

## SEND OFF/REPAST

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# TOGETHERNESS

*Death is nothing at all – I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was: there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past: nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as before—only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.*



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IN LOVING  
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*Juan*  
ANIBAL CANCEL-RODRIGUEZ  
SUNRISE: OCTOBER 20, 1961 - SUNSET: AUGUST 16, 2026



*Sunday, August 23, 2026*

*2:00 PM*

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*Elder Ericka Jackson, Pastor*

# OBITUARY

Juan Anibal Cancel-Rodriguez 64, known to most as “Chick,” “Chickadean,” or “Cholo” passed away peacefully on August 16th 2026. Juan was Born October 20th, 1961 to Luisa Rodriguez and Juan Cancel in Veja Baja Puerto Rico. Shortly after becoming a Newark Native. Where he spent the rest of his days! Juan was blessed to have 7 siblings. 3 beautiful sisters, Walesca, Yalonda, and Carmen. 4 brothers, Lilo, Jepo, Angel, and Johnny. Juan was more than a brother but honored being a great uncle the way he seen fit.

Juan was a devoted father to his seven children his daughters, Walisa, Chanel, Nazmi, Nazmia, and Nazia and his two sons Nazam and Najuan, whom he loved most and would have absolutely done anything for! He was the husband and partner of 41 years to his beloved wife Linda. Being inseparable since day one. Most of all he was an amazing grandfather. There was nothing in this world that Juan adored most than to spend time with his grandchildren. Juan loved to travel from New Jersey, to Georgia and Arizona to help assist and care for his daughter and grandchildren at times as well. He also adored taking trips to see his baby brother Johnny in Florida when he felt the need! Juan “Uncle Chick” had a way of making things turn to joy ! From his famous park trips, to pull ups and dips or just working out while kids play to just carrying them on his neck Juan was rarely ever seen without one of his grandchildren. He was the GREATEST POP POP ever. Juan was known for his sessions in the park, warm conversations and his crazy sense of humor mostly. His presence and conversations alone allowed Juan to make such a huge impact and connection directly with the community turning friends truly into family!

Juan was an overall cool dude is what many would like to say! He lit up the room with his corny jokes and made others feel heard and protected when in his presence. He cared about all the kids and most importantly he showed every bit of it! “Pop Pop Chick” will forever live in the hearts of those he touched!

Juan leaves behind a void that cannot be filled, but his spirit lives on in the hearts of his family! His wife, Linda, his 7 children, Wallisa, Chanel, Nazam, Nazmi, Nazmia, Najuan, and Nazia; 16 grandchildren, David, Nazir, Kayson, Nyaria, Namirah, Nazam, Zuri, Naziyah, Azarii, Egypt, Phoenix, Amari, Seven, Journey, Riley, Ezekiel and Kyrie; 1 great grandson, Kayden; 2 sisters, Carmen and Walesca; brother, Johnny; sisters in law, Angelina and Tracey; brothers in law, Keith and Barry and a host of other relatives and friends! May he now be reunited with his mother Luisa; father, Tony, and 3 brothers, Lilo, Jepo, and Angel. Your life we honor your departure we accept, and your memory we will cherish forever!



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**  
*Elder Ericka Jackson*

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**  
“Never Would Have Made It”  
*By Marvin Sapp*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
*Elder Ericka Jackson*

**REMEMBER JUAN**  
*Family and Friends (5)*

**SONG**  
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”  
*By Lauryn Hill and Tanya Blount*

**SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 23**  
*Nazmi Thomas-Cancel*

**POEM: “I’M FREE”**  
*Nazia Thomas-Cancel*

**EULOGY**  
*Nazmia Thomas-Cancel*

**SERMON**  
*Elder Ericka Jackson*

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