



## Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve

June 2, 1988 - June 8, 2015

New Paltz, NY

Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve of New Paltz, 27 years old, passed away suddenly on Monday, June 8, 2015 at Mohonk Preserve, one of his favorite places.

Armando was born in New York City on June 2, 1988; the son of Edgar Rodriguez and Maggie Veve, brother to Arturo and Isidra Rodriguez-Veve.

He attended New Paltz schools, High Frontier High School in Fort Davis, Texas, and Ulster Community College. Armando was most recently employed as an independent contractor for Vector Security, Inc., a security system repair service group. He enjoyed music, cooking, dancing, hiking, bike riding, reading, creative writing, body building, and computer gaming. He self- educated himself and actively practiced meditation, and volunteered to organize and lead a series of meditation classes at the local community center. His family will remember his intense emotional nature, intellectual curiosity and glowing smile.

In addition to his parents and siblings, Armando is survived by his maternal grandmother Carmen Mercado-Veve of New Paltz, NY, paternal uncles and aunts, William Rodriguez and wife Lydia, of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. , Harry Rodriguez of Columbia, CT, Lillian Rodriguez de Mestre and husband, Pete Mestre of San Diego, CA, and maternal uncles and aunts, Richard Veve of Queens, NY, Edwin Veve and wife Shuyan, of San Jose, CA, Rudy Veve of Boulder, CO, Eric Veve and wife, Gina, of Plantation, FL, and Isidra Veve and husband, Michael Bogdan of Irving, TX, Reynianne Foard-Martinez, soulmate, of Kingston, NY and many maternal and paternal cousins. His maternal uncle Robert Veve and paternal aunt, Milagros Rodriguez Nieves, pre-deceased him.

Friends and relatives may call on Saturday, June, 13, 2015, from 2pm to 4pm at Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., 162 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561, (845) 255-1212. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.copelandfhn.com](http://www.copelandfhn.com). A celebration of life

will begin at 4pm.

Memorial donations may be made to Mohonk Preserve, 3197 Route 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525 or online at [www.mohonkpreserve.org](http://www.mohonkpreserve.org).

or Blue Cliff Monastery, 3 Mindfulness Road, Pine Bush, NY 12566 or online at [www.bluecliffmonastery.org](http://www.bluecliffmonastery.org).

# Events

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**JUN** **Calling Hours** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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**JUN** **Funeral Service** 04:00PM - 05:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I am missing Armando. I'll always remember his smile and the way he laughed. The way his eyes lit up when we spoke of the earth and nature's philosophies. He was a brilliant man and he will remain in my heart forever. I am grateful to have had him in my life when we were close. My deepest condolences to his family and other friends. He truly was a wonderful soul.

**Pamela** - 2 hours ago

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“ I remember one of the last times I hung out with Armando it was summertime and we decided to go to the pond on the farm I was raised on. We went fishing and hung out there for a few hours, didn't catch anything, but we did see these flowers which had three purple petals on them. We picked them and Armando put them behind his ears and I took a picture of him. That's how the photo in the video came about. It was a great day and I will never forget it. He had a great sense of humor and he was a great person.

Brandon Bartholomew

**Brandon Bartholomew** - 23 hours ago

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“ Maggie and Edgar--

I wish the sorrow that I feel for you could somehow lessen your own anguish. Sadly, I know that it cannot. None-the-less, I offer my sincere condolences and hope that your heartaches will be eased with time.

Barbara Carroll

**Barbara Carroll** - Yesterday at 02:41 PM

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“ Armando's Bravery- During a horrible heat wave years ago, Bob (my husband) and I noticed smoke coming from a neighboring property. As we followed it, we realized it was Edgar and Maggie's house. We knew Armando was home with his grandmother and that the rest of the family was out. I believe he was in middle-school. As we arrived at the house, we saw that it was completely engulfed in flames. Armando had just made it out helping his grandmother. He told me that when he noticed the fire, it was spreading very fast. He had to turn around, find his grandmother and help her out of the house. Most children would have panicked in that situation, but Armando's first instinct was to help his grandmother.

