



# Manuel Nelson Zapata

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**M**anuel Nelson Zapata, 91, of Spring Hill, Florida passed away December 22, 2014. He was born in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico to Ramon Zapata and Juanita Seda. Mr. Zapata practiced law in New York until his retirement. He was a member of the LACCA Latin American Civic and Cultural Association and a US Navy veteran. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Frances Zapata.

He is survived by his son Nelson Zapata and wife Beatrice; daughters Dr. Nancy Schilling and husband William; Frances Poy and husband Alfonso; brother George Zapata and wife Carmen; sister Iris Zapata and five grandchildren.

Memorial service will be 11AM Friday, January 2, 2015 at Grace Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will follow to Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Arrangements were entrusted to Grace Memorial Funeral Home 16931 US Hwy 19 Hudson, Florida 34667. 727-863-5471 [www.gracememorialhudson.com](http://www.gracememorialhudson.com)

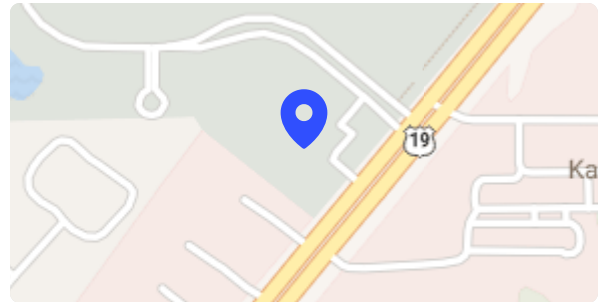


### Memorial Service

**Friday**, January 2, 2015

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM ET

**Grace Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667

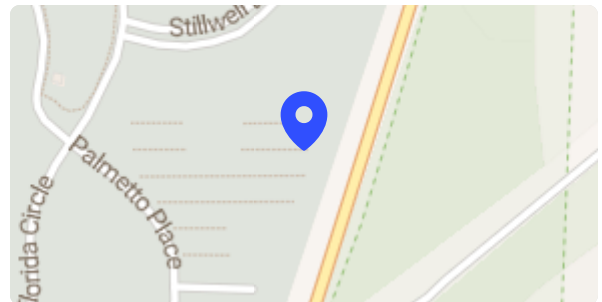


### Inurnment

**Friday**, January 2, 2015

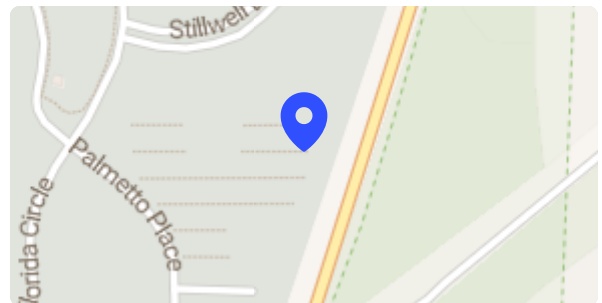
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM ET

**Florida National Cemetery**  
6502 SW 102 Ave, Bushnell FL 33513



### Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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**Zenaida Gonzalez** posted:

Hello. My name is Zenaida Irizarry Gonzalez. Nelson was my mother's first cousin. His mother, Juanita and my grandmother, Providencia were sisters. I have so many beautiful memories of this sweet and loving man. He cherished his entire family, and enjoyed all the moments we had together. He gave so much of himself to everyone. Always willing to help in whatever way he could, and always that constant, beautiful smile. I remember going to the Caborjeno Club in NYC with my cousin, Norma, her Mom, Carmen Iris, and Nelson's wife, Paquita (such a beautiful woman), and his children, Frances, Nancy and Nelsito. He was also very dedicated to the Puerto Rican community in New York City. I learned of Nelson's passing from my cousin, Norma, and was very saddened. I will remember him always, as well as his wonderful wife, Paquita. They were truly meant for each other. May they both rest in peace together in God's loving care. And, God bless his, and our entire extended family.

November 17 at 9:31 AM



**Elizabeth Bordeaux** posted:

Hi My name is Elizabeth Del Toro Bordeaux, daughter of Felix and Laura Del Toro. My great-uncle Nelson and I crossed paths about a year ago when he was my patient. We have not seen each other for more than forty years until then. We were both overjoyed when we discovered that we were related. I tried several times to get him to meet my daughter and my my grandchildren but because of illness and physical limitations, they were not able to meet. I lost his telephone number but not his address. After sending him a thanksgiving card inviting him to our Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas card stating my telephone number, I knew that something was wrong when there was no reply. I discovered about Nelson's passing as I looked through the December 28,2014 Obituary section. Grief overcame me as I thought about the lost opportunities of physically finding him. He was such a good and loving man . He helped many including my parents in resolving minor legal issues. I am so saddened by his passing now that I never was able to say good-bye to him and tell him how much I love him. Now I will never be able to hear stories about our family as he was growing up. I regret not finding him before his passing. My sincere condolences to his family and friends . May you rest in peace, my dear great-uncle Nelson as you reunite with loved ones who passed before you. You will never be forgotten. You will always be loved.

January 3 at 8:13 AM



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IS

**Israel Sanabria** posted:

The Sanabria Family wishes to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences for the passing of Manuel Nelson Zapata. He was a person to be admired; for he was an exemplary model to his profession and to his family. May you find comfort knowing that he is in heaven telling the stories that left us in bewildered awe here on earth.

January 3 at 4:24 AM

JB

**Jose E Burgos** posted:

I am Jose Burgos..I will miss my dear friend Manuel Nelson Zapata. He helped me back then with so much professionalism in my legal matter of my moving business..I will never forget his kindness. His smile will be for stay in my heart. My deeply condolences to all his family. Soon he will be with Paquita...love of his life. May he rest in peace. Jose E. Burgos, Senior 201-469-7503 from New Jersey.

January 2 at 7:39 AM

TP

**Talia Poy** shared an album called **MNZ**.



December 31 at 5:51 PM

SD

**Susan Donovan** posted:

Nancy, Frances and family - I only knew your dad for a short while, but he brought a smile to my face every day that I made him lunch or watered his plants. He always had a good story (usually political) to share with me. It was my pleasure to be of some assistance to you in making dad comfortable. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Susan Donovan

December 29 at 4:22 AM



Talia Poy shared a photo to the **MNZ** album.

December 31 at 5:51 PM



Manuel Nelson Zapata



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

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



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