

In Memorial

Abreu, Mr. Jaime Sanchez

This former student is my deceased uncle, my mother's brother. He attended for only one year 1940-41 graduating that year. His paternal grandmother was the famous "monkey lady", Rosalia Abreu, internationally known for her large collection of monkeys and apes right on her property, Quinta Palatino or Finca de los Monos, Born: August 26, 1923 - Died: July 6, 1990

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Agramonte, Dra. Estela A

Dra. Agramonte taught from 1934-1961 in the Bachillerato Department. She passed way on July 15, 1989 at the age of 83. She lived in Cuba until 1961, when she moved to Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. There she went on to be the Academic Dean at Puerto Rico Junior College. After retirement in 1978, she moved to Miami, Florida to be near our family. She is survived by myself and my three children: Laura (28), Eduardo (25) and Lillian (23).

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Alfonso, Mr. Carlos Jose

Carlos started Ruston Academy in kindergarten and was there with sister Delia until the school closed. His family never left Cuba and Carlos, a promising young painter, arrived in the US through the Mariel Boatlift in 1980. Initial struggles led to a brilliant career tragically cut short by AIDS in 1991. A major exhibition of his work started at the Miami Art Museum went to the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, DC in 1998, the best attended exhibition in the nation's capital that summer.

Reported by: ,

Barroso, Mr. Jose

Jose passed away in 1987 in Ohio. He is survived by his widow, Lore, and 3 children: Carlos, Lisa and Jefferey. Jose (Jern) was a warm, compassionate and very loyal friend. We're sorry that he left us at such a relatively young age.

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Barroso, Mrs. Mylva

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Batista Godinez, Mr. Fulgencio Ruben

After battling leukemia, Ruben peacefully passed on November 7, 2007 at 7:45PM.
¡CUANDO UN AMIGO SE VA! It is then that you come to realize the great loss it

Reported by: Torricella, Mr. Roberto A.

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Berek, Mr. Claudio Yves

Claudio Berek passed away on 1989. As an account traveled around the world. Was 5 years on the Reserve, in New York. Married with no children. On 1959 went from Havana to Europe and then to New York. Moved to Miami. My husband was always optimist and a happy man until the end of his life.

Reported by: Berek, Mrs. Carmen Velez

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Bugeda, Mr. Diego J.

Diego passed away on February 14, 2001, a day before his 65th birthday. Upon graduation from Ruston, he entered the University of Havana where he earned a degree in Law. In 1961 he moved with his family to Mexico City, where he resided until his last days. Recognized by all as a very smart individual, Diego was well known and liked by everyone who knew him at Ruston. All of us from the Class of '53 will certainly miss him.

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Cross, Mr. Patrick

My brother Patrick Cross died in March of 1984 from Cancer in Dallas, Texas. He left behind a wife and three young children. I am the sole survivor of my family. We both attended Ruston until we moved from Havana to New York.

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del Busto, Sra. Conchita Mulet

My mother who was a teacher at Ruston.

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Delgado, Mrs. Maria Causa

Graduada de Bachillerato en Letras, clase de 1959. Nacida en La Habana el 4 de diciembre de 1941, fallecio en San Antonio, Texas el 17 de septiembre de 2001.

Hija del Dr. Anibal Causa, gastroenterologo y profesor de la Escuela de Medicina de la Universidad de La Habana, y de Mirta Delgado.

Salio de Cuba en Noviembre de 1960 y se establecio en San Antonio con su familia, que incluye a otra alumna del Ruston: su hermana mayor Mirta Causa Delgado, casada con Luis Marti.

Maria Matilde contrajo matrimonio con el cubano Miguel Millan y tuvo dos hijos: James y Miguel Anibal Millan y dos nietas. Trabajo muchos anos en San Antonio de maestra de ensenanza primaria.

Recuerdo a Maria Matilde en el Ruston como companera carinosa que detestaba los deportes. Por alguna razon tenia que refrescar sus lentes de contacto a menudo, y mas de una vez, en el bano, todas las que estabamos ahi tuvimos que ponernos por el suelo a buscar un lente de Maria Matilde que se le habia caido al piso. Nunca la pude ver en Estados Unidos.

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Fernandez, Mr. Francisco Pancho

We remember our friends. His mother, Marta and wife Graciela worked at HRS Welfare in Miami Beach. I believe he had one son. Let us never forget our pain & suffering. May you rest in Peace.

Reported by: Rodriguez, Mr. Luis Francisco

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Galban, Dr. Flavio

Married Beba Saladrigas 1953 . 6 children . Medical school UH ; 1959 : internship & residence at Northwestern , Evanston , Ill. Pediatrician . Settled in Las Cruces , NM 1968 . Died there 1989 . Always true Rustonian .

