



## Rafael Angel Rosado Olan

August 6, 1926 - February 27, 2025

Rafael Angel Rosado Olan, 98, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 27th at Hartford Hospital, after a short illness. Rafael was born on August 6th, 1926 in San German, Puerto Rico to Eleuterio Rosado and Fernanda Olan. He started playing the trumpet in the school band, and found his passion for a lifetime. He practiced and took lessons and only 2 years later, at 17, his teacher offered him a spot in the Happy Hills Orchestra, which was famous throughout the Caribbean and South America. He was part of the orchestra for over 40 years and traveled around the world, including many times to New York City, where they were part of multiple televised events. In the 1950's, he moved to New York City where he owned a bodega and ran it with his family. In 1972, he returned to his beloved island of Puerto Rico, where he was hired by the Digital Equipment Corporation, reunited with the orchestra, became an active member of the church choir at San German de Auxerre, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also very proud to be part of the Puerto Rico National Guard. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Isabel Rodriguez Ferreira, who passed away after 40 years of marriage, and his brother, Rene Rosado Olan. He is survived by his current wife, Hulvia Toro, whom he was happily married to for the last 36 years. He is also survived by his daughter Wanda and husband Robert Lickwar, his son Rafael Rosado and wife Ana Ramirez, granddaughters Yaidy Lukacs and Sheyla Marranca and husband Joseph, and grandson Rafael Rosado, and his great grandchildren Natalye and Jayden Lukacs, Isabel and Elias Marranca,

and Anna Maria Rosado. In addition, he was also loved by his step family including his step daughters Ramy Acevedo and husband Berto Pagan and Clary Acevedo. His step-grandchildren Claryana Feliciano and husband Anibal Rodriguez, Iliana Pagan, Melissa and husband Raul Garza, and Alberto and wife Cristie Pagán, and his step great-grandchildren Amberly and Liam Rodriguez, Micheal and Gabriel Garza, and Benjamin Pagán.

Calling hours are SUNDAY (March 2, 2025) 3 to 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain with memories being shared at 6 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated TUESDAY (March 4, 2025) 11:30 AM at St. Paul Church, 479 Alling Street, Berlin (Please go directly to the church). Burial will be private in Puerto Rico. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Roberto Clemente Foundation at [robertoclementefoundation.org](http://robertoclementefoundation.org). Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfunerahome.com](http://www.carlsonfunerahome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Talk

MAR 2. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Memorial Mass

MAR 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Church  
485 Alling Street  
CT 06037

# Tribute Wall

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“ Lo llamé “El Galan de mi niñez” Cuando Don Rafael , ya miembro de La Orquesta Happy Hill, solía ensayar su música en su casa bajo los acordes de su bella trompeta en nuestro pueblo de San Germán. Yo de tan solo 7 años de edad me encantaba sentarme a su lado para escuchar sus bellas melodías al compás de su trompeta. Entre las canciones favoritas mías estaban “ Bésame Mucho” e “Inolvidable Primavera”. Gracias mi querido Don Rafa por enseñarme de su increíble inspiración tan romántica. Algún día nos encontraremos y volveré a escuchar sus melodías tocadas magistralmente en su querida trompeta! Descanse en paz Don Rafa. Nos hará mucha falta! La niña de las trenzas “Rosy Anaya” como me solía llamar!



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**Rosy Anaya de Suarez** - March 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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“ Rafo como cariñosamente lo llamaba y yo nos conocimos por vez primera por los años del 70 cuando por primera vez trabajaba con la tienda de ropa para hombres llamada La Esquina Famosa en el Mayagüez Mall( aun existe hoy día! A Rafo le gustaba siempre vestir elegantemente y cada vez que llegaba a la Esquina Famosa, lo primero que hacía era preguntar por mi para que yo lo atendiera personalmente. En los años 1972 cuando regresa de Nueva York con toda su familia comenzamos una grata y muy tierna amistad .Cuando al llegar a dicha tienda por vez primera empezamos a hablar sobre nuestras experiencias mientras vivimos en la Ciudad de Nueva York. En una de esas veces me pregunto de que pueblo era y se volvió loco de contento cuando le hice saber que era de San German nuestro querido pueblo natal. De allí en adelante nos hicimos grandes amigos a pesar de que yo sólo tenía 18 años para aquel entonces. Cada vez que nos veíamos nuestra rutina era hablas sobre anécdotas y personajes de nuestro puebl, sus experiencias con su querida Orquesta Happy Hill de la cual fue uno de los primeros componentes, tocando magistralmente la trompeta, la cual fue siempre su eterna acompañante. Para los años del 1984 me toco a mi emigrar a los Estados Unidos donde por casualidades de la vida su hija Wanda fue a vivir y nuevamente volvimos a renovar nuestra vieja amistad! Bellos recuerdos cuando nos sentábamos horas a recordar nuestras viejas anécdotas, a contar chistes y a reírnos con su acostumbrada jovialidad y carisma. Hasta que llegó el día de su partida de este rein terrenal. Ahora quien me va a contar nuestras viejas experiencias y chistes que tanto nos hicieron reír. Vuela alto mi querido hermano y amigo del alma! Vivirás por siempre en nuestros pensamientos y en nuestros corazones!

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Victor David Suarez - March 01, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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“ *I will always remember Abuelo with a smile on his face! He was a wonderful man! Thoughts and prayers are with you Sheyla, Wanda, Yaidy, and family. Love- The Dessoyes*

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**Elizabeth Dessoye** - March 01, 2025 at 10:57 AM