasquez, Michelle Mazariego, Alexander Villatoro, Annabel Mazariego, Bryan Villatoro, Isabelle Mazariego, Max Picado, and Jeffer Martinez, Sophia, Jasai, and Jayce and all of whom loved him fiercely.

Leo was predeceased by his beloved Grandmother Margarita Mazariego. His impact lives on not only in the memories shared by family and friends, but in

the countless lives he uplifted with his generosity and warmth. Leo's life was a reminder of how deeply one person can affect the world just by being fully, unapologetically themselves.

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Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven

225 Ridgedale Ave
East Hanover, NJ 07936

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT **27**. 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 Mass

OCT 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's RC Church
155 William Street
Belleville, NJ 07109

Graveside Service

OCT 27. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Gate of Heaven
225 Ridgedale Ave
East Hanover, NJ 07936

Tribute Wall



“ *In loving memory of our dear friend Leo, donation made to The Margarita Mazariego Foundation cause with love. Leo touched our family deeply , and we extend our sincere condolences to his family. Forever in our hearts, Leo you were and always will be an angel. Love George, John & Maria Valliades*

Maria Valliades - December 07, 2025 at 01:49 PM

SG

“ *Angela and I first met Leo and Teal on the Asbury Park beach. Over the years, we continued to see them on the beach and around the neighborhood. Every chance meeting had their warmth and light. In particular, they lit up the dark days of the pandemic, when smiles were fewer. We'll miss Leo, and hope to see Teal soon. Please reach out - we're glad to offer whatever we can, whatever you need. - Stu Grodanz*

Stuart Grodanz - November 04, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LF

“ *Love Denise and family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.*



Love Denise and family - October 27, 2025 at 03:17 PM

LB

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Lizette BERTONCIN - October 27, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lizette BERTONCIN - October 27, 2025 at 01:10 PM

CC

“ Christine C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Christine C. - October 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

DM

“ Teal Greg & I are truly sorry for your loss. We love you. You are in our prayers.

diane mesanko - October 27, 2025 at 10:54 AM

CW

“ Christine W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Christine W. - October 26, 2025 at 09:03 PM

SF

“ Steve Guerra and the Cable Tech Family purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Steve Guerra and the Cable Tech Family - October 26, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JD

“ Grace & peace to you all at this unimaginable time. Sending strength & love... Jacqueline & Quin DeLaRosa & Bobby Tuite

Jacqueline Delarosa - October 25, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 25, 2025 at 09:15 PM

AC

“ Ayala family, Canada purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Ayala family, Canada - October 25, 2025 at 05:48 PM

AC

“ Ayala family, Canada planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Ayala family, Canada - October 25, 2025 at 05:48 PM

NF

“ Nieves Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Nieves Family - October 25, 2025 at 03:21 PM

HC

“ Holt Mission Critical purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Holt Mission Critical - October 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM

HC

“ Holt Mission Critical planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Holt Mission Critical - October 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM

KN

“ *Nuestras oraciones están con ustedes familia siempre te recordaremos con tu linda sonrisa Descansa en Paz y vuela alto 🙏*



Karoll Nerio - October 25, 2025 at 01:41 PM

KJ

“ *Karoll Steve Pablo Jaz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.*



Karoll Steve Pablo Jaz - October 25, 2025 at 01:35 PM

KJ

“ *Karoll Steve Pablo Jaz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.*

Karoll Steve Pablo Jaz - October 25, 2025 at 01:35 PM

FR

“ *Fam. Nerio Rivera purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.*



Fam. Nerio Rivera - October 25, 2025 at 01:29 PM

MC

“ Matthew C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Matthew C. - October 25, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 25, 2025 at 10:35 AM

LD

“ Love, The DeMarco's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Love, The DeMarco's - October 25, 2025 at 09:42 AM

LD

“ Love, The DeMarco's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Love, The DeMarco's - October 25, 2025 at 09:42 AM

HC

“ Holt Construction Mission Critical planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Holt Construction Mission Critical - October 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LL

“ Love, Jose, Rosa, Nico, and Ty Labagnara purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Love, Jose, Rosa, Nico, and Ty Labagnara - October 24, 2025 at 11:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 24, 2025 at 09:22 PM

WF

“ *With Love, The Zibas Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

With Love, The Zibas Family - October 24, 2025 at 09:22 PM

RE

“ *Rosa & Fernando Espinales* purchased the *Divine Light* for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Rosa & Fernando Espinales - October 24, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ The Asaro Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



The Asaro Family - October 24, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ The Asaro Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

The Asaro Family - October 24, 2025 at 04:20 PM

HC

“ Holt Construction purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Holt Construction - October 24, 2025 at 04:15 PM

HC

“ Holt Construction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Holt Construction - October 24, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 24, 2025 at 03:10 PM

SC

“ Sean P Connolly purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Sean P Connolly - October 24, 2025 at 11:09 AM

SC

“ Sean P Connolly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Sean P Connolly - October 24, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 24, 2025 at 10:48 AM

LR

“ Love Valerie, Brian, & Reyna purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Love Valerie, Brian, & Reyna - October 24, 2025 at 08:47 AM

FA

“ You will be missed my brother. Love you. Rest in Peace.

Frank Andrisani - October 24, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 23, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Mary - October 23, 2025 at 09:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



October 23, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ Patrick A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Patrick A. - October 23, 2025 at 06:01 PM

PJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Peter Gotti JR - October 23, 2025 at 05:19 PM

PG

“ Peter Gotti purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



Peter Gotti - October 23, 2025 at 05:15 PM

PG

“ Peter Gotti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.

Peter Gotti - October 23, 2025 at 05:15 PM

TR

“ The Romanos purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.



The Romanos - October 23, 2025 at 05:14 PM

TR

“ *The Romanos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Ivan Ayala.*

The Romanos - October 23, 2025 at 05:14 PM

DV

“ *Derek's Family & Vanessa purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.*



Derek's Family & Vanessa - October 23, 2025 at 05:07 PM

CP

“ *You truly will be missed. One of the most generous and loving individuals you would ever know. We love you brother. You are at peace now....🙏*



Chris & Pete - October 23, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leo Ivan Ayala.*



October 23, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Van Tassel Funeral Home - October 23, 2025 at 10:43 AM

SK

“ *My prayers are with Leo’s family and friends, “He shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember him as he was, a young happy friend and vibrant spirit. Eternal Rest be Granted to Leo, Oh Lord, May perpetual light shine upon him, May his soul through the mercy of Jesus Christ, Rest in Peace. Amen “*

Sir Gregory Hart- KGCHS-SMA - October 23, 2025 at 10:12 AM

CA

“ *I’m at a loss for words, my friend. I always enjoyed your company. You made me laugh. We had many good times together and we shared a lot of good times together. May you roam the heavens with the angels ! Rest easy my friend !*

Carl Adamo - October 23, 2025 at 12:14 AM

WM

“ *Dios te conceda misericordia y descanso en la gloria del padre celestial, Abuelita espera por ti.* ”



Wilson Mazariego - October 22, 2025 at 11:28 PM

LA

“ *Pido a Dios que llene de mucha fortaleza en estos momentos a mi Tío Leo, mi Tía Nena, Nenita y toda la familia.. Leito era un hombre espectacular con un gran corazón y será un ángel que desde el cielo seguirá cuidándolos. Un gran abrazo* ”



lorena ayala - October 22, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Van Tassel Funeral Home - October 22, 2025 at 08:57 AM

PB

Your presence was impactful and your friendship was genuine. You will be missed.

Paul Beauregard - October 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM