



Julio Carlos Cruz Merino

April 12, 1955 - February 17, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino, who passed away on February 17, 2026, at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was born on April 12, 1955, in Durán, Ecuador. He moved to New York in 1973 and later settled in Woodbridge, Virginia, in 1992.

Julio worked for Woodbridge Plumbing for a decade before establishing his own handyman business in Virginia. He was recognized for his hard work and commitment. Julio was known for raising Chihuahuas and was passionate about music, singing, dancing, movies, and outings. Throughout his life, he participated in various activities, including soccer, skating, martial arts, and skiing. He also took part in several singing competitions, winning some of them.

Julio is survived by his wife, Virginia Ysabel Andrade Campoverde, whom he married in 2009; his former wife, Nery Riveiro, mother of his children Iliana McNutt (Robert McNutt), Nery Washington, and Juan Carlos Cruz (Masayo Cruz); his son, David Cruz; and his stepsons, Jonathan Taynys, Ricardo Sotomayor, and Jerry Sotomayor. He was the grandfather, or “Papa,” of Roberto, Ricardo, and Antonio McNutt; Leo and Victor Cruz; Laura Elizabeth, Moriah, Christopher, Esther, and Rebekah Washington; as well as his great-grandson, Roberto Timothy Riveiro McNutt (“Bear”). He is also survived by his sisters: America, Nelly, Inez, Teresa, and Bertha Cruz. He was preceded in

death by his parents, Carlos Julio Cruz and Eugenia Merino, and his sisters, Julia and Linda Cruz.

Memorial contributions of plants or flowers for the funeral are welcome. The family expresses heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered support during this difficult time.

Julio's warmth, energy, and generous spirit will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew him.

Con profundo pesar, anunciamos el fallecimiento de Julio Carlos Cruz Merino, quien partió el 17 de febrero de 2026 en el Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center en Woodbridge, Virginia. Nació el 12 de abril de 1955 en Durán, Ecuador. Se mudó a Nueva York en 1973 y luego se estableció en Woodbridge, Virginia, en 1992.

Julio trabajó durante una década en Woodbridge Plumbing antes de fundar su propio negocio de mantenimiento en Virginia. Fue reconocido por su arduo trabajo y compromiso. Julio era conocido por criar chihuahuas y sentía pasión por la música, el canto, el baile, el cine y las salidas. A lo largo de su vida, participó en diversas actividades, entre ellas el fútbol, el patinaje, las artes marciales y el esquí. También formó parte de varios concursos de canto, en los que ganó algunos de ellos.

A Julio le sobreviven su esposa, Virginia Ysabel Andrade Campoverde, con quien contrajo matrimonio en 2009; su exesposa, Nery Riveiro, madre de sus hijos Iliana McNutt (Robert McNutt), Nery Washington y Juan Carlos Cruz (Masayo Cruz); su hijo, David Cruz; y sus hijastros, Jonathan Taynys, Ricardo Sotomayor y Jerry Sotomayor. Fue abuelo, o "Papá", de Roberto, Ricardo y Antonio McNutt; Leo y Víctor Cruz; y Laura Elizabeth, Moriah, Christopher, Esther y Rebekah Washington ; y bisabuelo de Roberto Timothy Riveiro

McNutt (“Bear”). También le sobreviven sus hermanas América, Nelly, Inez, Teresa y Bertha Cruz. Le precedieron en la muerte sus padres, Carlos Julio Cruz y Eugenia Merino, y sus hermanas Julia y Linda Cruz.

Familiares y amigos están invitados a rendir homenaje en Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA 22192, el viernes 27 de febrero de 2026. La visita comenzará a las 5:00 pm y el servicio conmemorativo será a las 6:00 pm.

Se agradecen las contribuciones de plantas o flores para el funeral. La familia expresa su más sincero agradecimiento a todos quienes han brindado apoyo durante este difícil momento.

El calor, la energía y el espíritu generoso de Julio serán profundamente extrañados y eternamente recordados por todos quienes lo conocieron.

