



Jose Alberto Mendez

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Jose was born in Cuba on April 27, 1945 and immigrated to the United States as a teenager. He lived and worked in New York City for many years. In 1980, he was transferred to California for work. He resided in San Mateo, CA where he made a home for himself amongst his friends, which were his family. He relied heavily on the warm hugs of his friends like Kathy, Joy, Jac, Richard, Shannon, Anita, Rabbi Jay, Gretchen, Dianne, Rev. Ben, Ode, and Paulette, just to name a few. He actively participated in church at Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo (UUSM), where he found a community and lifelong friendships. He found comfort and solace through his participation in helping others.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a very proud veteran. He was a long-standing member of the San Mateo NAACP and served on its Board for many years. He served as a juror for the MLK Poetry and Art Contest. In 2018, he was presented with the NAACP Outstanding Community Service Award. He was a long-time volunteer at the San Mateo County Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup where his primary purpose for over thirty years was to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. He also built meaningful friendships at the San Mateo Senior Center, through shared meals and exercise with other seniors. He loved to tell jokes and make people laugh by comparing himself to John Wayne. Jose joined the UUSM community in 2016 and was a Board trustee, a member of the Facilities and Pastoral Care teams. He believed in helping others and was always willing to be of service.

Jose is survived by his daughter and son, Sylvia and Albert, their spouses, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Please keep Jose's family in your heart. Condolences can be sent to Sylvia Fernandez and family at 10 Aragon Ave. Apt. 918, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Please consider sharing your memories and stories of Jose on the Tribute Wall. What is your fondest memory of Jose?



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May we remember that grief is a sign of love, and love is what endures.





Events

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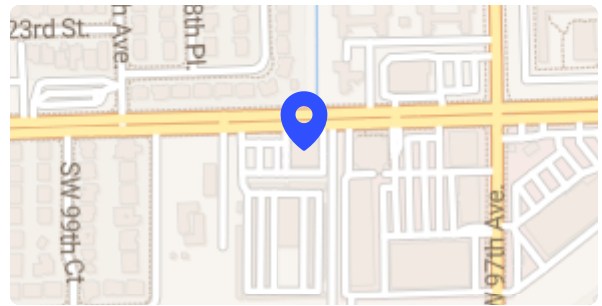
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, July 12, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Memorial Plan Westchester Funeral Home**
9800 SW 24th Street, Miami FL 33165





Tribute Wall

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Sylvia Fernandez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

At the NAACP banquet on March 23, 2025 with Judy Oberhausen and Richard Davis. Thank you for your friendship.

July 15 at 3:44 PM



LL posted:

Alberto was a huge part of our family and my childhood. I have so many unforgettable memories to treasure and cherish. His smile was kind and gentle. May God receive him with open arms.

July 12 at 6:10 PM



Sylvia Fernandez shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Today we spent a beautiful afternoon celebrating the life of my dad. My son Bobby spoke from the heart as he said, we will all meet again. After the service, we all shared a Cuban feast in his honor. Thank you all who attended, sent text messages, called, sent beautiful cards, gorgeous flowers, prayed and lit candles in his honor. Even though San Mateo and Miami are thousands of miles away, I felt the warm embrace of all his friends that loved him so much. He was truly blessed. Thank you.

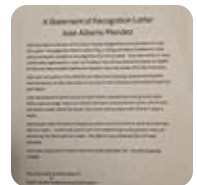
July 9 at 11:21 PM



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A beautiful Letter of Recognition from Martin Luther King Community Center, North Central Neighborhood Association, Ethel Burnside and Anita Webb, San Mateo, CA.

July 11 at 1:53 PM



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Attending a prayer breakfast with Anita Webb and friends. ❤️

July 11 at 9:24 AM





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Adeline Jones shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jose was a joy at the San Mateo Senior Center from the beginning. He was always smiling and welcomed everyone who came to our lunch program. He was also very caring, often helping out his buddy Gary. In the photo below, I have them showing off the ride service we offer, which both of them would share. He will be greatly missed.



