

## Mr. Elio M. Fernandez

November 8, 1933 - April 8, 2025

Mr. Elio M. Fernandez, 91, of Sylvester, died Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at his residence.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 15 2025 at the Bethel Holiness Tabernacle in Albany, interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylveester. Pastor Noah Phillips will officiate.

Mr. Fernandez was born on November 8, 1933 in Havana Cuba. He had lived in Worth County since 1983 and retired from Fairway Toyota as the Inventory Manager. Mr. Fernandez enjoyed doing yard work and was a member of Gideon's International. He was an active member of Bethel Holiness Tabernacle in Albany, GA.

Survivors include his children, Eliot Vidal Fernandez and Ruben Fernandez both of Florida, Matra Fernandez-Yon of Cuba; step-son, Tim DeVane, of Georgia and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Fernandez was preceded in death by his wife, Jean DeVane Fernandez on April 11, 2021 and step-sons, Vic DeVane on January 8, 2012, and Tony DeVane on November 22, 2021.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 from 1:00 PM until funeral hour at the Bethel Holiness Tabernacle.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Holiness Tabernacle  
4621 Radium Springs Road  
Albany, GA 31705

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Holiness Tabernacle  
4621 Radium Springs Road  
Albany, GA 31705

## Burial

APR 15 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
701 S. Isabella Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791

# Tribute Wall



“ *It's taken me so long to write this just because of the level of impact this man had on my life. My dear Grandpa Elio, since I was a little kid you've inspired me so much, that no matter what I say, think, or do, do it to honor God and to glorify Jesus. You were the living, breathing example of one who lived his life for God, honoring him, being faithful to him, and knowing for a fact you're with Jesus in His Kingdom. The valuable lessons I've learned from you: Be in the Word daily, deny my desires for His will and plan for my life, and be in prayer always. You didn't have an easy life growing up, but you've shown us what happens when you have Jesus as the Lord and Savior over our lives. Thank you Grandpa for all that you've done, for your wife, your children, and your grandchildren. Forever, I live taking on the legacy you left behind, to represent Jesus in my daily life, to not live for myself, but for Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing your story with me throughout the years, and thank you for being my grandpa! I love you Grandpa Elio! The same Spirit of God who lives in you, lives in me too! Doesn't mean my path will be easy, but the lessons you taught me and the living Word of God, and the Holy Spirit will guide me through it! Praise be to the one who saved us, thank you Jesus!*

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**Allen Fernandez** - June 29, 2025 at 09:16 PM

TL

“ *So sorry to hear of Elio's passing. He was a precious man!! He always sent comforting words and prayer up for everyone in need. Every conversation that I ever had with him, God was the center of it!! Rest in peace sweet man!! Prayers to Elios' family & friends.*



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**Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn** - May 12, 2025 at 09:01 AM

MC

“ I had the privilege to have Elio as my Father in law for over 22 years as I was married to his Son Ruben. Elio Was a Godly loving man and a very good father in law. I will miss you you touch my heart and I have a privilege to have him as a Dad thank you the memories and your love.

Mercedes Cunningham - April 15, 2025 at 05:36 PM

HM

“ Words could never express the impact Bro.Elio had on our family and the blessing that he was to our whole church! Coming in church every service and seeing his smiling face or him knelt down at his pew praying always touched our hearts and he will be greatly missed!

Heather Mayo - April 15, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ I'm Cassandra Fernandez, I'm married to his grandson Allen. I've never had the privilege of meeting him in person but we've video called over the years and he was always a joy to talk to. I'm sad that I never had the chance to get to know him better and build a relationship with him as a grandfather, but I rejoice because he's with my God in heaven. He's reunited with his wife and other loved ones in heaven. He has no more pain or sorrow. We will miss him so much but I know we will see him again. It's an honor to have his last name and to be apart of his wonderful family. His legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I salute this warrior of The Lord because he has the victory.

Cassandra Fernandez - April 15, 2025 at 08:24 AM

GB

*We loved bro Elio. He was a great inspiration to my family and our church !He always greeted us with kind words. I always made sure he was at church. We will miss you so much Bro. Elio!! Hope to see in that beautiful city with Jesus. Love Billy and Gwen*

**Gwen Beck** - April 16, 2025 at 11:51 AM

SF

*“ Brother Elio was such an amazing person; he always had a big smile on his face, and he always made us feel welcome at church. He had such a great impact on our lives in the little time we knew him. He considered my parents his children and us his grandchildren. We can't believe he's no longer here, but we know he's rejoicing in Heaven. He will truly be missed!  
El siempre nos decia que eramos Santos de apellido pero tambien Santos en Cristo! Para nosotros fue un dolor grande haber recibido la noticia que se fue, todo el tiempo nos saludaba con much amor y nos decia palabras de animo y siempre se alegraba que nuestra familia llegara a la iglesia. Lo vamos a extrañar mucho!*

**Santos Family** - April 14, 2025 at 09:46 PM

BC

*“ We'll never be able to share the impact Bro Elio had on us in the few years we knew him. He was such a joy to see every service. Hearing him pray would stir us to be more fervent and sincere! He always had a kind word for everyone! He will be so missed, but we have so much hope and joy knowing that he left us with no doubts about his eternity!*

**Bob & Rae Carr** - April 14, 2025 at 05:40 PM



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**Elena Taylor** - April 14, 2025 at 04:30 PM

