

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth-
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **MANUEL** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Manuel Calixto Aviles

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 5, 1922 ~ SUNSET: DECEMBER 26, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FUNERAL MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

88 CONVENT AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Order of Service

WELCOMING & OPENING PRAYER MARIA AVILES

SCRIPTURE READINGOLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23
SHERRY CARLO

SCRIPTURE READINGNEW TESTAMENT: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
ELIZABETH AVILES

WORSHIP SONG PSALM 23 "I AM NOT ALONE"

OBITUARYDANNY AVILES

REFLECTIONSOPEN TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WORSHIP SONG "BECAUSE HE LIVES"

EULOGY & BENEDICTION REV. KENNETH PEREZ

INTERMENT

ST. RAYMOND'S CEMETERY
BRONX, NEW YORK

Obituary

Our beloved Father, Husband, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend was called home on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

He was born to the late Manuel Aviles Ortiz and Monserrate Aponte De Aviles in Coamo, Puerto Rico, USA. He was the middle eldest of 11 children. He worked at a private school, Ethical Culture Fieldston School in Manhattan, as a maintenance worker. **Manuel Calixto** was very active in doing community work and volunteered his services. He earned the respect of every one in our community. In his late 50s, a brave accomplishment, he went back to school to earn his GED.

He was the beloved husband of Isabel Aviles. They had seven children. He is survived by four girls and two boys: Carmen, Louis, Carlos (deceased), Gladys, Manuel Jr., Elizabeth and Maria. His grandchildren include: Eliut, Annette, Tanya, Sherry, Travis, Joel, Daniel, Loriana, Taina, and Cristina. His great-grandchildren: Kiara, Anthony, Zachery, Austyn, Cheyenne, Ryan Christopher, Ariaah, John Conner, Sophia, Nylah Marie, Abigail Lynn, and Danielle Julia.

Manuel Calixto was a longtime, faithful member of Annunciation Church and served there for over 40 years. He always wanted to instill in his children to have faith in God and to serve Him.

Manuel loved his wife and his children. He was always a great provider who worked hard to support his family. The legacy that he leaves behind is to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to know we can face tomorrow with courage and strength because our Savior lives!

Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:3