



## *Thank You*

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW DEEPLY WE  
APPRECIATE ALL THE LOVE AND SUPPORT SHOWN  
TO OUR FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WE  
ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL AND WILL ALWAYS  
REMEMBER YOUR KINDNESS.

-The Ayala Family-



## IN LOVING *Memory*



Ernesto "EJ" Ayala Jr.

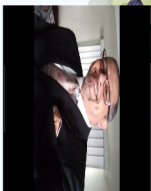
November 26, 1970- JULY 31, 2022

O'Donnell Creations and Funerals in  
Danvers, MA





*Ernesta Lyda Jr.*



*With profound sadness we announce the passing of Ernesto "EJ," "Baby" Ayala, Jr. EJ was a loving and devoted father and friend to all whose lives he touched. EJ or Baby as he was known to his family, was born on November 26, 1970 to the late Ernesto Ayala and Rosa Mercado. EJ was 51 years old. EJ loved life. EJ loved to laugh but, most importantly, EJ loved to make people smile. No matter what would be happening, EJ always found a way to turn the moment into a party of joy.*

Ej and his family moved to Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico when he was still a young boy and was raised in the town of Guanica. Ej attended and graduated Highschool at the Franklin D. Roosevelt in Guanica, Puerto Rico in 1990. Ej was always an athletic person. In 1988, he was voted Most Valuable Player in basketball for the city league. His last years of life Ej devoted himself to playing softball which brought him a new family within the players.

At the age of 18 years old, EJ decided to move back to Boston to live with his family in Clinton, MA to try and make a better life for himself but, EJ never forgot about his homeland of Puerto Rico that he loved.

*Ej loved going to the beach and catching a "tan" so he can always look "sexy" according to him. He loved going to the gym and working out making sure his body remained "sexy".*

*Ej loved being a father. Ej was blessed to have had 6 children that were the center of his world. Ej would often say that each one of his children "gives me life for how they love me and that's what matters." Ej often found himself watching movies, playing dominoes or just enjoying a walk near the water with his children and wife, Helena, whom he married in November 29, 2007.*

*EJ loved music especially, reggaeton. Whenever he heard his favorite song rest assure you will see EJ moving and grooving to the beat. EJ also served as a personal bouncer for concert crowd control and often was able to meet and greet celebrities and looked forward to telling stories about his adventure.*

Lynn, MA at the time of his transition.

*Ej will be missed. His smile, his hugs, his kind words will never be forgotten.*

Ej was predeceased by his father, Ernesto Ayala. Survivors include his mother, Rosa Mercado of Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico; wife, Helena Dossantos Ayala of Mercado of Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico.; wife, Helena Dossantos Ayala of Beverly, MA; Christopher Lee Ayala (son), 32, of Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico; Damien Mariano Garcia (son), 32, of Lynn, MA; James Alexander Ayala (son), 29, of Lynn, MA; Krysten Nicole Ayala (daughter), 28, of Lynn, MA; Mikoyla Armani Perryman (daughter), 22, of Beverly, MA; Ernesto Ayala III (son), 14, of Beverly, MA; Grandson, James Alexander Ayala II and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