Reported by: Galban, Br. (Stephen) Juan

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Galban, Mrs Ada

Born in Havana 8/8/39 ; Died in Havana in 1988 . Married and divorced Jose (Pepito) Rios .

Two children living in Havana : Maria del Carmen and Jose Gabriel .

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Hamilton, Mr. William ("Bill") J.

Bill attended Ruston for several years, roughly 7th grade to 12th grade, (except for 10th grade when he went to St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, MS). He graduated from Ruston with the class of 1958. During his high school years he was a disc-jockey on Radio Kramer's Teen Age Turntable, a columnist with The Havana Post's teenage column, and he played football and baseball with Club de Profesionales in Miramar. After graduating from Ruston, Bill went to Tulane University in New Orleans, LA for one year, and then went to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1963. He was a naval aviator, flying S2s, in a squadron based out of North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado, CA and assigned to the USS Bennington (CVS-20) aircraft carrier. He completed his second deployment to the West Pacific, flying over 120 missions in Vietnam, and returned to the San Diego area in April, 1967. Three days later he died in an automobile accident on the Silver Strand Highway just South of Coronado, in April of 1967. His rank at the time was that of Lieutenant.

He was a great Naval Officer, son, friend, and brother.

Reported by: Hamilton, Mr. Bob

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Harper, Mr. George K

Our dad passed away December 13, 1997, one week shy of his 82nd birthday. He didn't attend

Ruston, but had four kids who did, as well as a wife who taught there.

Reported by: Harper, Mr. Rocky

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Harper, Mrs. Leonor Elizabeth (Betty) Pardo

Betty Harper passed away on February 12, 2010 in Raleigh, N.C. Betty was born in Havana, Cuba in 1919, the daughter of Dr. Vicente Pardo Castello and Constance Squier. Upon graduation from Duke University she married George K. Harper, also of Havana. They had four children: Jean, Rocky, Rich and Tom, all of whom attended Ruston. She was the grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 22. Betty loved children. She taught for many years in Havana, both at Cathedral School and then at Ruston, and eventually became principal of the elementary department at St. John's School in Santurce, Puerto Rico. In her retirement years, she and her husband George lived in Hiawassee, Georgia, and traveled extensively. A memorial service is scheduled for March 20, 2010 at Christ Church in Raleigh, N.C.

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Heath, 1st. Lt. Isaac Edward

1st Lieutenant Edward Heath: November 11, 1940 - March 18, 1969. Killed-in-action, Vietnam, in Operation "Atlas Wedge" in the Michelin Rubber Plantation. Troop L, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Awarded Silver Star for gallantry in combat. Also known as "Eddie": Eagle scout, devoted son, protective big brother, happy-go-lucky, loyal friend, Kappa Sig, party animal,lover of beautiful women, man's man, brave and courageous soldier.

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Herrera, Mr. Jose Antonio (Pilin)

Our darling "Pilin" left Cuba in 1960 for Chicago where his parents, Lucia & Jose Luis Herrera and I, had arrived a few months earlier, after graduating from Ruston, he worked in computers at the Standard Oil Offices in Havana and did the same in Chicago for Spiegel, Inc. Sadly, he was taken to heaven much too soon at age 29 from Leuquemia in 1966, I was his fiancee and will never forget his magnetic personality.

Reported by: Ruiz, Ms Angelica

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Jones (Kane), Mr. Robert R.

My dear childhood friend Robert R. Jones (Kane) passed away the morning of September 16, 2009 in Palm Bay, Florida.

Bobby was always well-liked by those who met him for his easy going nature and ready smile. He left Ruston before we moved to the new building to attend Fork Union Military Academy where incidentally my son, James, is now the Chaplain.

Bobby has left us for a better place after a protracted illness. Godspeed, Bobby. I am glad that we shared such memorable adventures in Cuba and the US. I'm blessed to have known you and called you my friend!

Reported by: Benson, Mr. James A.

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Lee, Mrs. Barbara Beakes

Supervisor of Services at Ruston - Barbara was a remarkable woman who went to Cuba with the USO during WWII, met and married Charles Lee, became mother to Charlie, Dick and Bob, then Norris and John. After leaving Cuba in 1958 and settling in NY, she taught school for awhile, then opened her own travel agency in Rhinebeck, NY. She worked there until she was into her late 80s. She died June 24, 2009 at the age of 95 of natural causes. She will be deeply missed and long remembered by her children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Reported by: Lee, Dick and Judy

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Llerandi, Mr. Manuel (Cholo) A.

Manolo (Cholo) was a unique individual - caring, hardworking and very bright. (He always was the best student at Commerce Dept.) He passed away untimely at the age of 53, is sorely missed by all of us and will always be in our hearts. Manolo was a true friend, excellent listener, and incredibly fair. I met him at Ruston. Later, we made contact again while we were both attending evening classes at Escuela de Publicidad (he was also attending Villanova in the afternoon and worked in his father's business in the morning - all these with A grades!) We married in 1960 and came to the United States in 1961 with our first daughter, then we had 4 more. He was a tireless worker, brilliant with numbers, and with a common sense few people have. Ruston had a definite influence on him, and provided him with tools to carry on after graduation. He passed on to a better and more tranquil life on February 13, 1993, and to us, his family and friends, it has been a very hard and difficult loss.