Previous Events

Visiting Hours and Funeral Service

FEB **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service to be held at 6:00 PM in the funeral home Chapel.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Ralph & Wendy Ohlsen lit a candle in memory of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino*



Ralph & Wendy Ohlsen - February 27 at 12:50 PM

DM

“ *Dave and Melissa Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*

Dave and Melissa Mason - February 27 at 08:15 AM

DM

“ *Dave and Melissa Mason purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*



Dave and Melissa Mason - February 27 at 08:15 AM

AN

“ *Many Condolences for this tragic loss. Julio was a GREAT guy. He use to do a lot of work for me & my wife and would we ALWAYS enjoy music playlist when he was working. We also very much remember Virginia as his trusty sidekick; Always with him. Prayers for comfort for the family and all the chocolate in the world for Virginia to help the healing process.*

Andre & Nakia - February 27 at 07:45 AM

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TW

“ *Tom & Michele Weaver purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*



Tom & Michele Weaver - February 26 at 07:42 PM

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“ *Tom & Michele Weaver planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*

Tom & Michele Weaver - February 26 at 07:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*



February 26 at 11:41 AM



“ *A Memorial
Tree was planted in honor of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*

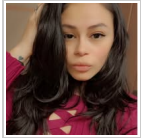
February 26 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*



February 26 at 10:01 AM



“ *My dear cousin Julio, more like an uncle to me because we're so many years apart. You're such a big part of my childhood memories. I was always so excited when you showed up to our house, wasting no time to run up to you so you can throw me up on the air and call me your butterfly 🦋 I'll forever hold you in my heart ❤️ looking up to you, so big, so strong, with that big beautiful smile that lit up my day. Forever you're butterfly, Cynthia Montes*



Familia, I am so sorry for your loss, I feel your pain, we all love Julio so much and hopefully we can come together more often so that we can create more memories in his name. Love your all. You're cousin from New York, Cynthia.

Cyn Montes - February 25 at 11:20 AM



Cynthia, your words are such an encouragement. He loved you all so very much! Lord willing, we can make a trip to NY and share those happy memories.

Iliana McNutt - February 26 at 02:06 PM



“ *Iliana, Nery and family. We are praying for each of you during this time of grief. We love you all very much!* ”

Michelle Thompson - February 24 at 08:01 PM

SS

“ *Shari Flowers-Sweeney and Jerry Sweeney purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.* ”



Shari Flowers-Sweeney and Jerry Sweeney - February 24 at 02:34 PM

SF

“ *Iliana, I. So very sorry for the loss of your father. Praying for you and your family. We love you all very much.* ”

Shari Flowers-Sweeney - February 24 at 02:29 PM

FM

“ *Faith Bible Church, Mechanicsville, MD purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.* ”



Faith Bible Church, Mechanicsville, MD - February 24 at 10:22 AM

BM

“ *Bob and Sandra McNutt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*



Bob and Sandra McNutt - February 24 at 07:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julio Carlos Cruz Merino.*



February 23 at 02:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Julio Carlos Cruz Marino.*

February 23 at 02:01 PM

JB

“ Con profundo respeto y cariño, acompaño a mi suegra la Sra Virginia Andrade y a toda su familia en este momento de tanto dolor. El señor Julio Carlos Cruz Merino será recordado siempre como una persona excepcional, de una amabilidad y un corazón admirables. Que su alma descanse en la paz eterna y que los recuerdos vividos a su lado brinden consuelo a todos sus seres queridos.



Jazmín Bailón - February 23 at 12:10 PM

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Jazmín Bailón - February 23 at 12:11 PM

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Un abrazo a la distancia apara mi querida amiga Virginia Andrade que Dios le fortaleza para comprender y aceptar esta irreparable petdida de su esposo Julio Criz ,mis mas sinceras condolencias a toda la familia.

Descansa en paz JULIO CRUZ.

Alexandra Reyes - February 26 at 07:17 AM