



Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr.

May 29, 1983 - April 9, 2024

Irwin L. Rodriguez, Jr., 40, of University Place, Amsterdam, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady with his loving wife holding his hand.

He was born in Newburgh, NY on May 29, 1983, a son of Irwin and Sandra Torres Rodriguez and moved to Amsterdam as a child. Irwin attended Amsterdam High School and later FMCC. He obtained an associate degree from Excelsior College.

Mr. Rodriguez was employed as a telecom systems engineer at Excelsior University, previously known as Excelsior College, for 18 years. He also owned and operated Building 8 Media, a videography and webinar streaming service.

Irwin was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and was a member of the Kingdom Hall in Amsterdam.

Irwin was a "tech" guy and enjoyed everything related to technology. He loved golfing and traveling, especially visiting Disney World with his family.

Survivors include, his wife, Angel Childs Rodriguez, whom he married on September 16, 2006; a son, Jaiden Rodriguez; his father, Irwin (Loida) Rodriguez; his mother, Sandra Rodriguez, all of Amsterdam; two brothers, Alex (Alicia) Rodriguez of Amsterdam and Stephen (Alexis) Rodriguez of Jacksonville, FL; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws.

A service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Amsterdam Kingdom Hall, with a remote Zoom meeting option for many to be in

attendance virtually as well.

Previous Events

Service

APR **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Amsterdam Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
525 Fort Hunter Road
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Tribute Wall

LC

“ So sorry for your loss. Irwin's smile did light up the room. I was hoping to "attend" the Zoom but not finding that link. My condolences to his family, especially Angel and Jaiden.

Lilly Childs

Lilly Childs - April 27, 2024 at 02:43 PM

AJ

“ My condolences to Irwin's friends, family and Excelsior College colleagues.

Alicia Jacobs - April 27, 2024 at 02:15 PM

AB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Irwin all the years he was at Excelsior. He would always help with any tech issue we had, calmly and with a smile on his face. He was patient, and he even gladly helped me even though I am a Red Sox's fan. He talked about his family and you could tell how much love he had in his heart for them. I send condolences to his entire family. Several also worked for Excelsior and are equally kind and caring. I hope all of the beautiful memories of Irwin will ease your hurt over time. My best to you all, Anita Burns

Anita Burns - April 27, 2024 at 10:02 AM

PC

“ Penny Childs-Cunningham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr..

Penny Childs-Cunningham - April 26, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr..*



April 26, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ *I am a Senior Academic Advisor at Excelsior who works on an accommodation for a disability 100% from home. Irwin has helped me for many years with my home computer setup, along with the rest of the IT team. But I want to convey how patient and kind Irwin always was with me, in helping me with my home computer setup, and he helped me for quite a few years. His passing is a loss to us at Excelsior, and he was a wonderful contributor to making my job better. I wish his family condolences and many wishes for peace and recovery at this difficult time. Thank you.*

Jennifer Wise - April 22, 2024 at 09:25 AM



Thank you so much for your kind words. Irwin loved working for Excelsior.. And thank you so much for being so patient for being so understanding with my son . 💙

Sandra Rodriguez - June 14, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CL

“ *Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning, And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life.~ Isaiah 26:19*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Angel and Jayden. Keep focusing on the New World soon you will be welcoming Irwin back with tears of rejoicing.❤️

Clayton and Tammy Lawson - April 21, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr..*



April 21, 2024 at 09:30 AM

WF

“ *Woullard & Kerr family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr..*



Woullard & Kerr family - April 19, 2024 at 05:23 PM

AL

“ Irwin was one of those special people you could always have a conversation with. I worked with him since he came to Excelsior and loved watching his career progress. Irwin will be missed by so many at Excelsior as he left his mark in IT. University-wide meetings he could be found in the corner, pulling the technical strings to make sure everything ran smoothly. I still expect to see him at the soundboard.

Angel, Jaiden, Alex, Stephen and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will remember Irwin for his love of Disney, his pride in his family, and his dislike of cheese on his sandwiches.

Andrea Lala - April 19, 2024 at 02:01 PM

FA

“ From all of us at DeLorenzo & Associates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr..

From all of us at DeLorenzo & Associates - April 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Irwin L. Rodriguez Jr..



April 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM

JD

“ Irwin, my heart is so sad. You'll always be my "adopted brother." What a light you were to all that were lucky enough to know you. May your family find that light in the darkness.

Jackie DeMarco - April 19, 2024 at 09:51 AM

SR

Thank you for your kinds works about My Son. He truly loved his work family .💙

Sandra Rodriguez - June 14, 2024 at 07:17 PM

KH

“ I always looked forward to talking with Irwin in person and online at work. He was kind, funny, and would always go out of his way to help whether it be on a work matter or helping with Disney tips. He brought sunshine and he will be missed.

Katie Hammer - April 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM

SR

💙 My son loved loved Disney . His smile was perfect . Thank you for your kind words.

