



Elvin Luis Zayas

March 24, 1961 - July 19, 2020

Elvin Luis Zayas, 59, of New Kent County, peacefully ended his battle with cancer on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Elvin is survived by his wife, Aida Zayas; his children, Steven, Adam, and Emily; his sister, Carmon Ramos and brothers, Frank Ramos, Eddie Ramos, Eric Cruz, Felix Cruz; brother in law, Peter Ponga, sister in law, Anna Williams; honorary family members Samantha Cunningham and Jackson Bush and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his mother Carmen Maysonet and father Jorge Zayas.

Elvin was born in New York on March 24, 1961. He and his wife relocated to Virginia shortly after getting married in hopes of settling down and starting their forever. In 1990, Elvin became a member of the New Kent Volunteer Fire Department where he was proud to serve his new community, eventually becoming Chief of Company 1. The Fire Department afforded him many opportunities and allowed him to forge lifelong friendships.

Elvin had a love for anything mechanical, restoring and working on cars and engines, as well as riding motorcycles, driving around his tractors, enhancing his golf cart, scuba diving, and a new found love for camping and creating the perfect campsite. Elvin was always ready to lend a hand, he was known as “The Guy” if you need help getting something fixed. He was always willing to share his knowledge and if he didn’t know how to fix it, he would figure it out. Always quick with witty banter or a wise crack, it was always in good nature and one of the ways he showed his love and affection. One of Elvin’s greatest attributes was his strong work ethic. He was determined to instill this in his children which was evident in the way he led by example and carried himself with integrity. Plain and simple Elvin’s philosophy was this: Help people and do the right thing.

Elvin was dedicated to his family. He was a devoted husband, proud father, loving brother, beloved uncle, and loyal friend. He was affectionately known as “The Best Brother In Law In the World.” He had just celebrated 32 years together with the love of his life, Aida Zayas. In his spare time, he enjoyed working in his garage with his sons and nephews,

relaxing at the campground, or spending time with his family.

Elvin will be missed tremendously by his family and they all appreciate your love and support during this time. Elvin recently found peace and comfort through attending church at New Kent Christian Center. A Celebration of Life will be held at New Kent Christian Center 3 PM Saturday, August 8th, 2020, with the family receiving visitors from 2 - 3 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Kent Christian Center or the American Cancer Society.

Comments



“ Aida, I was just told this terrible news. I'm so sorry for your loss. Back in the day he was like a brother to me. We had some great times. Jeff Jeter

Jeff Jeter - August 01 at 05:27 PM



“ Oh Aida, We just found out this very sad news. Please know that we are praying for all of you! He was such a great guy, even though we rarely saw one another, we would pick up right where we left off. Let us know if you need anything!

Laura Key - July 26 at 10:33 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jesus Seda - July 24 at 01:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jesus Seda - July 24 at 01:05 PM



“ Beloved Beautiful Family ...Our Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our beloved dearly departed Elite Brother Elvin...May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, our most heartfelt condolences...Rest In Peace Brother (Elvin) Till We Meet Again...Forevermore part of our heart...

Jesus Seda - July 24 at 01:04 PM



“ May the peace of God that passes all understanding be with all the family. To be absent from the body (Elvin's family) is to be present in the Land of Glory. Elvin fought the good fight, and yes he finished the race. I know Jesus said " well done my good and faithful servant" when Elvin entered the gates of Heaven. I never saw my friend without a smile on his face. The funniest story Elvin ever told me was at his niece's wedding, Jo Jo, I said Elvin your daughter Emily is so beautiful. You better have a shot gun. He replied " why do you think I left New York in the night" I asked him to tell me that story over and over especially when we were at New Kent Christian Center. Our children played field hockey together. Maryon, our daughter, spent half of her high school days with them and also the Ponga's. This family holds a special place in my family's heart. He will be missed but never forgotten! Harrell, Maryon, Amanda and I send all our love and prayers to you Aida, Emily, James and to all the family. We love you!

Harrell and Annilee Wood - July 24 at 12:02 PM



“ And Stephen!

Harrell and Annilee Wood - July 24 at 12:04 PM



“ I always enjoyed seeing Elvin he was always quick with a smile and quick witted. He will be missed. Prayers to Aida and all the family.

Joanne Simmons - July 24 at 08:57 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing him for years he was a good man good friend prayers sent out to his family

doug knight - July 24 at 08:39 AM



“ Elvin was my Chief at Co. 1, Providence Forge Vol. FD. My heart goes out to Aida and the children. I wish I had kept in closer contact with you my friend. I will miss you. Via con Dios.

Mark Thatcher - July 23 at 02:45 PM



“ Susie Blasini lit a candle in memory of Elvin Luis Zayas



Susie Blasini - July 23 at 09:40 AM



“ Mr. Elvin was such a quiet person until you got to know him and then the jokes would come. ((Hugs)) and prayers to the family especially Aida, Stephen, Adam and Em. I love you all and if there is anything I can do please let me know! With love Alicia Akrie-Williams

Alicia Akrie-Williams - July 22 at 09:59 PM



“ My God Elvin ...

Thank you for being in my life. And, for being Cooler than The Fonz; More Courageous than Evil Knievel, Funnier than Dave Chappell & yet, more Humble than Mother Theresa.

Born in The Bronx; a Loving Husband, a Devoted Father, Uncle, & Cousin. An ace Mechanic, fierce Driver, a Virginia Volunteer Fire Fighter. A RV/Tractor Motorcyclist extraordinaire, A matchless wit & A protector from bullies.

You will always be one of a kind. Thank God for your life & for everything you taught us.

My siblings & I will always remember our one big cross country adventure, driving us with pops n mámi to Florida in 1981. Twice you literally saved our lives!

Our entire family accompanies our deepest sentiments to Aida, Emily, Steven, Adam, his 5 brothers n sister and his beloved nieces n nephews. A brief Life well lived. May God Shine His Perpetual Light on his Cosmic path as he pops "wheelies" on his "hog" cycling through the Heavens.

"They say there's a heaven for those who will wait...
Some say it's better, but I say it ain't...
I'd rather laugh with the sinners than cry with the saints...
The sinners are much more fun...
You know that only the good die young..."- Billy Joel

Never mind Elvis Presely, Elvin Zayas has left the Earth!

Sleep In Peace & Power Cuz, We Love You Forever & Always...

Kenny Agosto - Cousin from The Bronx - July 22 at 02:28 PM



“ Angie Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Elvin Luis Zayas



Angie Jones - July 22 at 02:03 PM