Reported by: Mateo Llerandi, Mrs. Ada Elena

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Perez-Andrew, De Soto, Dr. Anthony (Tony)-Adam

Adam (Tony) attended Ruston from 1945-1956. He got his Ph.D. in Computer Science and worked at IBM for 22 years until he retired. Over the past year Tony made contact with some of his old friends from Ruston, which brought him much joy. He was planning to come to the Reunion in July, but came down with pneumonia in early May. Sadly, many complications followed and we lost him in early July. He is survived by his wife, Kate, and his son, James. We will miss his great sense of humor and joy for life.

Reported by: Samson, Ms Vicky

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Ratcliffe, Mrs. Mimi Ogden

My sister, Mimi Ogden, died in October 1976 after a very brief illness of viral pneumonia. She was married to A. M. Ratcliffe, Jr. and the mother of 4 children at her death--Mary, age 9; Catherine & Virginia, ages 7; Andrew, age 10 months. She left Ruston in the 11th grade in 1959 and graduated from St. Genevieve of the Pines, Asheville, NC that next year. We all made our home in Natchez, MS after we left Cuba in February 1960 with our parents Ed and Nancy Ogden. Mimi also left two other sisters, Nicky and Ellen.

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Rodriguez Ugidos, Dra. Zaira

Zaira stayed in Cuba, where she became a distinguished professor of Marxism-Leninism at La Universidad de La Habana. She died in an automobile accident on the corner of Linea y G 199?. We hug her from here where we are for a while longer.

Reported by: Karman Mendell, Dra Olga

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Rosenbaum, Ms Evelyn

Evelyn was the valedictorian of her graduating high school class. She was the most brilliant person I ever knew. Never had a grade under an A and never needed to open a book. When she graduated from Ruston, she was accepted into Barnard College, which was quite a feat in those days! She studied for a year, but then left to marry and raise a family. Her first husband, Walter Rothschild, with whom she had 2 sons, passed away at an untimely age in 1964. She remarried to Sam Fuchs and had a third child, a daughter.

Unfortunately, Evelyn also died very young in January 1973- at only 37 years old. Her loss is deeply felt to this day by anyone who knew this very special person.

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Sample, Mr. Byron Alfred

A talented actor - remember "The Tempest" and "Julius Caesar"? A long-time good friend.

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Samson, Prof. Rita Agostini

From an alumni, and friend, if you will. You were one of my best mentors. G-d Bless You and Keep You

Reported by: Ferrer, Mr. Edward (Eduardo) A.

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Smith, Mr. Dixon

Dixon passed away in Santa Rosa, CA., March 27, 2008 at the age of sixty-six. He is survived by four daughters; Donna, Anita, Fran and Kelly and his second wife of twenty-one years, Susan, and his sister Nancy.

Dixon was a chemical engineer and analytical chemist with most recently, Pace and Sequoia Analytical in Petaluma, CA. Dixon was born in Waterbury, Connecticut and went with his family to Cuba (1945 - 1960) for most of his school years, with some time spent in Venezuela as well. While he did not go to Ruston Academy, most of his friends did. Dixon attended Lafayette School in Miramar. In his little autobiography when he first registered with the Ruston Alumni site in "Friends" he states that he fondly remembers Don McCouch and Jeanette Lamas.

Dixon and Susan enjoyed going to the reunion in Coral Gables some years ago and seeing many friends from days gone by.

There will be many Rustonites who will remember him. He was a gentle, quiet and unassuming person; a nice guy. (Tom)

"Dixon was known for his honesty and humor. He was a gentle soul, a wonderful husband, and a much loved father who never had his own children," Mrs. Susan Dixon.

(Posted with sadness by Tom Darlington on behalf of Mrs. Dixon Smith)

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Tucek, Dr. Charles

Died in the mid-eighties. High clorestorol problem keeled over while canoeing. Was a psychiatrist.

Reported by: Parker, Mr. Tom

Wernikoff, Mr. Segio

My beloved Serge died on October 24, 2009 of Pancreatic Cancer. We were living in the hospital together for the last 19 days. He was very sick from the chemotherapy and his body began shutting down. There was nothing more that could be done. He went peacefully with all the family around him. He was buried on Oct. 26th our 51st Wedding Anniversary. I was so lucky to have such a wonderful mate, and I have a BIG HOLE in my heart at this time.

I did not know the friends from Ruston Academy, only the people we met at the reunion. Please feel free to tell them about Serge.

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