



Nivardo Esparza Dueñas

February 7, 1963 - April 21, 2021

In the early hours of Wednesday on the 21st of April of the year 2021, Nivardo at the age of 58, was called to be with the Lord. He was the first child of Maria Luisa (Dueñas) and Valvino Esparza. Born on February 7th, 1963 in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico in a town called Estancia De Animas, Villa Gonzalez Ortega, Nivardo was destined to become a skillful, remarkable, and talented chef and business owner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Mirna, who together they birthed six children: Luis, Roberto, Coral, Nivardo Jr., Itzel, and Rubi. His parents were Maria Luisa and Valvino. He was blessed with seven grandchildren: Ethaniel, Adrian, Jennifer, Aliani, Emilia, Hazel, and Thalia. He has seven siblings: Evelia, Medardo, Veronica, Numila, Lucila, Laura, and Wilfredo; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Vicenta and younger brother Balvino.

Nivardo was well-known in the Joliet area where many people knew him as "Tony". When he was able to, he would get involved with his local community church - Our Lady of Mount Caramel Catholic Church. Not only was he involved in the Joliet area, but he was also involved in his hometown in Mexico. He was known as "Chino" because of his curly hair. He assisted in establishing a park where anyone was more than welcome to go. He loved his hometown and wanted to move back once he retired. He absolutely adored his grandchildren. They were his world and could not wait to see them each time he got the opportunity to do so.

He always had a passion like no other when it came to being in the kitchen. Throughout the course of his lifetime, he opened various restaurants that attracted repeating customers due to the delicious foods he would make. He was committed into providing the best kind of service that resulted in making his customers happy as well as being known as one of the best bosses to work for.

Five years ago, Nivardo had decided to take a risk and move to Tennessee to open a restaurant in a small town called Harriman, where he would specialize in making burgers. During this time, he was not only successful in building a large customer base, but also developed new friendships in which later they became like family.

He was always quick to help those that were in need. He gave people many chances when no one else would. He gave people the benefit of the doubt, regardless of what others may say. His heart was always in the right place. Nivardo was a distinguished chef, loved by many, and will dearly be missed. In the words of his friends in Tennessee, "His food was like no other. Nothing will ever compare to his." Also, in the words of his oldest grandchild, "His food was made from the heart."

Services for the viewing will be held on Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at Delgado Funeral Chapel located at 400 Landau Ave, Joliet, Illinois, 60432 from 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. as well as Friday, May 7th, 2021 from 10 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Funeral service will be held on Friday, May 7th, 2021, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church at 205 E. Jackson St, Joliet, Illinois, 60432 at 11 a.m. Burial will be held right after the church ceremony at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery.

En las primeras horas del miércoles el 21 de abril del año 2021, Nivardo a la edad de 58, fue llamado para estar con Dios. Fue el primer hijo de María Luisa (Dueñas) y Valvino Esparza. Nacido el 7 de febrero del año 1963 en el estado de Zacatecas, México en un pueblo llamado Estancia De Animas, Villa

González Ortega. Nivardo estaba destinado a convertirse en un hábil, notable, y talentoso chef y propietario de negocios.

Le sobreviven su amada esposa durante 35 años, Mirna, con quien juntos tuvieron seis hijos: Luis, Roberto, Coral, Nivardo Jr., Itzel, y Rubi. Sus padres fueron María Luisa y Valvino. Fue bendecido con siete nietos: Ethaniel, Adrian, Jennifer, Aliani, Emilia, Hazel y Thalia. Él tiene siete hermanos: Evelia, Medardo, Verónica, Numila, Lucila, Laura y Wilfredo; y muchas sobrinas y sobrinos. Fue precedido en la muerte por su abuela Vicenta y su hermano menor Balvino.

Nivardo era muy conocido en el área de Joliet, donde mucha gente lo conocía como "Tony". Cuando podía, se involucraba en la iglesia de su comunidad – la Iglesia Católica Our Lady of Mount Carmel. No solo estuvo involucrado en el área de Joliet, sino que también estuvo involucrado en su ciudad natal en México. Era conocido como "Chino" debido a su pelo chino. Ayudo a establecer un parque donde cualquiera era más que bienvenido a ir. Amaba su ciudad natal y quería volver a regresar el momento que se jubilara. Adoraba absolutamente a sus nietos. Eran su mundo y no podía esperar a verlos cada vez que tenía la oportunidad de hacerlo.