ED

“ *It's hard to know where to began, Bro Elio was such an encouragement and inspiration to me and my family! He was truly like a great grandfather to our church. He never had a harsh word to say of anyone and he always wanted to share the Love of Jesus to everyone! I will miss hearing him pray! And I hope to be as much of a Christian as he always was! He left no doubt where his heart was with God! He will be missed by us and my girls! Can't wait to see him again one day in heaven! 💕💕*

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**Elisabeth Dukes** - April 13, 2025 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ *Bro. Elio will be greatly missed! I will miss his smile, his encouraging words and his sweet spirit! I will miss hearing him pray and miss his testimonies! He was a true example of what it means to be a Christian. We loved him so much! Heaven is sweeter knowing he is there!*



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**Christie** - April 13, 2025 at 03:30 PM

AP

“ Bro. Elio will be greatly missed! He has been such a blessing and encouragement in my life!



Angelica Paine - April 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM

SF

“ Sheri Freeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elio M. Fernandez



Sheri Freeland - April 11, 2025 at 06:27 PM

DR

“ David And Dianne Register lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elio M. Fernandez



David and Dianne Register - April 11, 2025 at 01:19 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Elio’s passing. He was such a precious person that always had a smile to share and a bright spirit. I always used to love to listen to his stories. He also was a wonderful husband and friend to Jean. They are now reunited once again. Prayers for each of you during this time of sorrow.



Tosha McDonald - April 10, 2025 at 11:00 PM

TM

“ Papa Elio always had a smile for everyone and testified to every one he was around, and such a blessing to all .we love and miss him but happy he's where his heart had been. Marvin and Teresa ❤️

Teresa & Marvin Milner - April 10, 2025 at 08:41 PM

RP

“ Brother Elio was a great friend and brother in the Lord. It would stir the heart to hear him praying in the Monday night prayer meetings at Bethel. Brother Elio was genuine in his worship. He was truly devoted to God and loyal without question to his church. It is impossible to find the words to say how much he will be missed now that he has joined that great cloud of witnesses around the throne of God.

Randy Pruett - April 10, 2025 at 08:28 PM

MD

“ My family will definitely miss Bro. Elio! He was a very special man. Very dedicated to God and always ready to share Him with anybody and everybody! So glad you made it Home Bro. Elio! Looking forward to see you again!

Madison Dyess - April 10, 2025 at 08:01 PM

SW

“ Our family will miss Bro. Elio more than we can describe! He was such a wonderful man who loved the Bible and was endlessly dedicated to the Lord. He never complained and was working or helping anytime you saw him! It was certainly a shock for him to leave so suddenly but I know he is not disappointed in his new home. We hope to meet him there one day! He lived a life where he left no questions behind on his eternity. We will be praying for his family.

Stephanie Wallace - April 10, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JA

“ Brother Elio was a great man of God who loved God and made him loved everywhere he went. Anyone who knew him knows he wanted to serve you. Whether you were young or old you could not out-give this man. He loved us like his own family and he will surely be missed.

*If you could see him now you would be envious of where he is and would surely want to know his God as he knew Him!*

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**Jamie** - April 10, 2025 at 06:55 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Saylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elio M. Fernandez



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**Rhonda Saylor** - April 10, 2025 at 06:53 PM

JA

“ Me and my wife will greatly miss Bro .Elio. He was a great man, who loved God and wanted everybody to know it!!!!!!!

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**Josiah and Abby** - April 10, 2025 at 05:42 PM

DB

“ I met Mr Elio when he married Jean DeVane. The sweetest man and best husband Jean could have ever met after being widowed years earlier. Always smiling and always had a kind word and hug for me every time I saw them. RIP Elio! I'm sure the reunion with Jean was breath taking...💋

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**Donna Odom Broadaway** - April 10, 2025 at 01:21 PM

TD

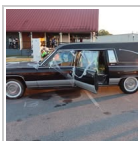
“ Our family will miss Br Elio so much! He was always happy and he loved God with all his heart! He's smiling forever now in heaven. His faithfulness will never be forgotten and his concern for others will forever be remembered as well! His place on the pew where he sat in church may be empty now but he's rejoicing in the presence of God forever!

TERRY & TRISH DYESS - April 09, 2025 at 11:11 PM

FG

Uncle Elio, you will be missed more than you will ever know. You were a true man of God and it showed all the time. Always a smile and a hug. No unkind words for anyone. You touched so many lives and loved people unconditionally. I will always love and miss you. Love and prayers to all the family. Love Felicia

Felicia Gravitt - April 16, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Jeff Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elio M. Fernandez



Jeff Oliver - April 09, 2025 at 02:18 PM

RL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr Elio's passing. Prayers for all of during this time of sorrow.



Robert and Penny Lowe - April 09, 2025 at 10:36 AM

TW

*I'm so sorry to hear this about bro. Elio nrest easy brother you will be missed*

**Tony waller** - April 09, 2025 at 11:47 AM



*Elio was my Adopted grandpa a great man R.I.P Grandpa ELIO*

**Jeff Oliver** - April 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM

BE

*Matthew 5:16 : " Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" That describes what I seen in Bro Elio. He not only brought conviction but HOPE! He made you want to be a better person...The short times I met him thats his affect.*

**Belinda** - April 14, 2025 at 02:39 AM