



Nelson Eduardo Almeyda

March 27, 1971 - August 10, 2015

Nelson Eduardo Almeyda, 44, succumbed to cancer on Monday August 10th 2015 at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Almeyda was born in Manhattan, NY on March 27, 1971 to Octavio and Gladys Almeyda. He subsequently moved to Long Island when he was 5 and later Miami, FL when he was 10. On December 4th, 1999, Nelson wed Mary Spadafora in Palm City, FL. They ultimately settled down in Charlotte on June 2006 to raise their daughter.

He was passionate about music and received a bachelor's degree in Music Liberal Arts from Florida State University in August 2000. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1989 to 1991 as a member of Battery C 3rd Battalion Infantry and saw action in Kuwait during Desert Storm. During that time Mr. Almeyda earned a National Defense Service Medal as well as an M-16 Sharpshooter Marksmanship badge.

Above all else, Mr. Almeyda was a good man. Amongst his friends and family he was known as a gentle, kind and compassionate soul. He was sensitive, imaginative and creative. He had a penchant for helping out people in need and felt compelled to defend the underdog. He was a consummate gentleman who went out of his way to ensure the comfort of those around him. To know him was indeed to love him and he will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Mary Spadafora and daughter Gabrielle Almeyda; parents Octavio and Gladys Almeyda; brother Omar Almeyda; sister Brenda Almeyda and her husband Keith Roof; parents-in-law Dino and Patricia Spadafora; brothers-in-law Christopher Spadafora, David Spadafora and Robert Spadafora; and a legion of adoring friends and extended family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 4:00pm on August 14th, 2015 at Heritage Funeral Home, 3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Mathews, NC 28104. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Duke Hospital and especially the nurses and staff of Hospice & Palliative Care for their attentiveness, kindness and dignity.

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

-Maya Angelou

Nelson Almeyda made people feel good.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. Online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.com

Events

AUG **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Weddington/Matthews Chapel

3700 Forest Lawn Dr, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

AUG **Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ My name is Daniel C. Bryan, I grew up with Nelson and he always been my best friend.

Daniel C. Bryan - February 06, 2016 at 12:37 AM



“ 10 files added to the album New Album Name



Courtney Curry - August 15, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ My tribute to Nelson after a beautiful service yesterday:

This afternoon I had the opportunity to celebrate the life of someone very special to me. If you know my Microsoft journey, you know it wouldn't have been possible without Nelson Almeyda, the most genuine, selfless person I've ever known. My mentor, my teammate, but most of all, my friend. Today went exactly like I expected - a lot of tears, a few laughs, and endless stories about how many lives this man touched. He served our country and gave back in every sense of the word. I'm better for having known him and blessed beyond measure to be able to call him "friend". Gone way too soon, he is missed more than I can put into words. I keep asking myself what he would be saying to me at this very minute. What I wouldn't give to have one more of our talks. He always knew how to reach people and make them smile. In that true Nelson spirit of always seeing the glass half full, I'm thankful that I had as much time on this Earth with him as I did, and that he is no longer in pain. 'Til we meet again...

Courtney Curry - August 15, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. May the Father of tender mercies comfort you now during this difficult time and in the days to come.

Valerie Patch - August 15, 2015 at 04:55 AM



“ "A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on."

May the love of family and friends comfort you these difficult days.
My most heartfelt condolences.

Carmen Martinez and family
Newberry, FL

(Melba's sister in law)

carmen rivera - August 14, 2015 at 01:03 AM



“ Joe & Maritza Coscarelli & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nelson Eduardo Almeyda.



Joe & Maritza Coscarelli & Family - August 13, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Nelson Eduardo Almeyda.



August 13, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ Nelson was such a kind, sweetheart of a man. He loved his family dearly and has left (for now) two beautiful, strong, amazing women behind to be the keeper of his memories- One who is his spitting image, and the other who holds his heart- Gabrielle and Mary you have a bright, beautiful love. Be gentle with yourselves, good to one another, and know we are here to hold space for you. Love to you both- Sarah Coats & Family

Sarah Coats - August 13, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ Rhonda Smith Cunneen purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Nelson Eduardo Almeyda.



Rhonda Smith Cunneen - August 13, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ The Maiden Family (Chris, Carolyn, Sydney & Olivia) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nelson Eduardo Almeyda.



The Maiden Family (Chris, Carolyn, Sydney & Olivia) - August 13, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nelson Eduardo Almeyda.



August 13, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ Stew Valencia and Frank Vazquez. purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Nelson Eduardo Almeyda.



Stew Valencia and Frank Vazquez. - August 13, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary, Gabrielle and the entire Almeyda family. I will always remember Nelson's kind, humble, laid back personality and killer smile. I am honored to have known him and so very sorry for your loss.



Carolyn Maiden - August 12, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Nelson and working with him for several years as a customer of his at Microsoft. Our conversations often went well beyond work and I was always impressed with his observations and keeping things "in perspective". I was in utter shock when I learned of his passing yesterday. He will truly be missed both on a professional level, he was an amazing TAM to us, and on a human level - he was just a really decent guy.
--Dave Pfister/Russell Reynolds Associates

David Pfister - August 12, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ Nelson was my best friend. He has stood by my side, both figuratively and literally, for my very best moments and my very worst, for the last 28 years.

I am truly grateful to his wife Mary who called upon me and gave me the opportunity to be with him in his final days. It was an honor and a gift I will cherish forever. My thoughts are with Mary and Gabby as they embark on the difficult road to healing. You are not walking alone.

Nelson, when my time comes, I hope you will be there with Rosa to greet me. See you on the other side, my friend, my brother.

Daniel - August 13, 2015 at 10:08 AM



“ Nelson has been our TAM for the past few years, and during that time we have had many opportunities to talk about more than just work related topics.

We always spoke of family and related values, and how precious our time away from work was to do what mattered most to us, and to be with our loved families.

He is most certainly a proud father and husband, my heart aches for his family.

After hearing of his passing in a general announcement via a forwarded email, I was

shocked and wanted to know more about Nelson so I did some searching.

I have never met Nelson in person, but this post put a picture to the person, and summed up Nelson so very well: <http://maudnewton.com/tag/nelson-almeyda/>

I will miss our conversations, our next regularly scheduled meeting was next Wednesday ... RIP Nelson.

RVX - August 12, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nelson E. Almeyda.



August 12, 2015 at 11:56 AM