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Juan Antonio Cruz of Fort Myers, Florida passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 4:40 PM following some recent health challenges. He was born in Sunnyside, Washington on July 23, 1962 and was 56 years old at the time of his death. Juan is survived by his wife Vickie DeArmond of 28 1/2 years and by his parents Cristobal Cruz and Oralia (Cassiano) Cruz of Washington State; sister Mary Sanders of Washington State; brother Cristobal Cruz of Utah; sister Nora A. Cruz of Oregon and brother Jose Jesus (Liz) of Washington State. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly and who knew him as Spiderman. Juan was an amazing athlete from the moment he started walking. All he cared about was playing ball. In High School he played baseball, basketball and football with scouts from all these sports watching his performance. Juan was drafted after graduation for professional baseball and played in the minor-league system for the California Angels and was later traded to the Oakland A's. After leaving baseball, Juan moved to Fort Myers with a fellow ball player to Fort Myers. He loved living in the area and competed in many softball leagues and dart leagues along with playing golf. He was awesome at all sports. Juan owned his own business, Juan Cruz Inc., and was the best flooring installer in town. He worked only by referrals and was extremely successful. Juan loved his hangouts, The Half Shell Lounge and Gator Lanes, and made a whole family from all his friends. A Memorial Service for Juan will be celebrated by Pastor Rich Schnieders of Grace Brethren Church at 1:00 PM inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Friends are welcome to gather for this service a half-hour preceding the ceremony beginning at 12:30 PM also inside the funeral home chapel. Juan will thereafter be laid to rest at an undisclosed date. To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences



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to the family at this difficult time please visit Juan's memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



## Tribute Wall

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ST

**Sherry Thompson** posted:

I have recently been asking about old Friends and I am Sad to hear that You have left us .. The Gang will greatly miss you. You have left us with many Great memories and will live on in our Hearts . ❤️ God be with your Family till you are together again Sherry Lightner Thompson

October 7 at 6:26 AM

JC

**Jack Curtsinger** posted:

Juan, you were a good friend and a good man during our time at YVCC. Your family will remain in our prayers. RIP my friend.

May 19 at 7:26 AM

DM

**Debora Miller** posted:

With heartfelt sympathy to you Vickie and Julio's entire family. Julio always had a great smile and a kind word for all! He was such a hard worker and did an incredible job on all he did. We will miss him. Prayers surround you Vickie ??

April 17 at 1:57 PM

DG

**Dee Lalsiew, Jessie Lindo, Linda Gonzalez** posted:

May GOD give you the family of Juan Cruz peace, strength ,comfort in the days and weeks ahead . Know you're in our thoughts and prayers here at Designer Hair Salon our condolences.

April 16 at 5:02 PM

BN

**Bob And Jan Norton** posted:

Ourlove and prayers are with you during this time. Praying for the Lord's peace and comfort over you.

April 16 at 12:28 PM



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PB

**Paul And Leigh Byer** posted:

Julio – We will miss you. You were a friend to many and family to all of us. Go fly high and be at peace; suffering no longer. Godspeed as you continue your journey brother-in-law. With Love, Leigh

April 15 at 1:57 PM

MB

**Mike Bessey** posted:

Juan, I will miss dearly my friend and brother !!! You were always a good person and friend. Fly High!!!

April 14 at 1:24 PM

CW

**Carol A. Wright** posted:

Vicky my heart goes out to you at this sad time. Your Juan will be missed by many, many friends. Praying you find peace. Much love to you and your family. Love Carol A. Wright

April 13 at 12:23 PM

VD

**Vickie Dearmond** posted:

Juan, you will be missed by so many people, but I know our Angel is watching over all of us. I thank you my love for being an amazing man, husband, son, brother, father and friend. I love you forever and you will never be forgotten. Go fly high my love, until we meet again.

April 13 at 8:53 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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