



Harvey Ortega

July 15, 1961 - July 2, 2021

Harvey Ortega, age 59 of Manteno, passed away Friday, July 2, 2021, at his home. He was born July 15, 1961, in Chicago, the son of Carnation and Pascuala (Rios) Ortega. Harvey married Nancy Busam on September 26, 1982, in Tinley Park.

Harvey was an employee of Phalanx Family Services, although he claimed to be “semi-retired”. He was a longtime employee of Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, working there for 25 years.

Harvey most enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He brought joy everywhere he went. There were no strangers to Harvey, just friends he hadn't met yet. And of course, he enjoyed long walks down the aisles of Costco.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy of Manteno; his mother, Pascuala of Manteno; one son and daughter-in-law, Peter (Taylor) Ortega of Manteno; two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy (Jason Lemberg) Ortega of Chicago, Jaclyn (Paul) Katsolis of Peoria, AZ; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Christine (Benjamin) Cahue of Chicago, Belinda (Jose) Vasquez of TX; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Carnation “Jr” (Sandra) Ortega of Broomfield, CO, Peter (Belvia) Ortega of Corpus Christie TX, John (Joyel) Ortega of Clermont FL; five grandchildren, Colton, Benjamin, Harvey, Charlotte and Elliotte.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. Deacon Robert Morris will officiate.

Please wear a face mask and follow social distancing guidelines if you have not been fully vaccinated.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Manteno, IL 60950
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Funeral Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Nancy, Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed visits with you both at Clearview. Harvey always had a smile and made everyone feel welcomed.

Mike and Debbie Riha, Clearview

Mike and Debbie Riha - July 09, 2021 at 09:14 AM

BJ

“ Nancy, Amy, Jackie and PJ ... Harvey's passing is a sorrow we share with you. Joe and I want you to know how sorry we are. We love you and miss you and have you in our Prayers.

Harv was a younger brother in age only... for his heart and good will toward me and our family was like that of an older caring brother. He shared his home, his cars, his food, his joy. His eyes glistened with happiness when we saw him last. He shared stories left and right at Coopers Hawk. Harv had us laughing. He even started the night with a lesson on wines ... he had us tasting this wine and that wine... then showed us how to aerate the wine right at the table... When we walked out to the parking lot, Harv got into his car and we got into ours. He drove up besides us, and left us that night shouting a joke out of his car window about the fact that we needed to upgrade our rental car... "Toooo economical!" he said.

Always joking and smiling, vibrant, loving and caring. His life leaves treasured memories in all of our hearts.

Love Belinda and Joe

Belinda and Joe - July 09, 2021 at 12:03 AM

BE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Belinda - July 08, 2021 at 03:25 PM

SM

“ Nancy, I am so very sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.

Sonja Madson - July 08, 2021 at 02:09 PM

ID

“ Nancy, I am so sorry for your loss. Many FUN stories you shared about Harvey that made me laugh so hard. Thank you for sharing the stories. Heaven gained the funniest angel. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers – Wishing you peace, comfort, courage and lots of love through this time of sorrow.



Rest in peace, Harvey.

*Love,
Ira*

Ira Daeli - July 08, 2021 at 11:28 AM

LM

“ Nancy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest in Peace Harvey



Linda Munro - July 08, 2021 at 10:59 AM

SP

“ Nancy my deepest sympathies during your time of loss, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Satyam Pandya

Satyam Pandya - July 08, 2021 at 10:33 AM

RA

“ We miss you Harvey alot 😞😞😞. Our Paris evening party is a life time memory for me. Thanks alot for the loving and caring you always showed. Your absence makes me feel bad, Rest In Peace.



Ramesh - July 08, 2021 at 02:46 AM

AF

“ My dear friend Hot Foot Harvey,

Fun, kind, generous, adventurous, and energetic are just a few words that I will always use to describe you. Recollection of so so many firsts of mine will always triggers memories of you and Nancy – Good tequila, my first live football game, Buddy Guy, Alice Cooper’s Christmas Pudding, chilly days, scary dive bars, pool at the sportsmen club, biker bars, Paris...we will always have the Louvre (the OG photo bomber) and the Shywawa, Absynthe, Scottsdale, the Playwright in NY, bad oysters in Detroit, the list goes on....and oh so many fun nights at Beggars (yep I said it). Please seek out Jennifer with the cuffs and the pistol :0. My heart will always remember you with fondness and joy. I still don’t believe it. Your light was so so bright and I will miss you dearly. Forever grateful that our paths crossed. Rest in peace Harv.



