



## Mr. Ramon Chung Rivera

March 3, 1966 - July 25, 2018

Ramon Chung Rivera

Loving Husband, Father, Brother, and Friend

Ramon Rivera referred to as Chung, age 52 a resident of Lowell passed away on Wednesday

July 25, 2018 unexpectedly due to a motor-vehicle accident.

Born in Canovanas, Puerto Rico on March 3, 1966. He was the son of the late Asuncion

“Suncha” Diaz. He moved to Lowell at the age of four. Chung grew up in Lowell and was

educated in the Lowell School System. While in high school Chung played basketball for the

Lowell High Red Raiders (1981-1985). Chung excelled in basketball and was a four year varsity

player. He held numerous records which he held for over three decades at LHS. He was

referred to as the greatest basketball player in Lowell’s history. He was idolized by many. After

graduating Chung was recruited by the University of Houston where he played for a year under

legendary coach Guy V. Lewis who referred to him as being the next Clyde Drexler. He then went on to play for a professional basketball league ( ) in Puerto Rico. He played with them for twelve years. He was later on inducted into LHS Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006.

Chung touched many young lives. He was a basketball coach and volunteered throughout the city of Lowell coaching in the youth basketball leagues.

Chung will be remembered for his heart of gold and willingness to help others especially young kids as he was a mentor to many.

Chung is survived by his loving wife of many years Cynthia Athanasatos (“my girl”). His beloved daughters Kayla Athanasatos and Brianna Rivera. His sons Raymond Rivera and Xavier Rivera.

He loved all his children deeply and he had an exceptional bond with his son Xavier who shares

his passion of basketball and is following in his father’s footsteps.

He is also survived by his sister Iris Rivera. His two brothers Victor Diaz and Luis Rivera. His

nephew Malik Diaz and his niece Jasmine Ortiz. Also many aunts, cousins, and dear friends.

His passing has left a huge void and will be missed by all.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Cemetery

Boston Road  
Lowell, MA 01852

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
sean@faymccabe.com  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Funeral Mass

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Church  
282 Suffolk Street  
Lowell, MA 01854  
(978) 459-0561  
<http://stpatricklowell.org>

## Burial

AUG 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

Westlawn Cemetery  
Boston Road  
Lowell, MA 01852

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ramon Chung Rivera*

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“ *I use to wrestle for lowell high and he played basketball one day in the locker room before practice he said to me how can anyone so small be so powerful on the mat I will never forget those words he was an amazing person and a better friend*

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**Jose Rosado** - July 31, 2018 at 06:56 PM