



# Domingo Mendez

October 10, 2020

Domingo Mendez was born February 18, 1965 in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico to his loving Mother, Noelia Mendez. At an early age, Domingo and his family moved to the United States, eventually landing in Penns Grove, NJ. It was here, specifically at Penns Grove High School, that Domingo developed and honed his skills as a wrestler. Domingo received many accolades for his wrestling prowess. His reputation in South Jersey preceded him and his tenacity on the mat would later mirror his drive for success, always looking for opportunities to break down barriers and better himself.

Over time, Domingo's love for a childhood friend, Selina Verdecchio, developed into a romance. They eventually welcomed their first child, Noel Nicole, in 1983, and married, shortly after, in 1984. In 1985, Domingo joined the United States Army and, a few years later, Selina and Domingo welcomed their second bundle of joy, Ciara Snow, in 1987. Despite moving around extensively in the military, serving on bases across the United States and Germany, Domingo always kept his family close and took great pride in being a Father, and eventually, a proud "Pop-Pop" to his beloved Grandson, Andre Dominic.

Serving 21 honorable years in the Army, Domingo had many notable experiences. As a Drill Sergeant, Domingo played an important role in shaping new recruits, preparing them for whatever may lay ahead in their service. He would often reflect fondly on this period of his career and took great pride in the role he played in teaching new recruits the importance of teamwork and integrity. Years later, he would often receive Facebook messages from those he trained, expressing gratitude for his guidance and appreciation for the valuable lessons he taught them. Additional career highlights include serving in Advanced Instructor Training (AIT) at the esteemed West Point Military Academy, receiving commendation for serving in support of Operation Desert Storm, and showcasing his love for wrestling on the All Army wrestling team. In 2006, with his family surrounding him and beaming with pride, Sergeant First Class Domingo Mendez was honored by the United States Army with an official retirement ceremony. With the skills he developed during his time in the military, in the next chapter of his life, Domingo focused on education. He went on to attain a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Troy

University and two master's degrees from Colorado Technical Institute, rooted in Information Technology(IT) and Cyber Security. Coupling his technical skills, education, and time in military, Domingo attained high government clearance and worked within IT for the Department of Defense.

The colors Red, White, and Blue represented Domingo well, for many different reasons. Not only did Domingo take great pride in being a U.S. Veteran, but he also loved his native country, Puerto Rico. Domingo would never hesitate to let you know that he was proud to be Puerto Rican and honored his birthplace extensively. Red, White, and Blue also aligned with the colors of his favorite NFL football team, the New York Giants. Despite his loving nature, he maintained a strong dislike for both the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles and would go toe to toe with anyone over his beloved Giants!

Domingo had an intense love for family. He would often call his loved ones "just to check in" and was always concerned with the welfare of family and friends. Domingo was dependable; if you asked him to be somewhere, typically he was there an hour ahead of time. His demeanor was always consistent: warm and caring. His humble disposition, giving spirit, and mild-mannered approach caused others to gravitate to him. Everyone loved to be around him; he just made everything better. Domingo passed away on October 10, 2020. He was loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Domingo was predeceased by his Mother, Noelia Mendez, and his brothers, Miguel and Armando Rojas. He is survived by his spouse of 30 years, Selina Mendez, his children, Noel, Ciara, and Domingo Jr., and his loving grandson, Andre. He is also survived by his siblings: Rosa Rojas Patterson, Mayra Rojas Laporte, Ada Santana Rosado, Alejandro Mendez, Angel Mendez Sr., Jose Mendez, Norma Mendez Boatwright, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Due to the restrictions surrounding the coronavirus, Domingo's viewing will be private for the family. A graveside service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at Lake Park Cemetery, 701 Park Avenue, Swedesboro, NJ 08085.

# Cemetery

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## Lake Park Cemetery

Swedesboro, NJ,

# Events

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**OCT 17** **Graveside 12:00PM**

Lake Park Cemetery  
Swedesboro, NJ, US

# Comments

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“ I was Shocked and Saddened to hear that Domingo passed away. Growing up in PG, on our side of town, everyone was like Family. He was Always a Good Dude and I never knew of anyone having anything bad to say about Him. I knew that he went into the military, and hadn't seen him since the 80s, until several years ago we crossed paths in "Happy Harry's". Peace and Strength be with his Family and Friends. A Good Guy Gone Too Soon.

**David Williams** - December 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM

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“ KA lit a candle in memory of Domingo Mendez



**KA** - October 24, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ I was sad to hear about Domingo, he will be missed but will always be in our hearts. We worked together at Ft Dix. He was a wonderful, caring person and team player. He always had a smile for everyone, made us smile and made the work go smoothly. He always shared with us his knowledge, his love of his family and was especially proud of his beautiful grandson. He shared his pork pernil and his love of Puerto Rico; BORICUA !! My warmest thoughts and prayers.  
K.A.

