



Bernardo "Tony" Abetrani Sr.

May 20, 1951 - February 5, 2023

Bernardo Antonio "Tony" Abetrani, Sr.

Frostproof – Bernardo Antonio "Tony" Abetrani, Sr., 71, passed away February 5, 2023.

Tony was born in Havana, Cuba on May 20, 1951, and moved to Central Florida from the Bronx 30 years ago. He served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1973, and was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Tony had a wide variety of interests, from fishing to collecting firearms. His love of baseball included being a die hard New York Mets fan. He basically built a small baseball team with his family. With his wife, kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, he relished spending time together. He made a point of using his hands to construct, fix, and create beautiful things. He delighted in making others laugh and grin with his jokes. He cherished creating memories with his family. He used each chance to leave a lasting impression on those around him. Everyone turned to him for opinions, counsel, and direction, and he was never hesitant to share his experience. He was always available to assist with everything that was required of him, whether it was installing floors, lights, or entire bathrooms - he was even available for tele-plumbing services. His education came from life, and he made good use of it. He worked to ensure that his family was taken care of and knew his love - even tough love. He was proud of his family and spoke highly of all of them. One gave rise to many. He kept adding areas for his wife and himself to enjoy in his house as he neared the end of his life, he found joy in reconnecting with family he had

plans of one day meeting. He enjoyed spending time with his five children and their spouses, 19 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He lived to express his love and devotion to his wife of more than 50 years.

Tony is survived by his wife, Doris Abetrani of Frostproof, FL; daughter, Nelly Abetrani-Wright of Frostproof, daughter, Yasmin (Benito M.) Torres of Valrico, FL, daughter, Jeanette Abetrani of Winter Haven, FL, Melinda (Israel) Velez of Winter Haven, FL, son, Bernardo A. (Iveliz) Abetrani II of Auburndale, FL; sister, Emelia Salup; grandchildren, Cristian A. Garcia, Clayton Bull, Alexis C. Garcia, Nicolas P. Wright, Ariana A. Velez, Victoria M. Wright, Lana E. Garcia, Isabella L. Velez, Analyssa N. Torres, Mia J. Abetrani, Celina E. Abetrani, Dominic A. Garcia, Alejandro J. Velez, Olivia G. Torres, Bernardo A. Abetrani III, Markus A. Velez, Sophia E. Torres, Lukas A. Velez, Ethan M. Velez; great-grandchildren, Neveah F. Bull, Waylon J. Bull and Rayne Davis.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 10:30 am – 12 Noon at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, with a 12 Noon Mass at the church. Interment services will follow the Mass at Oak Hill Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests love , support, and any financial contributions to his surviving spouse, Doris Abetrani.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
644 S. 9th Street
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Funeral Mass

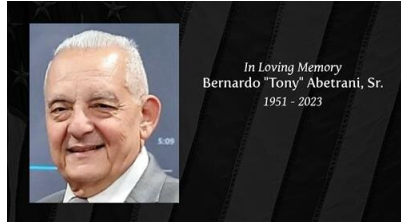
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Tribute Wall



“Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernardo "Tony" Abetrani Sr.



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - February 09, 2023 at 12:29 PM

NG

Descansa en paz mi amado tío, siempre vivirás presente en mi mente y alma al igual q en la de toda la familia y amigos 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Niurkamaría gallo - February 09, 2023 at 04:14 PM



My sincere condolences to all of his family! Cherish all the good memories you've had with him and as a family. You all are in my prayers! 💕💕

Tricia Villarreal - February 09, 2023 at 04:28 PM

LS

Tu alma en el cielo, tu recuerdo en nuestros corazones. EPD eternamente.

De Lourdes y familia 🥹🥹 no

Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernardo "Tony" Abetrani Sr..*



February 10, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Eres el astro q nos Iluminaras por siempre.
EPD.*



Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 10, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Niurkamaria gallo - February 09, 2023 at 08:19 PM



Very beautiful tribute

Carmen Djokic - February 15, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bernardo "Tony" Abetrani Sr..*



February 09, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all of his family! Cherish all the good memories you've had with him and as a family. You all are in my prayers! 💕💕*



Tricia Villarreal - February 09, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *To Bernardo II Iveliz and family; My heartfelt condolences to all of you on the passing of your "beloved Tony" , husband,father, grandfather and friend.Cherrish your memory off him and he will forever live in your heart..!*



David J. Herzberg Winter Haven FL - February 09, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ *Love Nelly, Nico and Tori purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bernardo "Tony" Abetrani Sr..*



Love Nelly, Nico and Tori - February 09, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernardo "Tony" Abetrani Sr..



February 09, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ La gente solo muere cuando la olvidan; siempre te recordaremos. Vivirás eternamente.



Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 09, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Emilia Salup Rochell - February 09, 2023 at 09:21 AM



Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte no temere mal alguno por q tu estarás conmigo. salmo 23 Q Dios te guarde, iluminados desde el cielo y protege a toda tu familia 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🇨🇺EPD....

