

Filiberto "Fele" Rivera Santiago

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Date of Birth:

1925

All Souls parishioner, 91 year old Filiberto Rivera Santiago of Sanford passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Filiberto was born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. He served proudly in the U.S. Army for 21 years, retiring as platoon sergeant in 1968. He was a member of the 65th Infantry Regiment Borinqueneers, which was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. The 65th was the highest decorated outfit of the Korean War. After his military service, he served for 20 years at the State of New Jersey as a corrections officer at the Midstate Correctional Facility.

Filiberto was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Maria Garcia Ramos of 53 years, his parents, five brothers and one sister. He is survived by six children: Amilcar Rivera and wife Iris, Filberto Rivera of Florida, Arnaldo Rivera of Florida, Marilia Rivera and husband Manuel Perez of New Jersey, and Mabel Rivera of New York; his sister Gloria Castillo and husband Horge, his sister Modesta Zayas, his brother Sandalio Rivera, his loving goddaughter Nilda Martinez and husband Anibal, and all loving and caring family members.

A Mass for Filiberto was held at 12 noon, Saturday, August 27, at All Souls Catholic Church, 800 S. Oak Avenue, Sanford, Florida followed by burial in Oaklawn Park Cemetery, Sanford.

Media data:



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August 17 2016

Place of Birth:

Aibonito, Puerto Rico

Place of Death:

Sanford, Florida, United States

Primary State of Residence:

New Jersey, United States