July 10 at 12:34 PM



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Jose being socially active. He was trying to be taller and more handsome!



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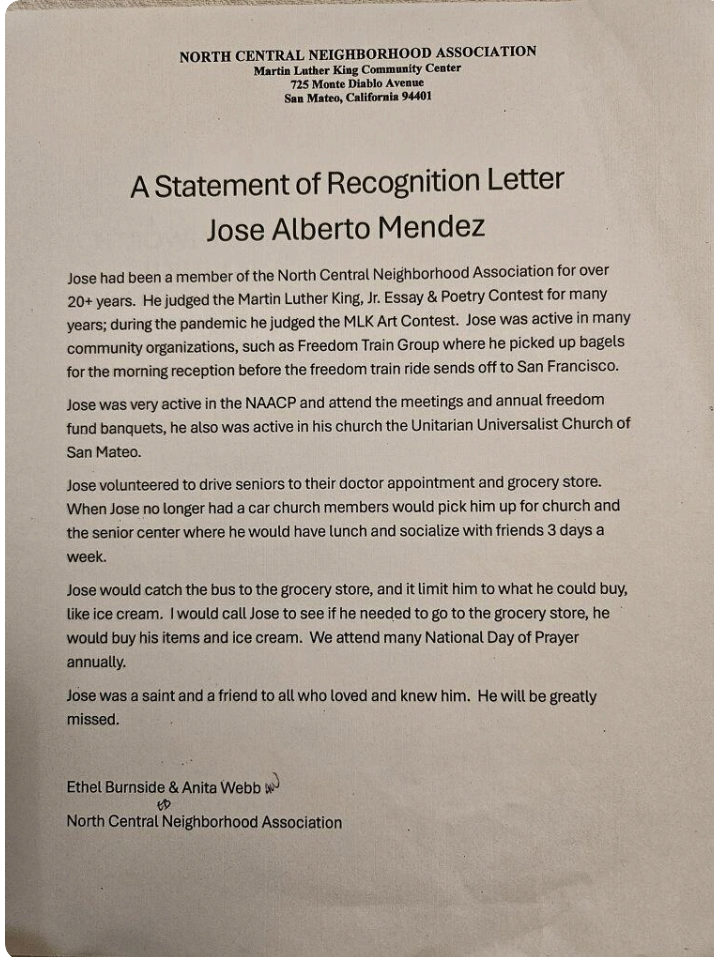
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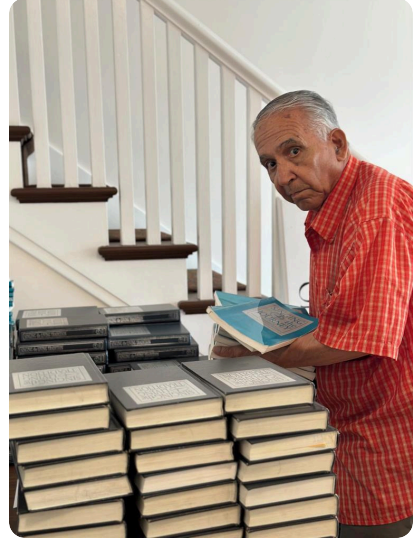
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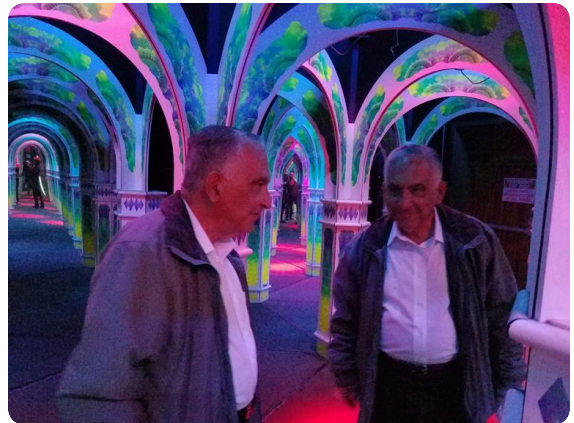


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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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