



Luis Trabanco

October 10, 1959 - April 19, 2023

Luis Raul Trabanco, born on the 10th day of October 1959 in Holguín, Cuba, joined his loving parents in God's love on April 19, 2023.

Luis was a beloved son of Julio C. Trabanco Sr. and Maria C. Trabanco. He is survived by brothers, Julio "Indigo" and Rafael Sr. (Luz "Delia"). Loving uncle to Maribel, Gabriel (Kim, daughter - London), Rafael Jr. (Heather), Amaryllis (Joshua, daughter - Iliana), and Alejandra. Beloved cousin, granduncle, godfather, and friend to many.

Luis was an active member in his local community and appreciator of the arts. The most friendly and hospitable person to those who would see him at the family business, Tropicana Market Inc. "La Tropicana", in South St. Louis. Luis' love and appreciation for his Cuban roots and the lively, Hispanic community were both strong and proud. His loud, contagious laugh and high-spirited personality will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Memorial Service: May 26, 2023 - 10:00 AM at Chapel Hill Kirkwood.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either the Alzheimer's Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

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Tribute Wall

PB

“ Wonderful family. I knew his father, Julio Trabanco, DVM and mother, Maria, well. I enjoyed meals at the Tropicana several times. Never had a better Cuban sandwich before or since. Dr. Trabanco was honest, hard working, having fled Cuba upon the revolution. He came here with the shirt on his back and little in his pocket. Yet he always had a smile no mater what. Even though he had a Veterinary Degree in Cuba, it was not recognized in the US. He spent years as a "helper" in veterinary clinics before his degree was finally recognized by Texas. I'll never forget the picture Presidential Portrait of Ronald Reagan on his wall behind his desk signifying his donation to the Reagan campaign. Nor will I forget his prophetic fear of an Obama administration...comparing his politics to that of Fidel Castro whose policies ruined his country. Wise he was.

Paul Barr - March 08 at 11:05 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Luis Trabanco.



May 25, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Luis Trabanco.



May 16, 2023 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ It was at his restaurant, La Tropicana, where I first met Luis. My son Jorge, who lives in St. Louis with his family, introduced me both to the restaurant and to Luis. Although I live in Florida, I was hooked to La Tropicana and always wanted to go during my frequent visits to St. Louis. I found Luis to be hospitable, friendly, honest, and yes, humble when receiving praise about his restaurant/market. I know because I did compliment his excellent food all the time, but particularly his Cuban sandwich. I kept telling him (and others) that his Cuban sandwich was the best of any place in the States, not even any restaurant in Miami could compete with it. I really meant it. I also had the pleasure of meeting his mom, whom you could tell he was very proud of. I told Luis his mom’s flan was so awesome, I could only compare it with my own mom’s. This is not only a tribute, but a prayer for Luis’ eternal rest with God. Thank you, Luis, for through your food and your charming personality you contributed to make this a better world. Sylvia

Sylvia Sanchez - April 29, 2023 at 12:57 PM

YP

“ Luis always greeted the Perez family with a wonderful smile, a hug and genuine warmth every time we entered La Tropicana store for masa and other Spanish grocery items. Whenever my family makes tamales I always think about Luis, a beautiful soul. 💕 Our deepest sympathies.

Yolanda Perez - April 28, 2023 at 12:47 PM

EW

“ To the Trabanco family. When I moved to St. Louis in 1989, Luis is one of the first bilingual individuals that I met. He welcomed me and introduced me to Latino organizations such as LULAC, the Hispanic Chamber and he even told me where I could go to mass in Spanish. La Tropicana was the first grocery store I visited to buy ethnic food products. His kindness left an imprint in my heart and fond memories through the years. Sending your family healing blessings. 🙏 Con cariño, Eileen Wolfington (La Morena)💕

Eileen Wolfington - April 27, 2023 at 11:09 PM

BA

“ My wife and I lived across the street from the restaurant. Luis was always kind when we came in. He even let us film a scene for a short film, which took several hours to complete. Luis was very patient and accommodating to us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Luis's friends and family.

Brian Ackley - April 27, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luis Trabanco.



April 27, 2023 at 09:08 PM