



Manuel Angel Reyes

May 26, 2026

Manuel "Languy" Reyes, beloved father and grandfather, left this world to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. We will miss his jokes and his poems and his endless tales of years long past.

He was a man of family and faith. Born on August 1, 1934 in Utuado, Puerto Rico, he was from a large family of 14 children. He grew up helping his father with farming duties. From his father he gained his love for the Catholic faith and his love for cultivation and gardening. He married Hilda Montalvo in 1966 and together they had three children, Walter, Omayra, and Henry. They built a family and shared nearly sixty years of life's blessings and challenges. In his later years, as his eyesight declined, he was blessed by the loving care of his family, especially Hilda, who faithfully accompanied him through the final chapter of his life, often reading to him Scriptures and the spiritual classics when he no longer could. He worked in the insurance industry briefly before working for General Cigar. In 1981, Manuel and Hilda moved their family from Puerto Rico to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Faced with economic hardship and the medical needs of their son Walter, they made the difficult decision to leave the place they loved in order to provide for their family and secure the care he needed. In Milwaukee he reunited with his two brothers, Faustino(+) and Rafael and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Rosario; his son Walter Reyes; his brothers Justino, Faustino and Roberto and sisters, Carmen, Teresa, Toñita and Maria Emerita (Sister Rose Elena). He is survived by his wife, Hilda; his children Omayra (Edwin) and

Henry (Patricia); his daughter-in-law Jesusa; his grandchildren Emmanuel, Edwin Jr., Jaziel, Marcos, Andres, Eliseo and Isaias; his brothers Jose and Rafael; his sisters, Albertina, Rafaela, Petra, Sara and Judith; and countless nieces and nephews, grand and great grand nieces and nephews, cousins and other beloved family and friends.

Over his long and fruitful lifetime Manuel had many interests. For a time, he dedicated himself to wood carvings; making birds, animals and religious figures. He always loved gardening; growing pumpkins, tomatoes, beans, peppers and cucumbers. But his great passion was reading and writing. He was able to self-publish two books of poems, *Poemas de la Vida* and *Jesus, Luz, Camino, Verdad y Vida*. He loved and read and reread these stories of his parents, life's challenging moments, current events and his faith constantly and would recite them from memory often impressing family and friends with his prodigious memory. It seemed that he always had a poem to share, no matter the topic of conversation. He also loved to talk about the "old times". He had a tremendous memory for people and places and events from 60, 70 and 80+ years ago. He had a fascination with learning and read all types of books, especially books on science and nature. He never tired of asking questions, learning new things, and searching for the truth. Apart from being a great storyteller, he was also a great listener, and no one felt like a stranger to him.

His Catholic faith was very important to him. He made sure to have all his children learn the catechism, receive their sacraments and attend mass regularly. He led the family in prayer, especially the Holy Rosary, a cherished devotion he prayed daily with his family. During his years in Puerto Rico, he became a Third Order Franciscan at his hometown parish, St. Michael the Archangel. After moving to Milwaukee, he joined the Cursillo Movement and was active until he could no longer drive to meetings. His faith was not limited to prayer and study. For many years, when his daughter faced serious health challenges, he faithfully traveled to her home each day to help care for her household and assist in raising his two young grandsons. Throughout his life

he trusted in God and sought to pass that faith on to his children and grandchildren.

He will be missed for his positive and uplifting way of being. He had a great sense of humor and found a way to liven up conversations with healthy and clean jokes. He accepted everyone and was genuinely interested in learning about them. He was kind and willing to work, doing the most basic jobs like washing the dishes or raking leaves without complaint or regret. We will miss his stories from yesteryear, his jokes, and his poetry recitations, but we will cherish them in our hearts. We are grateful for the many years we were blessed to share with him. We were better for having known him. He will truly be missed!

Visitation FRIDAY, June 5th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the ROZGA-WALLOCH CHAPEL with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial SATURDAY, June 6th 9:00 AM at ST. PATRICK CHURCH (723 W. Washington St.) PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI.

Manuel "Languy" Reyes, amado padre y abuelo, partió de este mundo para encontrarse con el Señor el martes 26 de mayo de 2026. Extrañaremos sus chistes, sus poemas y sus interminables relatos de tiempos ya pasados. Fue un hombre de familia y de fe. Nació el 1 de agosto de 1934 en Utuado, Puerto Rico, en el seno de una familia numerosa de catorce hermanos. Desde niño ayudó a su padre en las labores agrícolas. De él heredó su amor por la fe católica, así como su pasión por el cultivo de la tierra y la jardinería. Contrajo matrimonio con Hilda Montalvo en 1966, y juntos tuvieron tres hijos: Walter, Omayra y Henry. Formaron una familia y compartieron casi sesenta años de alegrías, bendiciones y desafíos. En los últimos años de su vida, cuando su vista comenzó a deteriorarse, recibió el amoroso cuidado de su familia, especialmente de Hilda, quien lo acompañó fielmente durante la etapa final de su vida, leyéndole con frecuencia las Sagradas Escrituras y

