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Luis E Diaz passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Delaware Hospice in Milford, Delaware, less than a month before celebrating his 81st birthday.

Luis was born in Ponce Puerto Rico and moved to Rockaway Beach, New York with his mother and siblings, where he later graduated from Far Rockaway High School and then served in the U.S. Army. After serving his country for 6 years, Luis met his loving wife Evelyn and her 3 children.

Throughout his years in New York, Luis was very active playing softball, paddleball, and shooting pool. He was a scoutmaster for Troop 121 in Rockaway, New York helping his son, Tim, and his friends learn important lessons and life skills with many jokes along the way. Luis loved the beach and would spend some evenings combing for treasures with his metal detector without any luck. Luis' passion for cars trickled over into the ownership of many fixer-uppers, and learning opportunities for Tim, Al, and Vic. Some cars made it to their destination, others were more on a one-way travel plan. For many years, Luis and Evelyn hosted numerous holiday gatherings and enjoyed the love and laughter of children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews playing in the gymnasium and the back yard. He loved spending summers with his grandsons fishing on the bay and combing for seashells on the beach to later paint and decorate. On many occasions, his home away from home for he and Evelyn was Atlantic City to play slot machines and enjoy many concerts and events. His work ethic led him to be a building superintendent in Brooklyn, New York and then 35 years as a facility manager at West End Temple in Neponsit, NY until his retirement age of 78.

After his retirement, Luis moved to Bridgeville, Delaware with his daughter Diana and son-in-law Roger where he was introduced to pickle ball, bocce, shuffleboard, and corn hole. During his final year, he came to appreciate the calmness of putting golf balls, as he was unable to play a full game on the course. Throughout his life, Luis dabbled with creativity by painting on canvas and giving his paintings silly names and strumming his guitar in the evenings. He loved attending game nights, trivia nights, and any opportunity to listen to music or dance and share laughs with his



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close-knit neighbors. For his 80th birthday, his final wish came true when he went to Vegas to play “real slots with the big boys” and see Blue Man Group, Penn & Teller, and Cirque Du Soleil. He and his daughter Diana loved spending evenings outside star gazing and enjoying the sounds of nature. He never missed an opportunity to talk about cars or go to car shows with his son-in-law Roger.

No matter where in life, he lit up every room with his infectious smile. He always maintained a positive and optimistic outlook at life and was everyone’s biggest fan.

Luis’ funny and loving legacy will live on through Diana & Roger, Anthony & Danielle, and Sydney, Zachary & Kelly, Jordan, Timothy & Heather, Lucas, Dylan, Allan & Cathy, Allie, Little Al, Christopher, Victor & Melissa, Veronica, Jessica, Victor III.

Luis will be interred at Calverton National Cemetery in Wading River, New York.

In lieu of flowers, Luis and his family would love for everyone to share his caring spirit by doing one random act of kindness for 30 days.



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LJ

Leslie Johnson posted:

I only knew Luis from the pickleball courts at Heritage Shores in Delaware. He was small in stature but had a huge personality and played with enthusiasm. Such a nice man. He will be missed ☐

March 17 at 4:26 AM

RE

Rebecca Epstein posted:

Mr. Diaz was an institution at our synagogue. He knew every family, every aspect of Temple activities, everything about the building. He was a treasure trove of knowledge, and had a special knack for solving any kind of problem, using his ingenuity, creativity, and hard work. He was incredibly kind, artistic, and had a gentle and caring demeanor. When I arrived at the Temple, he painted my office, hung up my art and arranged my furniture with the touch of an interior designer. He served the Temple with love and care for more than 40 years, and he impacted our community in so many ways. He will be truly missed. We offer our deepest condolences to the family. May he rest in peace, and may his memory always be a blessing -- it certainly will to us. With love, Rabbi Rebecca Epstein West End Temple

March 15 at 9:27 AM

PO

Pam Orris shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Luis painted with me and others at Heritage Shores. He was a wonderful artist and I so enjoyed spending those evenings with him and his daughter. Paint in heaven... I will think of you when we paint.



March 15 at 3:47 AM

DM

Daniel Murray posted:

My deepest condolences to the Luis Diaz family. I will miss the presence of Luis' truly lovable, fun and kind person he was. Daniel Murray, neighbor

March 14 at 9:42 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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