Niurkamaría gallo - February 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LS

y yo les doy vida eterna; y no perecerán jamás, ni nadie las arrebatará de mi mano.
Juan 10:28

Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 09, 2023 at 10:13 AM

CD

Our condolences to the Abetrani family From CARMEN Milan and Mico Djokic.

Carmen Djokic - February 15, 2023 at 04:42 PM

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ER

Emilia Salup Rochell

an hour ago

Querido hermano de mi alma 🥺🥺 es tan grande el dolor q no tengo palabras para expresar por lo q estoy pasando, espere 64 años por ti y ahora q Dios me dió este regalo tan grande te me vas dejándome un dolor muy fuerte en mi corazón 💔💔💔, hace cuatro meses nos encontramos y fui la hermana más feliz del mundo me llenaste de iluciones y esperanza deseando verte y abrazarte pero hoy ya no estás 🥺🥺🥺🥺 le pido a Dios q te ilumine y te cuide para cuando me toque estar a tu lado y al lado de nuestra madre poder realizar nuestros sueños ya q en la tierra no nos fue permitido. Te pido q desde el cielo nos des fuerzas a todos los q te amamos. Familias y amigos fuistes el mejor de los hombres, esposo, padre hermano y amigo un ejemplo a seguir te amo y te amare por siempre mi amor eterno 🥺🥺🙏😊 descansa en paz me dejaste el corazón en pedasos pero te agradezco por la hermosa familia q me has dejado mis bellos sobrinos, cuñada y sobrinos nietos que descanses en paz 🙏🙏🙏 te amo con el alma

Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 08, 2023 at 10:28 PM

LS

Besos 🍷😘😘 y Bendiciones 🙏🙏 hasta el cielo para estas dos Almas 🙏 mi abuela Hilda 🙏 y mi tío Tony.
Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte, no temeré mal alguno, porque tú estarás conmigo; tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento. Salmo 23. 4

Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 08, 2023 at 10:37 PM

RU

“Que fácil es compartir con amigos y familiares cercanos a uno cuando todo está bien en esta vida, que difícil es ver a alguien como padre, hermano, amigo, cuando se pasa por varias cosas y marcan a uno de por vida, porque para lo bueno todos están, pero en lo malo, nadie aparece.

Tony, te conocí así por nombre, sin estar cerca de ti en cuerpo, pero sí, en pensamientos, fuiste y serás para mí ese padre, ese hermano y ese amigo que siempre he querido tener, porque vi en ti en tan poco tiempo y sin apenas conocernos, todo lo valioso que puede ser un ser humano, siento mucho tu partida y mediante estas palabras te prometo desde lo más profundo de mi corazón y de mi alma, cuidar de esa hermana tuya que dejaste y que quiero como madre y a esa sobrina que quiero y amo tanto, como lo hiciste con Doris, que gozaba tanto escuchar tu voz y sonrisa. Que dios te bendiga siempre y que te mantenga a su diestra hasta que nos encontremos algún día. De Rudy. El comprometido de tu sobrina Niurka, que nunca tuvo la dicha de abrazarte y seguir tus consejos, pero sí de sacar lo mejor que vio en ti. EPD.

Rudisnel - February 08, 2023 at 03:27 PM

AG

Doris y families me uno a uds en estos momentos tan difíciles yo se lo que es esto yo

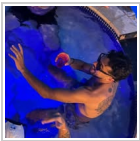
Pase por eso pero Dios es muy misericordioso nunca nos da más de lo que podemos resistir Mucha resignación y que el Señor les acompañe siempre ami sentido pésame para toda la familia los tengo en mis oraciones

Ana R Garcia - February 08, 2023 at 07:05 PM

LS

“ *Me quedé con tantos sueños, uno muy especial CONOCERTE, siempre creí que habías mucho tiempo para disfrutarlo. Como pensar que la vida se podría acabar en un segundo. Nunca pensé que el tiempo corre y que con este nadie puede. Dicen que el tiempo cura heridas; que irónica es la vida ni el tiempo con su indestructible fuerza puede borrar un pensamiento, un recuerdo. Ahora entiendo que no hay suficiente tiempo para vivir los sueños, que hay que vivir cada día, que el mañana es incierto. Tío tu alma descansa en paz en suelo santo. Tu hermosa alma brilla junto al alma de tu mamita. Bendiciones hasta el cielo 🙏🙏🙏. Te llevaré siempre en mi recuerdo. Lourdes y familia 🥹🥹 te 💕*

Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 08, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Very destroyed by this loss, quite dissatisfied with not having been able to thank him for all the love, illusion and happiness that he gave my grandmother and my mother. Also very sad for not being able to listen to his advice, which was surely the best, nor to chat, share, laugh. I know that in heaven you are together with my father, take care of all of us who are his relatives on earth With love your nephew Christia*

Christian Cobelo - February 08, 2023 at 01:02 PM

IA

“ To my wonderful father-in-law,

Although I have only had the privilege of knowing you for a shorter period of time than most, I will never forget how you welcomed me with open arms into your family and the incredible love and warmth you always shared. Unfortunately, I was not given the opportunity to tell you how thankful I am for all that you did for me and how much love and respect I have for you. You are an amazing person and I couldn't have asked for a better father in law. I wish I had more time with you but know that I am forever grateful for you and for raising the man that stands next to me today. He has a lot of you in him and because of that, I know he will be the incredible husband, father and brother you showed him how to be. You will always be loved, always remembered and always missed!

