



Ismael Ortiz

January 30, 1936 - February 15, 2019

Ismael (Mel) Ortiz of Mount Holly was called to heaven on Friday, February 15, 2019. He was 83.

Born in Manhattan, New York, Mr. Ortiz was a longtime Mount Holly resident of 45 years. He joined the

United States Air Force and served from June 1955 and retired in December 1975. He then went on to work in Civil Service at McGuire Air Force Base for an additional 20 years until retirement. He was a veteran of the Peace Time and Vietnam Era. While serving in Ruislip Air Force Base in West London, England, he met his beloved wife Patricia (Tricia). He served various domestic and international military bases some of which included Germany, Philippines, Thule Greenland, Delaware, and Mississippi. Mr. Ortiz was an avid reader, enjoyed baseball and loved Civil War history. He enjoyed vacationing in Ocean City, Maryland with his wife and family and also enjoyed working in his yard. His greatest joy was spending time with family.

The husband of the late Tricia and the father of the late Lucy Johnson (Bill), he is survived by 2 loving children: Debra Ortiz-Kester (Kevin) of San Antonio, TX and Daniel Ortiz of Mount Holly; and his 3 devoted grandchildren: Brandon, Corey, and Daniel. He is also survived by a nephew Richard and a niece Madeline.

Funeral Services and Burial with Military Honors will be held privately at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

Contributions in his memory may be made to either the Michael J. Fox

Foundation for Parkinson's

Disease at <https://www.michaeljfox.org> or St. Jude's Children Research

Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org>

Cemetery Details

BGWCD Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Rd.,
Wrightstown, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Ismael Ortiz*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



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October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *I was blessed to know Mel and his family for over 39 years. We shared many vacations and special holidays thru the years.*

Mel always treated me like one of his children

He was a great Husband and Father.

Brett Watt

Brett Watt - February 21, 2019 at 07:13 PM



Mr. Ortiz was always a pleasure to be around, very nice to talk to. A great man indeed.

Carol DiMartino

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Debbie and Danny. Sorry for your loss. George Colon

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