

## Javier Rivera

December 15, 1967 - June 23, 2025

In Loving Memory of Javier "Melvin" Rivera

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With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Javier Rivera, affectionately known as Melvin, who left this world on June 23rd at 6:02 PM, surrounded by love. Born in Juncos, Puerto Rico, and raised in The Bronx, New York, Javier was a cherished son, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to many.


The beloved son of Ana Pagón and Genaro Rivera, Javier was one of eight children and proudly held his place in a big family. He was known for his sense of humor, warm spirit, and generous heart. As an uncle, he brought endless fun and laughter, always up for a game of PlayStation and ready to lend a hand or a listening ear to anyone in need.

Javier was a firm believer in Christ, a man of quiet strength whose faith shaped the way he lived.

After suffering a knee injury, Javier relocated to Florida, where he believed the warm weather would bring him comfort.

He leaves behind his beloved 4 children as well as his grandchildren and

extended family who will miss him dearly. His legacy of love, laughter, and faith will live on through all who knew him.

Though our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that Javier has found rest and healing in the arms of the Lord. He will be remembered not only for his kindness and humor but for the way he made others feel  seen, loved, and supported.

Rest in eternal peace, Melvin.

You will be missed beyond words, but never forgotten.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NIV)

A Funeral service will be at 7:00 PM on Monday at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Forest Green Cemetery, Morganville, NJ on Tuesday, July 8th at 12:30 at the Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, July 7, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.scaliahome.com](http://www.scaliahome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Green Cemetery

535 Texas Road  
Morganville, NJ 07751

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUL 7. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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JUL 8. 2:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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