**KA** - October 24, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ I went to school with Domingo we have the same wrestling team Penn's Grove Domingo had over a hundred wins in 8th grade he was exceptional take down artist very quick had it great talent as a wrestler... Sorry to see him go very missed and I don't know what was the cause but he's in a better place

**William Golt** - November 03, 2020 at 05:06 AM

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“ I love you and miss you Daddy...



Noel - October 22, 2020 at 02:34 PM

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“ Sherri Robert's Garza lit a candle in memory of Domingo Mendez



Sherri Robert's Garza - October 21, 2020 at 03:17 AM

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“ He was all ways a good friend every one class of 1984



michele petrick mathison - October 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ JJ Falcone lit a candle in memory of Domingo Mendez



JJ Falcone - October 19, 2020 at 08:46 AM

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“ Marty Saul lit a candle in memory of Domingo Mendez



Marty Saul - October 18, 2020 at 10:52 AM

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“ I was proud to call him my FRIEND! I served in the United States Army myself for 20 years. R.I.P my dear departed friend!

Marty Saul - October 18, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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“ My condolences to the family and friends. Domingo was a great friend of mine and my family for many years and will be truly missed may he RIP



Lisa Greene - October 16, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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“ he was our neighbor for the last 4.5 years.. he always was smiling and he was a very kind hearted man.. we looked out for each other.. my daughter called him her friend and enjoyed talking to him.. he will surely be missed by my family since we had gotten close to him.. rest in piece our friend! ☐



Danielle - October 16, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Domingo Mendez.



October 16, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ The DCMA NSEO family. purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Domingo Mendez.



The DCMA NSEO family. - October 16, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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“ Growing up, we were all very close, more like brothers and sisters than cousins. As we grew older that bond became even stronger. When Julio passed, Mingo was right there to help me make sense of it. We talked constantly and for hours at a time. He will be sorely missed. Fly High Mingo. We will love and miss you always. ~Mimi

Carmen Gonzalez - October 16, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Domingo Mendez.



October 16, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Domingo Mendez.



October 16, 2020 at 12:17 PM

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“ I remember the days in mini wrestling when my dad took us all to matches. Domingo was one heck of a wrestler and good friend. He will truly be missed. God Bless all of you!

**Rick Sassi** - October 15, 2020 at 11:47 PM

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“ Gayle Kaneaster, DCMA, Philadelphia, PA purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Domingo Mendez.



**Gayle Kaneaster, DCMA, Philadelphia, PA** - October 15, 2020 at 04:54 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Domingo Mendez.



October 15, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ My sincere condolences for your family's loss. I only knew Domingo through work, but he definitely was a pleasure to work with and talk to. He was always so friendly and helpful, and nothing was too much to ask of him for. I'm going to miss driving him crazy about IT related issues and conversing with him about his family and daughter Ciara, whom he talked about and loved very much. Being in the office is definitely not going to be the same and he will truly be missed by his colleagues.

Sincerely,

Ciara Bowen

**CIARA BOWEN** - October 15, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ You have my condolences, I knew him through work. I just spoke with him on 10/9/2020 at work helping me with my computer. He was always a very pleasant help. I will miss him helping me with my IT issues, and his pleasant nature while going about helping me. I will keep you all in prayer.

MJohnson

**Marion Johnson** - October 15, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ I only knew Domingo through work. He helped me numerous times and was always going the extra mile in making sure everything was okay. I know he was going to school to get advanced degrees while he was working the last few years. He was a tireless worker. We used to talk football and I felt bad for how the Giants have been the last few years, but not too bad. We even got into talking wrestling at the high school level. He always smiled and had a great sense of humor. The world lost a great man.

**Jim Krmpotich** - October 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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“ Michelle Brown purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Domingo Mendez.



**Michelle Brown** - October 15, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ Noel, Ciara, Jr, and Andre, I'm so sorry for the passing of your father. His children was his heart and spoke highly of all of you. He will be missed from east to west coast because he had friends from every part of the country. I will continue to pray for each of you for strength and comfort during these times. Remember keep your head up and you know your Dad will always be looking down on you and keeping you close and on the correct path.

Michelle Brown  
Fort Dix, NJ  
Training

**Michelle Brown** - October 15, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ ALL FACTS.....

**Wilkins Vergeon** - October 29, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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“ I am going to miss Domingo... He and I would always swap Army stories or we would talk just to shoot the breeze. His caring demeanor and his wonderful smile will be missed. And as a fellow veteran, I know that Domingo was proud to have served in the United States Army, he was truly a great patriot. My condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace, Battle Buddy, until Valhalla!



**Benjamin Dutill** - October 15, 2020 at 07:47 AM