



Martin Arbelo Rivera

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Martin Arbelo Rivera, known affectionately as Tito, passed away on November 24, 2025, at the age of 67, in St. Petersburg, Florida. Born on March 22, 1958, in New York, New York, Tito led a life marked by passion, patriotism, and artistic achievement.

Tito's career as a dancer was nothing short of illustrious. He was a three-time British Professional Show Dance Champion and a World Finalist. His remarkable talent also led him to become an International Royal Albert Hall Latin Semi-Finalist. Beyond the accolades, Tito was a passionate dance instructor who inspired countless students with his dedication and skill.

A true patriot at heart, Tito loved his country deeply. His interests were diverse and profound—he was an exceptional Flamenco guitar player, an avid golfer, and a sports car enthusiast. His love for fishing was well-known among his friends and family, as were his deep spiritual commitments. Tito's greatest passion was studying scripture, which guided him throughout his life.

Tito is survived by his sisters, Milagros Mercado and Charito Soto; his former wife, Denise Rivera; and a host of nieces and nephews: Amos, Nelson, Natasha, Raul, Georgie, Isaiah, Denise, Edwin, William, Antonio, Angelina, Angel, Joshua, Moses, and Maranatha. He also leaves behind many extended family members and close friends. He was dearly loved by the community. Tito was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Lopez Rivera, and his brothers, Socrates Lopez, Edwin Rivera, and George Rivera.

A service to honor Tito's life will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 1:30 PM at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The viewing will start at 11:00 AM.


“You know what’s wrong with you? Absolutely nothing.” – Martin Rivera



Viewing

 **Saturday**, December 6, 2025


 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Service

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Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

 **(727) 369-8228**





Tribute Wall

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Michele M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Martin.



December 6 at 2:08 AM



Denise Rivera December 8 at 12:56 PM

Thank you Michelle for your beautiful gift for martin that will feel like he is still with us 🙏🙏❤️



Joy H. sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Rivera family.



December 5 at 12:56 PM



Joy H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Martin.



December 5 at 12:56 PM

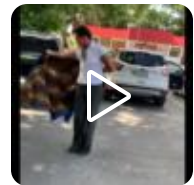


Denise Rivera December 8 at 12:58 PM

Thank you Joy for your precious gift for martin. The tree will grow strong and tall and handsome just like him ❤️. Thank you also for your beautiful flowers from Colin and yourself. I know you feel my paralyzing pain. Xxx



Lele Soto shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.



December 3 at 7:48 PM



Marcia Ann Steyer sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Rivera family.



December 2 at 10:29 AM



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Sean Buckmaster shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

He was a good man, always true. Great friend, and my mentor since I was 19, his loss is deeply felt. He taught me so much. Ya Bless and keep him.

December 1 at 10:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rivera family.

November 29 at 11:12 AM



Mary And Ed Zuranski planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Martin.

November 29 at 11:12 AM



Denise Rivera December 8 at 1:01 PM

Thank you guys. He loved you both so much. Life is so quiet without him. I can't stand it. His tree will grow strong and elegant and classy just like he ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Lele Soto shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 3 at 7:48 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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