



Ismael Tomas DeLaCruz

April 30, 1955 - August 9, 2026

Miami, Florida

Ismael Tomas DeLaCruz died in Miami on August 9, 2026. He was 71. Born on April 30, 1955, raised among Cuban-American manners that never needed a speech. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He counted cargo under a Florida sun that did not care about manifests. His clipboard never left the cab, and the union hall still uses his system for marking a short load. Colleagues still mention a clipboard that never left the cab.

He married Carmen in 1981. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Carmen died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Miami, among streets he never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

A memorial gathering in Miami with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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