I love you papi

*Your Cuban daughter in law,
Iveliz Abetrani*

Iveliz Abetrani - February 07, 2023 at 07:26 PM

SC

Dear cousin:

Thanks for stopping by our apartment in Havana 65 years ago to say farewell before my mother put you on a plane heading to the Dominican Republic to reunite with your mother. I was 3, you were 7.

After so many years and despite your young age at the time, surprisingly you still had a good recollection of those days.

Time did its job and it would take 23 years to see each other once again. I was 26, you were 30, and throughout these 42 years, our lives became intertwined in more ways than one.

I am so deeply sorry you never had the opportunity to embrace and kiss your sister, long lost in time and space and recently found after 64 years. I know you couldn't wait for that moment.

Thanks for the memories; thanks for the journey; eternally embrace my mother and yours along with their siblings.

Farewell cousin, and may the Lord keep you under his care forevermore and may He allow us to meet again. Blessings.

¡Buen viaje primo!

Sergio M Capablanca - February 08, 2023 at 08:42 AM

DD

May God our Father keep you all in perfect peace

Yes this is a sad time Tony will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched especially his loving family

Nick and I were taken into the family by Tony and Doris many years ago while living in Florida

Tony always welcomed us to their home

He was always ready to give a helping hand to everyone

May you all immerse yourselves in the memories that Tony gave

Fun laughter love and boy did he like to dance

God's blessings are the memories during this time especially but will linger long as you think of Tony a great husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend

Rest in peace

Diana DeVries - February 08, 2023 at 09:09 AM

NS

Me quedé con ganas de decirte tantas cosas, que creí que siempre tendría tiempo para hacerlo pero no fue así. Te marchaste a un viaje sin retorno y ahora es demasiado tarde para mí.

Entendí que el tiempo no camina, más bien corre y corre a un paso que ni siquiera nos damos cuenta en qué momento se nos va.

El tiempo nunca se detiene, se detuvo para ti, pero para mí sigue corriendo. Dicen que es sabio y que cura heridas, pero yo digo que no las cura, que solo las maquilla, las tapas y nunca dejan de doler ... Siempre duelen.

Ahora comprendo que nunca hay suficiente tiempo para vivir pero que el poco que tenemos debemos aprovecharlo que siempre es tiempo de decir lo que sentimos a quien amamos, que nunca es tarde y nunca es temprano para empezar a hacerlo si aún estamos vivos. 🙏🙏🙏🇨🇺🥹



Que tú alma descansa en paz de quién te quiso y te querrá por siempre. Tú sobrina Niurka que te amó en tan poco tiempo.

Niurka María Gallo salup - February 08, 2023 at 10:16 AM

LS

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Lourdes y familia 🥹🥹 te 💕

Lourdes caridad Gallo Salud - February 08, 2023 at 11:09 AM

EB

Elsa and Hector Bermudez

We are heartbroken over this terrible loss. Tony and his family were one of the first people to welcome us to this neighborhood. He was always such a friendly and helpful person. He never said no. Tony was like a brother and we loved him very much and will miss him terribly. Rest in peace brother. We will always love you 💕🥹❤️.

Elsa Bermudez - February 08, 2023 at 02:05 PM

WA

You were my friend for almost 60 years and I'm not able to say that about anyone else. As a big brother, you inspired me to believe that you can accomplish whatever you put your heart and mind to do. As adults our lives took different paths, but the memories from our early years have lasted forever. There was a TV Series from 1964-1968 which we both enjoyed called 'The Man from U.N.C.L.E.' We emulated the two main characters. A dynamic duo of international espionage agents. Tony was the bold and audacious one and I was the more subdued and laid-back partner. I still hold on to the secret agent I.D. card that the fan club sent to me. We never hesitated to brag about our adventures together. We once chased away a would be rapist who was molesting a young woman late one night. Once he met my beautiful cousin Doris it was all over for the superhero duo. One of the proudest moments in my life was witnessing the beautiful family which they had grown together celebrating his sixty-fifth birthday. The abundant expressions of love and joy for a great husband, father, and grandparent was a truly memorable experience for me. May the good Lord continue to bless and protect them all. I know that you'll be ever present in their hearts and keeping watch from your place in Heaven. Till we meet again my big brother. Thank you for your love and friendship.

William Aponte - February 08, 2023 at 04:11 PM

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Emilia salup rochell

Emilia Salup Rochell - February 08, 2023 at 08:38 PM

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Emilia Salup Rochell - February 08, 2023 at 09:01 PM