Andrea Fernandes - July 07, 2021 at 11:32 PM

PJ

“ Nancy I’m so sorry for the sudden loss of Harvey. My condolences to you and your family and God’s Speed as you face the difficult days ahead. 🙏💔
Pam Johnson

Pam Johnson - July 07, 2021 at 10:52 PM

MB

“ Dave and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Love and Blessings
Dave & Mary Burczak*

Mary A Burczak - July 07, 2021 at 07:36 PM

CB

“ Nancy - I wish I could be of some comfort to you at this time but I know that is not possible. Please know that you and your family have my deepest sympathy. I never had the honor of meeting Harvey but I feel that I know him. The stories you have shared through the years about Harvey and the fun things you would do together were a joy to listen to. The love you shared was apparent in the little snippets of your life you shared. Although I can not physical be there to share in your grief at this time, please know that I am there in spirit.



Love,
Carol Banjai

Carol Banjai - July 07, 2021 at 05:04 PM

LH

“ Nancy, I so very sorry for your loss. Heartfelt prayers for you and your family in this difficult period. May your sweet memories of the time you shared ease your pain. Those that we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and held so dear. God Bless. -- Lori Hickerson

Lori Hickerson - July 07, 2021 at 03:02 PM

SM

“ May fond and wonderful memories bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you and family in this time of sorrow. Please accept my deep condolences.

Regards
Sachin Matani

Sachin Matani - July 07, 2021 at 02:44 PM

AN

“ Nancy, you and Harvey had the most amazing marriage, he loved you so much. It was always an inspiration to see the two of you together.

I can't imagine what you are going through right now, but I know that only a handful of people get to experience what you and Harvey shared. It was such a blessing that you found each other and built such a great life together.

While I know it feels like your time together wasn't nearly long enough, you got to experience decades of joy, laughter and a man who loved you more than anything in the world. You are the luckiest woman and Harvey was the luckiest man and the greatest thing about that, you both knew it.

I will forever be grateful for Harvey's friendship, his candor and his generosity of spirit. Please know that everyone who was fortunate enough to know him, loved him and we all feel a tremendous sense of loss.

I love you, Ananda

Ananda - July 07, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DT

“ May you find the strength to get through this difficult time and carry the many wonderful memories in your heart forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*My deepest condolences,
Darleen*



Darleen Trigg - July 07, 2021 at 10:18 AM

BS

“ I will never forget the fun, the laughs, the talks, and most of all how much we became friends, and all our lake family vacations together. We are going to miss you so much Harvey, and your kindness, I dont think there was anything you wouldnt do for Us, or anyone. I still cant believe your gone. But we will hold all those memories close to our hearts. Rest in Peace our friend. Don and Bill

Bill Flanagan / Don Sapp - July 06, 2021 at 11:38 PM

JS

“ I'm still in shock. Over the past 3+ decades, Harvey became my Chicago brother. We bickered and fought like cats and dogs, all in great fun. Seeing the obit photo just doesn't seem real.

Nancy, I'm here for you. My hugs and prayers for you, PJ, Jackie & Amy. May God miraculously comfort and give you peace at this seemingly impossible time.

Much love, Janet

Janet Vinke Sampson - July 06, 2021 at 11:21 PM

MI

“ Misty lit a candle in memory of Harvey Ortega



Misty - July 06, 2021 at 05:05 PM

MI

“ I've known and worked with Harvey since our Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago days and it has extended to our Phalanx Family. He was always the sweetest guys. We were more than co-workers, we were friends and I'm going to miss him tremendously. My sincere love and condolences to Nancy, his children and the rest of his family. Our office will NEVER be the same!.....Misty

Misty - July 06, 2021 at 04:59 PM

KA

“ Wishing you the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart forever. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Kindest Regards,
Katie Cohen

Katie - July 06, 2021 at 04:46 PM