

## Mr. Jose R. Rivera

August 8, 1951 - August 8, 2018

Jose R. Rivera

Professional Boxer

LOWELL—Jose R. Rivera, 67, a Lowell resident for most of his life, passed away on his birthday, August 8, 2018 at Lowell General Hospital. He was the beloved husband of 45 years of Luz Rosario of Lowell who survives him. Jose was born in Arroyo, Puerto Rico on August 8, 1951 a son of the late Felicita Morales and Jose Rivera who survives him. He came to the United States in the 1960's and settled with his family in Brooklyn, NY. He was raised in Brooklyn and loved living there.

He moved to Lowell where he lived most of his life and raised his family. Jose was one of the first Boxers to come out of the Ramalho's West End Gym in Lowell.

Jose loved to play the guitar and performed in music bands for the Puerto Rican Festival. He was also a very good Salsa Dancer. He loved watching wrestling and reruns of Three's Company, Married with Children, and That 70's Show. Jose loved to eat, especially pizza and ice cream. He was strong willed and independent. Jose was a Free Spirit. He loved to laugh and always kept everyone laughing, right up to the very end. He didn't ever worry about what anyone thought, and taught his children to think that way. He taught them not to judge anyone. Most of all, Jose loved his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jose is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Luz Rosario; his children, Leslie Rivera and Anyanna N. White, and Luis Rosario, Juan Rosario, Luz I. Rosario, and Liz Alvarado; 20 grandchildren including his first born grandson Richard Mercado, aka Junior, whom helped raise, and granddaughter Taeisha Justiniano, whom he also helped raise. He also leaves 40 great grandchildren; his sisters, Maria Rivera, Gloria Campos, and Carmen Rivera; his brothers, Antonio Rivera, Emilio Martinez and Luis Lebron; many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and his grand dog Tyson Buddy.

Jose was the brother of the late Heriberto Rivera, Enrique Rodriguez, Isabelno Martinez.

#### FUNERAL NOTICE

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on FRIDAY from 10 AM until 12 Noon. Mr. Rivera's Funeral will follow on FRIDAY at 12 o'clock. Burial will follow in Westlawn II Cemetery, Lowell.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS

978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn II

Boston Road  
Lowell, MA 01852

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jose R. Rivera*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *I am missing u already tio i love u so much .i remember when i was out there in the street u always ask me how was i doing n tell me becareful out here is not safe n never never judge me nowing i was doing bad things n always blessing me n telling me he loves me thank u tio for loving me n being my best uncle i love u so much no more clubbing tio now u are in peace watching over us R.i.p tio love u f[r ever*

**Limarie Colon** - August 15, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ *Lisa Marie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jose R. Rivera*



**Lisa Marie** - August 14, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ *Papo...A well know staple of Lowell, seen everywhere. A good hearted person. It will seem strange not seeing him around. He will be missed. My condolences go out to all of his family and friends.*

**Lorelei Hoey** - August 14, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ My Brother Papo I Will Miss You Right Now All I Cant Think About Is All The Good Memory I Have About You. You Teach Me How To Fight And How To Dance, You Were One Of The Dancers That I Ever New.Sitting Down At My Home Remembering When We Used To Meet At The Club's And When Everyone That New Us And Saw Us,Would Shout Out The Salseros Are Here , And They Wanted To See Us Dance.And How We Used To Win All The Salsa Dances, And How Everyone Surrounding Us Just To See Us Dancing. Wow My Salsero Brother I Will Never Forget You You Will Be Miss By Alot Of Family's And Friends R.I.P. My Salsero Papo I Love Very Much.

Gloria Campos - August 14, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ Rip awelo you will be missed my so many God called your name so gently that only you can hear no one heard the foot step of a angel drawing near.... softly from the shadows there came a gentle call ...you closed your eyes and went to sleep and quietly left us all 🏛️💕




Tanya Alvarado - August 14, 2018 at 08:39 AM

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“ Awelo I love and miss you so much! Nothing will ever be the same without you. You fought for as long as you could and I'm glad we all got the chance to help in any way.. & got to spend as much time with you before you left us, I miss you so much it hurts. What matters is that you're no longer suffering. You will never be forgotten. I LOVE YOU WELO.  
~Annie



Ana Sanchez - August 14, 2018 at 02:09 AM

 Leslie  
Rivera

“ My heart hurts knowing you’re not physically here anymore but it’s also filled with all the love you gave me. How lucky am I and we to have you always by my side and never leaving me. I get to say I always has my daddy. You taught me so much about life. You never judged me and accepted me for who I am and the wild girl you raised. Thank you for making me always feel like I was the best thing on this earth. Can’t thank you enough for loving my kids the way you did and my grandbabies with such a great love. Thank you for leaving this earth in such a way that made it a bit easier for us to accept your passing. Had us laughing the whole time. I’m gonna miss your crazy self. Such good memories papi. I can’t tell enough how much I love you and I hope I did good by you. Rest easy because we hurting but you taught us to be tough.

Leslie Rivera - August 13, 2018 at 11:45 PM

MC

“ I love you tio your wit my dad now you guys reunited again but you guys ain’t suffering nomore you guys are looking down at all of us jus tell my dad I love him so much and things ain’t the same w. Out him anymore tio I love you so much tooo I’m crying while I’m writing this it’s sucks that me and my family gotta go thru this 💔

monica colon - August 13, 2018 at 11:28 PM

SM

“ RIP welo we love and miss u so much still cant believe ur gone but i know ur in a better place and not suffering anymore



sheriy mercado - August 13, 2018 at 10:41 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Jose R. Rivera



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - August 13, 2018 at 06:26 PM

JR

*MY heart goes out to the family, in your time of grieving .  
I hope your days of sorrow, get shorter as time goes on.  
My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Joy Robinson** - August 16, 2018 at 12:39 PM