Sandra Rodriguez - June 14, 2024 at 07:20 PM

SS

“ They say you spend more time at work than you do at home with your family - affectionately known as my “2nd child” or “work child” – you made sure I had a piece of family at work, another boy to add to my collection – whether I wanted one or not, thank you so much LOL. Countless reminders, exceptions, and emails to your wife, I never had a bigger pain in my side than you and you knew it. But you returned the favor each and every time. It was this mutual respect that was the basis of what turned into a beautiful friendship over a decade ago.

My heart has shattered multiple times a day because it is not fair, and no explanation of why would ever be good enough as to why you were taken so soon. It is not fair that so many people will miss out on your compassion, loyalty, kindness, wit and so many other deeming qualities that you embodied. However, there are no doubts that Angel will continue to focus on raising Jaiden, as you both had planned, with these qualities and then some, and your legacy will live on through him. Keep your arms wrapped around them.

The world needs more people like you Irwin. I can only hope that your passing sparks a sense of kindness in all. You are missed and will continue to be forever. 💜💛

Shauna Slack - April 19, 2024 at 06:59 AM

ES

“ Irwin was one of the nicest tech guys I have ever worked with. Always so patient when helping get things set up! This truly makes my heart sad! The world has lost a lovely soul!

Erica Sturgess - April 19, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DA

“ I can't count the number of days Irwin and I shot the breeze on my way in and out of the office over the years. He always had a smile, always had a positive attitude and was always ready to help in any way he could. Irwin, you will be missed. You made the world a better place.

Donn Aiken - April 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM

JL

“ I concur with Mark and Kimberly - Irwin was kind, friendly, competent and most of all a pleasure to work with. We worked through some pretty tense periods and Irwin kept his focus on solving the problem - with a smile. He was an absolute pleasure to work with and talked about his family offer. He was a gem. Sandra - you raised a wonderful person.

Jim Lettko - April 18, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SR

Thank you Jim .

Sandra Rodriguez - April 18, 2024 at 08:32 PM

TI

“ Rest in peace, Irwin. God bless you, your family, and your friends.

Tim - April 18, 2024 at 01:16 PM

MO

“ Irwin was a rare exemplar of kindness, decency, thoughtfulness, compassion, and honesty. I could pass Irwin in the hallway, wave, and say hey - and even an exchange as mundane as that with him would make my day brighter. Until Irwin, I had never actually met a person whose 'smile lit up a room'. His smile had magic in it. His presence brought with it a sense of calm and humor. He made this world better for having walked through it. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Mark Oppenneer - April 18, 2024 at 12:26 PM

MP

Thank you for loving him as much as we do..You have just described are family on leaving beauty impacts on people we are blessed to meet...

Margarita/Herman Pearson - April 18, 2024 at 01:21 PM

SR

Thank you Mark . You have described Irwin to a tee !! He was my kindhearted son 🥹

Sandra Torres Rodriguez - April 18, 2024 at 01:44 PM

RA

“ When you think of certain places & things, certain people & faces come to mind. When I think of Excelsior, Irwin is one of the many faces that comes to mind, that brings back fond memories and a smile. It truly was a privilege to work with Irwin during my time at Excelsior. I was always met with a warm “Hello”, kind words, patience, and a friendly laugh. Irwin was the “tech guy” who often looked out for me and I was grateful to have had a wonderful work friendship with him. Going from working with Irwin, to working with Stephen extended that work friendship and I was grateful to have had the privilege to experience working closely with both Rodriguez brothers. I extend my sincere condolences to the Rodriguez family and sincere prayers of comfort for you all during this difficult time of loss. Thank you for sharing Irwin with so many over the years. He is truly missed!

Raven - April 18, 2024 at 09:20 AM

MP

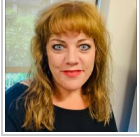
Thank you, so much ,for loving him as much as did..

Margarita/Herman Pearson - April 18, 2024 at 01:17 PM

PR

Irwin L Rodriguez you were the amazing man in my daughter Angel Child's Rodriguez life along with Jaiden Rodriguez his son. I will never forget you Irwin Rodriguez my son in-law.

Penny Childs-Cunningham from Rensselaer - April 26, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ I cannot tell you how many times that I have reached out to Irwin with a problem at work and he never hesitated to help me. He and his brother Stephen are such wonderful people with kind hearts, and have such a giving nature. Irwin was a dedicated employee, a compassionate friend and a loving family man. He often spoke of his family and was so proud of his wife Angel and son Jaiden. Irwin, we miss you at work. I hope you are practicing golf where you are so you can attempt to beat Stephen when he sees you again!



Kimberly Hawley - April 17, 2024 at 10:24 PM

SR

Thank you Kimberly ❤️ he was my special boy. He was kind and always wanted to make every one happy.

Sandra Rodriguez - April 17, 2024 at 11:50 PM



Sandra, you have raised amazing children. Irwin definitely did that, as does Stephen. I worked with both of them and they are exceptional. 💕

Kimberly Hawley - April 18, 2024 at 12:28 PM

KC

I will miss Irwin and his smile, his kind personality and his awesome troubleshooting skills. He was my go-to person and always had patience and understanding. He truly will be missed and my heart goes out to his family during this sad time.

Kristin Cornell - April 19, 2024 at 09:53 AM