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In Loving Memory of Kent "Kenny" Gomez (Tsapogas) August 14, 1947 - June 12, 2025

Kent Gomez, a cherished father, partner, and legendary figure in Latin music, passed away on June 12, 2025, at the age of 77. Born in New York City, Kenny was a gifted pianist, composer, recording artist, and writer whose talent and dedication left an indelible mark on the golden era of salsa music.

As a key contributor to the Latin Salsa explosion of the 1970s in Spanish Harlem (El Barrio), Kenny worked alongside the genre's most iconic figures, helping to shape a sound that would resonate across generations and continents. His music was his language, and through it, he told stories of love, struggle, culture, and joy.

Beyond the spotlight, Kenny was a man of simple pleasures. He found peace in casting a fishing line and watching the sun dip low over the waters of the Florida Keys. Fishing wasn't just a hobby- it was his sanctuary.

Kenny took great pride in his family. He is survived by his sister Sonia Gomez, his children: Kent Gomez Jr. (Minerva), Melanie Gomez-Murphy (Kevin), Sonya Gomez, Regina Gomez, and Alex Alvarez; his granddaughters, Genesis, Alyssa, Natasha, and Gianni. Kenny will always be remembered with love by his longtime partner, Zoe Alvarez, who remained by his side through the years with unwavering care and devotion.

Kenny's spirit lives on in the music he created the lives he touched, and the family he adored. For Kenny's family, friends, and musical family~ His final gig will be held at: Memorial Plan San Jose 250 E 4th Avenue Hialeah, FL 33010 Sunday, June 22, 2025 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM We welcome all who loved him, played with him, and were moved by his music to come share memories, music, and love as we celebrate his life.



Events

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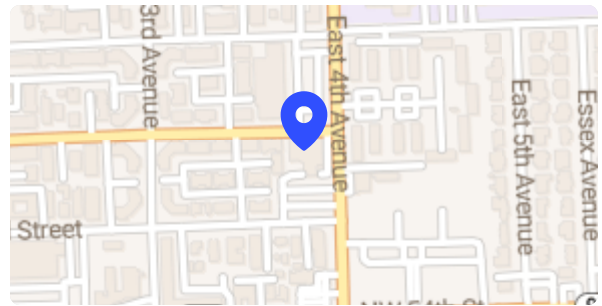
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 **Sunday**, June 22, 2025

 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **Memorial Plan San José - Ferdinand Funeral Home**

250 E 4th Ave, Hialeah FL 33010



Cemetery Details

 **Homestead Crematory**
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Tribute Wall

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ZA

Zoe Alvarez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Will always remember the night we met and every moment we shared.

July 9 at 6:50 PM



ZA

Zoe Alvarez posted:

I'll never forget the moment we met and our times together. Love you Pookie

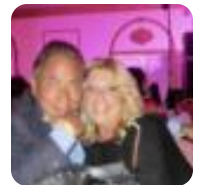
July 9 at 6:18 PM

KG

Kent Gomez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Pookie, I'll never forget our life together. Till we meet again, the love of my life.

July 9 at 5:06 PM



AA

Ana Avila posted:

By smiling back to me

June 26 at 6:45 PM

AA

Ana Avila posted:

Always be kind to others

June 26 at 6:45 PM

AA

Ana Avila shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

June 26 at 6:44 PM





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Renee Barlow posted:

My memories of my cousin Kenny are when he would stay at our house in Brooklyn on Park Place, he would take me and my brother to the Brooklyn museum and draw from pictures displayed Kenny like to draw as well and my brother and I loved watching him

June 19 at 4:04 PM



Renee Barlow posted:

My memories of Cousin Kenny when I was young were when he would visit and stay over he would take my brother and I to the Brooklyn museum, we lived only blocks away from there, I remember Kenny like to draw from the pictures and monuments at the museum my brother and I were so excited to go with him and loved watching him draw , I also remember when I was in the 2nd grade I wore a white poca dot Dress to school and we had painting that day and the teacher wanted us to wear aprons I refused to wear the apron and got paint on my dress , I cried because my dress was ruined , the teacher called my mother Kenny happened to be staying with us he came to school to pick me up and gave me his jacket to wear over my dress I was embarrassed to Walk home with paint on my dress lol I was one of those little girls who didn't listen Kenny came to my rescue , Kenny went on and taught himself the piano 🎹 my mom always said he learned by ear taught himself he became a very talented musician and played with many talented Latino musicians, Kenny loved his music and even though we haven't seen each other in some years we kept in touch, Kenny will be missed God Bless his soul and his talent for music 🎵🎸 RIP Cuz I know you will be playing with the angels ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

June 19 at 3:54 PM



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