



Paul "Pauli" Bonilla

January 30, 1966 - January 19, 2022

Paul Bonilla was born in Passaic, NJ, to the late Laura Hogan Bonilla and Pedro Bonilla on January 30, 1966. Paul transitioned to Heaven on January 19, 2022. Paul lived most of his life in Passaic, NJ. Several years ago, he relocated to Ga. He attended elementary school in Passaic, NJ and graduated from Passaic County Technical and Vocational Institute in Wayne, NJ.

Paul's field of study was Culinary, hence after graduation, Paul began his lifetime career as a Culinary Chef. He also worked as a Bouncer and Security Officer, where he had the opportunity to meet and guard several well-known celebrities. Paul accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. He truly followed God's commandment of love. Paul, affectionately known as Raso and Pauli, was known for his outgoing personality. He had a distinguished voice and the family teased him about being able to hear him before they saw him. Pauli, A.K.A Raso loved to be around people. He loved people and people loved him. He had many different relationships with people that walked into his life and around him. He touched countless lives as he walked in his life's journey. He was known for his craziness. Family will always remember him for his Bernie Mac impersonation. He channeled Bernie Mac. He was jokester with a carefree spirit. He had a way of brightening up a room with laughter. He brought smiles to the faces of many people and made them laugh even when they may not have wanted to. His fun-loving nature made him a person you could not stay mad with, no matter how hard you tried. He had an infectious smile for you and a joke to share. He had a special gift of

uplifting others. Pauli, A.K.A Raso was a Master Chef who took pride in his cooking. Pauli enjoyed music and dancing like crazy. He made you laugh, and he carried on so much. Pauli chose to embrace and navigate life's challenges to meet his lifestyle. He lived his life the way he wanted. He was Extra, Simply Extra. His family and friends will remember him for his happy- go-lucky spirit. He loved and cherished his family and others. He was known to show love to most anyone he came into contact with. He generally ended his conversation with "I Love You, Bye." Paul was always ready to be that jokester loving force in people's lives. His selflessness, loving, and giving nature will truly be missed by the many lives he touched. He was predeceased in death by his daughter Genesis, His mother Laura Hogan Bonilla, his grandmother Louella Reid, his sister Louella Hogan, his brothers John and Robert Hogan, brother - in- law Karl Ricks, Aunt Marvenia Hogan, And Uncles Racie and Paul (his namesake) Reid.

Remaining to cherish loving memories are his sons, Naseem Paul Bonilla, Jordan Bonilla both of Passaic, N.J., Darius Bonilla of Jersey City, N.J., daughter Asia Bonilla of Passaic, N.J., his father Pedro Bonilla of Riverdale, G.A., sisters Pamela (Ron) Hogan-Coleman of Atlanta, G.A., Laureen Ricks of Garfield, N.J., Ramona Bonilla of Douglasville, G.A.

brothers, Pedro (Kim) Hogan and Raymond Hogan, all of Riverdale, G.A., a nephew but like a brother Carl Hogan of Lodi N.J., sister in-laws, Karen Mayo-Hogan of Paterson, N.J., Azella Hogan of Passaic, N.J., aunts Mildred Reid of Paterson, N.J., Wilma Hunter of Hampton, V.A., Uncle Richard Hunter of Hampton V.A., special lady of his life Tracy Ziegler of Tucker, G.A., whom he loved dearly, loving mothers of his children, Kimberly Coye, Tracy Smith, both of Passaic, N.J., and Jackie Hansford of Paterson, N.J.

Paul will also be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, friends and relatives in the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico. Paul will forever be remembered in our hearts and spirits; he will be missed dearly.

Cemetery Details

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
9-11 Tulip Street
Passaic, NJ 07055

Service

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Interment

FEB 5. 10:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hogan lit a candle in memory of Paul "Pauli" Bonilla



Hogan - July 06, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ It Always Seem Like Yesterday Talking To You & Losing You ! Your Loved & Guess What Cous .. I'm Trying To Keep Up With The Family , Your A Family Man ! I Love You Kiddo

Hogan - July 06, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ Paul, Paul, Paul.
I had no idea. I just found out 07/11/24.
Thanks for 40+ years of laughter, deep conversation, intimacy,
making dinner and the best coffee maker ever.
Till we meet again,
Lori Cozart

Lori Cozart - July 15, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ Paul "Pauli" Bonilla

November 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ Family and Friends of Paul Raso Bonilla, you have my heartfelt deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved brother 🙏. I grew up with Paul and his family, my family live on the corner of Jefferson and Columbia Avenue and Paul live on I believe it was Hope Avenue near School #6. Our families played football in the field with IronHead just about every day. This world 🌍 won't be the same without your jokes and laughter, you were to funny 😄. REST IN POWER KING PAUL BONILLA 💙 🙏 YOUR MAMASITA MAZELLIA ROSS-MANUEL 🙏💙🙏💙🙏💙.

Mazellia Ross-Manuel - February 05, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ My Condolence & Prayers extends To The Family In Their Time Of Bereavement 🙏🙏🙏
Rest Easy Paul 🙏🙏 Truly Was A Genuine & Loving Individual ❤️
Always Giving Love never Changed Up Only for the Better

Lisa Adams - February 05, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ Rest easy Pauly u will definitely b missed. My condolences n prayers 🙏🙏🙏 to the family. much love
Thank u for the memories n laughs. u were a funny character with a sense of humor.
RIP 😊 Fly high



Yvette Gerena Estrada - February 04, 2022 at 09:55 PM

EH

“ Sending prayers and condolences to your family and friends Paul. You were such a great friend always checking in. That great smile and laugh will truly truly be missed, such a jokester. Rest well my friend until we meet again 🙏🙏

Erica Holmes - February 04, 2022 at 07:21 PM

BL

“ Rest in peace cousin Pauly you were more than just a friend to me you were like family you were always there for me and it hurts knowing that you're not here but I always have good thoughts of you I've known you for umpteen years I can't even tell you how long I love you and I miss you I'll see you on the other side one day rest in Peace so Paul

Barbara little - February 03, 2022 at 09:05 PM

OK

My prayers goes out to the family I will miss you Paul but I will never forget you all the laughs we had and you acting crazy that smile who can ever forget the way you make us all laugh even when we are mad or sad you are amazing per I say this because you will always be in my heart ❤️

Octavia Kearney - February 04, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul "Pauli" Bonilla.



February 03, 2022 at 03:24 PM

LK

“ Paul you were one of the sweetest people a person could ever meet. I've known you since you were a small boy. You were funny then and you were funny up until you took your last breath. I am truly going to miss your smiling face and the silly things you and Reshandt always joked about that made me laugh. You are in God's hands and you could not ask for a better place to be. Family stay strong. Paul would not want you to be sad. Think about how he was, and you will be always have a smile on your face. Praying for all of you. 🙏🙏🙏

Lorraine Kenner - February 02, 2022 at 03:24 PM

CM

“ Paulie, I am trying so hard to process your departure. It has definitely hit Passaic with a gut punch. I always looked forward to your calls when you visited because you made sure to support my cake business. The tears are falling as I type this because memories are all any of us will have of you. You were loved by so many because you were such a beautiful soul. Supreme Peace King 👑 Raso 🙏 as you continue your journey through this universe! To your family and friends...my condolences.💕💕

Cassandra Mitchell - February 01, 2022 at 07:16 PM

CB

“ Praying for the Hogan families , hold unto God unchanging hands .

Clara and families

Clara brown - February 01, 2022 at 07:10 PM

