



Juan Ayala-Melendez, 72, of Camden, New Jersey, peacefully passed away on April 9th, 2021.

Juan was born on June 24, 1948 to Agapito Ayala and Catalina Melendez in Vieques, Puerto Rico.

As an adult, Juan traveled from Vieques to New Jersey, where he settled and raised three children as a single parent.

Juan was a force of nature, determined to provide for his family and instill the love, strength and wisdom to become independent and good-willed individuals. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world. He was unendingly proud of Maria, Felipe, and Juan Jr., and always done his best to support them.

Juan was a true giver. He regularly prepared food for his children, as well as friends and neighbors. Juan was also very handy and would generously offer a helping hand to those in need.

Anyone who knew Juan knew that he was the most loving father, grandfather and friend anyone could ask for. Juan was predeceased by his parents, Agapito Ayala and Catalina Melendez, and son Luis Ayala. He is survived by his children, Efrain Ayala, Maria Ayala, Felipe Ayala, Juan Ayala, Jr., and Emylee Hitchner. Juan is also survived by his five granddaughters and three grandsons.

PSALM 23



The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgments

Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers,
sent a lovely arrangement, gave a memorial
donation, or helped out in any way, your love,
support and kindness brought us great comfort and
will always be remembered.

The Family of
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JUAN AYALA-MELENDEZ
JUNE 24, 1948 - APRIL 9, 2021



SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

VIEWING 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SERVICE 11:00 AM

HARRIS TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH
926 Florence Street
Camden, New Jersey 08104



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Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION I

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23 | John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

REFLECTIONS

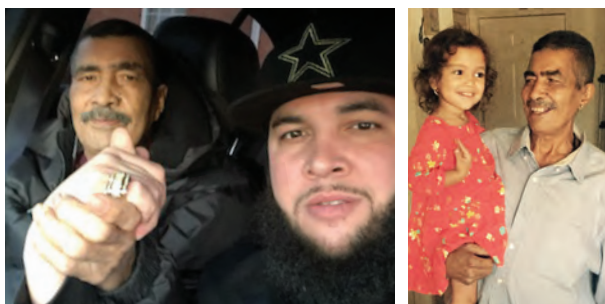
OBITUARY READING

EULOGY

SELECTION II

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL



His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.

~ Ellen Brenneman