obras clásicas de espiritualidad cuando él ya no podía hacerlo por sí mismo. Trabajó brevemente en la industria de seguros antes de comenzar su empleo en General Cigar. En 1981, Manuel y Hilda trasladaron a su familia de Puerto Rico a Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ante las dificultades económicas y las necesidades médicas de su hijo Walter, tomaron la difícil decisión de dejar la tierra que amaban para poder proveer mejor para su familia y asegurar la atención médica que él necesitaba. En Milwaukee se reunió nuevamente con sus hermanos Faustino (+) y Rafael, así como con sus respectivas familias. Le precedieron en la muerte sus padres, Manuel y Rosario; su hijo, Walter Reyes; sus hermanos Justino, Faustino y Roberto; y sus hermanas Carmen, Teresa, Toñita y María Emérita (Sor Rose Elena).

Le sobreviven su esposa, Hilda; sus hijos Omayra (Edwin) y Henry (Patricia); su nuera Jesusa; sus nietos Emmanuel, Edwin Jr., Jaziel, Marcos, Andrés, Eliseo e Isaías; sus hermanos José y Rafael; sus hermanas Albertina, Rafaela, Petra, Sara y Judith; además de incontables sobrinos y sobrinas, primos y otros familiares y amigos queridos.

A lo largo de su vida, Manuel cultivó numerosos intereses. Durante un tiempo se dedicó al tallado en madera, esculpiendo aves, animales y figuras religiosas. Siempre disfrutó de la jardinería, cultivando calabazas, tomates, habichuelas, pimientos y pepinos.

Sin embargo, su gran pasión fue la lectura y la escritura. Logró publicar por cuenta propia dos libros de poesía: Poemas de la Vida y Jesús, Luz, Camino, Verdad y Vida. Le encantaba leer y releer estas historias sobre sus padres, los momentos difíciles de la vida, los acontecimientos actuales y su fe. Con frecuencia recitaba sus escritos de memoria, impresionando a familiares y amigos con su extraordinaria capacidad para recordar. Parecía que siempre tenía un poema para compartir, sin importar el tema de conversación.

También disfrutaba hablar de “los tiempos de antes”. Tenía una memoria extraordinaria para recordar personas, lugares y acontecimientos ocurridos hacía sesenta, setenta e incluso más de ochenta años. Sentía una profunda curiosidad por aprender y leía toda clase de libros, especialmente sobre

ciencia y naturaleza. Nunca se cansaba de hacer preguntas, aprender cosas nuevas y buscar la verdad. Además de ser un gran narrador de historias, también sabía escuchar, y nadie se sentía extraño en su presencia.

La fe católica ocupó un lugar central en su vida. Se aseguró de que todos sus hijos aprendieran el catecismo, recibieran sus sacramentos y asistieran regularmente a la Santa Misa. Guiaba a su familia en la oración, especialmente en el rezo diario del Santo Rosario, una devoción que apreciaba profundamente.

Durante sus años en Puerto Rico, se integró a la Tercera Orden Franciscana en su parroquia de origen, San Miguel Arcángel. Después de mudarse a Milwaukee, se unió al Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad y permaneció activo hasta que ya no pudo conducir para asistir a las reuniones.

Su fe no se limitaba a la oración y al estudio. Durante muchos años, cuando su hija enfrentó serios problemas de salud, acudía fielmente todos los días a su hogar para ayudar con las tareas de la casa y colaborar en el cuidado de sus dos pequeños nietos. A lo largo de toda su vida confió en Dios y procuró transmitir esa fe a sus hijos y nietos.

Será recordado por su actitud positiva y alentadora. Tenía un gran sentido del humor y siempre encontraba la manera de alegrar las conversaciones con chistes sanos y apropiados. Aceptaba a todos y mostraba un interés sincero por conocer a las personas. Era amable y trabajador, dispuesto a realizar incluso las tareas más sencillas, como lavar los platos o recoger hojas, sin quejarse ni lamentarse.

Extrañaremos sus historias de antaño, sus chistes y sus recitales de poesía, pero conservaremos todos esos recuerdos en nuestros corazones. Damos gracias por los muchos años que Dios nos concedió compartir con él. Somos mejores personas por haberlo conocido. Verdaderamente lo extrañaremos.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services

Rozga-Walloch Chapel

4309 South 20th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53221

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

3801 W Morgan Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Vigil Service

JUN 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 6. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Church
723 W. Washington St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Tribute Wall

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“ *La Familia Millian y Cartagena purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Manuel Angel Reyes.*



La Familia Millian y Cartagena - June 05 at 01:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Manuel Angel Reyes.*



June 02 at 09:13 AM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Manuel Angel Reyes.*



May 31 at 03:43 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Manuel Angel Reyes.*

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“ *Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Manuel Angel Reyes.* ”



May 31 at 03:18 PM