Siempre tuvo una pasión como ningún otro cuando se trataba de estar en la cocina. A lo largo de su vida, abrió varios restaurantes que atrajeron a clientes habituales debido a las deliciosas comidas que preparaba. Estaba comprometido a proporcionar el mejor tipo de servicio que dio lugar a hacer felices a sus clientes, además de ser conocido como uno de los mejores jefes para trabajar.

Hace cinco años, Nivardo había decidido arriesgarse y mudarse a Tennessee para abrir un restaurante en un pequeño pueblo llamado Harriman, donde se especializaría en hacer hamburguesas. Durante este tiempo, no solo tuvo éxito logrando obtener una gran base de clientes, sino que también desarrollo nuevas amistades en las que más tarde se convirtieron en familia.

Siempre se apresuró a ayudar a los necesitados. Le dio a la gente muchas

oportunidades cuando nadie más lo haría. Nunca dudo de la gente, aunque otros hayan dudado de ellos. Siempre tuvo un corazón grande para todos. Nivardo fue un chef distinguido, amado por muchos, y será muy extrañado. En palabras de sus amigos en Tennessee, "Su comida era como ninguna otra. Nada se comparará con el suyo". También en las palabras de su nieto mayor: "Su comida estaba hecha desde el corazón".

El velorio será el jueves en el 6 de mayo en la Capilla Funeraria Delgado (Delgado Funeral Chapel) ubicada en 400 Landau Ave, Joliet, Illinois, 60432 de 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. así como el viernes en el 7 de mayo de 10 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

El servicio fúnebre se llevará a cabo el viernes, 7 de mayo, en la Iglesia Católica Our Lady of Mount Carmel ubicada en 205 E. Jackson Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60432 a las 11 a.m. El entierro se llevará a cabo después de la ceremonia de la Iglesia en el Cementerio Católico de San Patricio.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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400 Landau Ave.
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Visitation

MAY 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, East Jackson
205 East Jackson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Graveside Burial

MAY 7. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery
Jefferson St at Hunter Ave
Joliet , IL 60435

Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nivardo Esparza Dueñas*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - May 06, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Nivardo Esparza Dueñas*

January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM



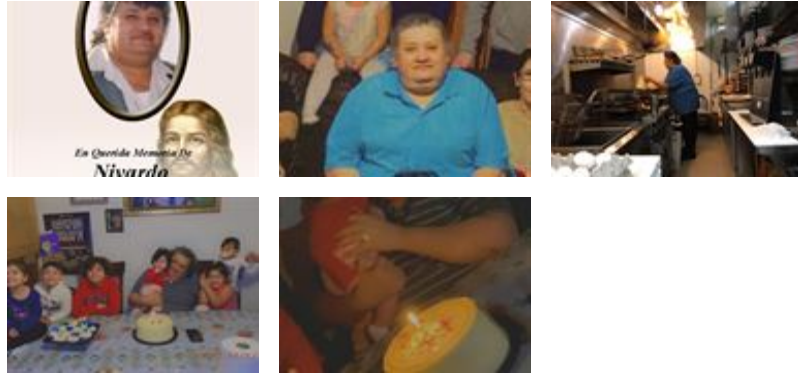
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nivardo Esparza Dueñas.*



May 06, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - May 06, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Nivardo Esparza Dueñas*.



May 05, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Angelo, Georgia, Billy & Peter Les will never forget the good times working together at Les Brothers. Many years of hard work, laughter and sharing family stories. Our friendship lasted 30 years. We will never forget him! Our condolences to all of his family as we know you have lost a good man and father.*

Angelo Les - May 04, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Nivardo Esparza Dueñas.*



April 30, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nivardo Esparza Dueñas.*



April 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Nuestro más sentido pésame para toda la familia. Están en nuestras oraciones. Nivardo fue un gran compañero de mi niñez y mi adolescencia.
Descansa en Paz!
Rebeca & Misael Martínez*

Rebeca Martinez - April 28, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Nivardo Esparza Dueñas.*



April 28, 2021 at 04:38 PM