



## Federico Antonio Laracuento

October 1, 1932 - February 8, 2026

Federico Antonio Laracuento, age 93, most recently of Bloomington, Indiana, by way of Taft, Tennessee and Cocoa, Florida, passed away surrounded by loved ones Sunday morning, February 8, 2026, at his residence. Born October 1, 1932, in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, he was the son of Ramón and Evangelina (Seda) Laracuento. Federico graduated from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez. He proudly served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and retired as a First Lieutenant where he was an instructor at the Ordnance Guided Missile School. He later went on to become an Aerospace Electrical Engineer with NASA, and later NASA Subcontractors, in Huntsville, Alabama and Cape Canaveral, Florida. He enjoyed working with wood, working on automobiles, reading everything from boat building to history, camping, being outdoors, farming, studying outer space, music, his family, and nature. He was a man of strong faith and enjoyed attending Latin Masses, primarily at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. He enjoyed music and was a gifted harmonica player who would lead music whenever the opportunity arose.

Federico is survived by his wife, Ava Arlene (Franklin) Laracuento, of Bloomington; his six children, Anna Maria (Donnie) Smartt, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, Raquel Maria Laracuento, of Bloomington, Marcos (Heather) Laracuento, of Palm Bay, Florida, Andrés José (Julia Weist) Laracuento, of East Durham, New York, Juan Pedro Laracuento, of Bloomington, and Rebeca Seda (Ibadullah Adam Shahrani) Laracuento, of Bloomington; twelve

grandchildren: Lauren, Aaron, Caleb, Abidullah, Noah, Fatimah, Naomi, Sebastian, Amanullah, Alimullah, Khadijah; four great-grandchildren: Kohlin, Taylor, Braylen, Grace; one sister, Brunilda Franqui, of White Plains, New York and one brother, Pedro (Brunilda) Laracuate, of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Julia (Steadman) Laracuate, one son, Federico Antonio Laracuate, Jr. and fifteen siblings.

A Graveside Celebration of Life will be held Monday, February 16, 2026 at noon, at Valhalla Memory Gardens in Bloomington.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation, the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be given at [www.AllenCares.com](http://www.AllenCares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Bloomington, IN 47401

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Fred



Anna Smartt - February 16 at 03:12 PM

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“ Uncle Fred was always friendly and showed kindness to me. I was amazed at the things he would make to show the kids. I thought it was neat that he always wore hats! I look forward to seeing him again one day at Home! Praying for the family.



Julia - February 16 at 07:53 AM

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“ 10 files added to the album Fred



Anna Smartt - February 15 at 12:44 AM

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“ *Anna Smartt lit a candle in memory of Federico Laracunte*



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**Anna Smartt** - February 14 at 10:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Federico Antonio Laracunte.*



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February 14 at 07:58 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Federico Antonio Laracunte.*

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February 14 at 07:58 AM

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“ Uncle Federico visited his brother Carmito when he and his family lived in the Bronx. What did they do? They went out for a "nature" walk, of all things! Are you kidding me?! Anyway My Dad, Carmito motioned for me to join them. They spoke Spanish. I didn't understand a word they said, but you what? I enjoyed that 'nature' walk. Their demeanor, facial expressions and body language made me feel as if I was in Puerto Rico with them. Very heartwarming. I'll miss them both, my Dad, Carmito and my Uncle, Federico. P.S. I want a copy of that picture of me and my wife Margaret giving Uncle Federico a big kiss at Carmito's Memorial Luncheon in 2024! Love, Steve & Margaret Laracuenta, representing Carmito's and Rosie's (Carmito's wife and my Mom's) Familia.

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**Steve Laracuenta** - February 13 at 09:42 PM

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**Anna Smartt** - February 13 at 08:01 PM

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“ Anna lit a candle in memory of Federico Laracuenta



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**Anna** - February 13 at 07:15 PM

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“ *Steve Laracuate purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Federico Antonio Laracuate.*



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**Steve Laracuate** - February 13 at 07:09 PM