He was very hot and obviously extremely upset. We hugged and cried. He wanted to go back to find their cat, but the moment he rescued his grandmother, the entire house was in flames reaching to a height of many stories. He still selflessly wanted to go back to save the family cat but we stopped him from that impossible task in hopes that the cat had already made it out safely.

Edgar made it home first and then Maggie and the rest of the family. I remember the sadness and shock but mostly the relief that Armando and Maggie's mom were safe. Armando had a tremendous love for all in his family. He was good hearted and wanted to do right. He was a hero that day. This is how I will always remember him.

Lynne Gabrielli - Yesterday at 12:28 PM

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“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



Yesterday at 11:23 AM

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“ Dear Edgar and Maggie,

On behalf of the Community Partnership, we offer our deepest condolences to you, your family, and everyone who is grieving this painful loss. We share in your grief and stand with you in honoring his light and his life...

I first met Armando at a free meditation class we were co-sponsoring in January of 2014. He arrived at least a half hour early and eagerly helped me set up the space. His enthusiasm and sweet smile really touched me!

As we moved forward with the decision to continue the classes, I reached out to Armando. He was quick to join in the effort and took on the task of helping me organize the project. His heartfelt desire to create opportunities for the community to experience the benefits of meditation made an indelible impression upon me.

When our plans met some unexpected challenges, Armando rose to the occasion and led the meditation classes. He put his heart into it, sharing from a place of deep respect and appreciation of the gifts he had received from his studies. Those in attendance truly appreciated the classes and what he had shared with them.

I am grateful for the opportunity, albeit limited and too short, to work with Armando and to have witnessed his love of meditation, as well as his desire to help his community and other young people. He will remain in my heart and thoughts... as will all of you.

With Love,

Phoenix Kawamoto

Phoenix Kawamoto - Yesterday at 09:45 AM

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“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



Yesterday at 08:38 AM

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“ This body is not me.

I am not limited by this body.

I am life without boundaries.

I have never been born,

and I have never died.

Look at the ocean and the sky filled with stars, manifestations from my wondrous true mind.

Since before time, I have been free.

Birth and death are only doors through which we pass, sacred thresholds on our journey.

Birth and death are a game of hide- and seek.

So laugh with me,

hold my hand,

let us say good-bye,

say good-bye, to meet again soon.

We meet today.

We will meet again tomorrow.

We will meet at the source every moment.

We meet each other in all forms of life.

~By Thich Nhat Hanh

Armondo,  
Your seeking of inner truth and the way of the Buddha travels with you forever.

Roger & Lilyan

**Roger Spool** - Yesterday at 01:26 AM

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“ Every being leaves his footprint on this earth walk we travel together. "Breathe. Listen for my footfall in your heart. I am not gone but merely walk within you." Author unknown.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Armando. I wish I had words to soothe your profound grief. May the love and support of friends and family sustain you. Please count me among your friends.

**Claudia Battaglia** - Yesterday at 09:59 PM

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“ Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



June 12 at 07:46 PM

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“ Edgar and Maggie, We're sorry we aren't able to see you tomorrow and are sending our deepest condolences to you and your family. I hope you can stay strong in this time of stupendous grief. You are both in our hearts. Carole and Steve Ford

**Carole Ford** - June 12 at 04:28 PM



“ Dear Edgar and family,

We pray the love of God surrounds you and your family during your journey through grief.

Idia, Alfonso, Alfonso Javier, Idia Michelle Piacentini

Idia Piacentini - June 12 at 03:29 PM

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“ The tide recedes, but leaves behind  
bright seashells on the sand.  
The sun goes down, but gentle  
warmth still lingers on the land.  
The music stops, and yet it echoes  
on in sweet refrains...  
For every joy that passes,  
something beautiful remains.

Armondo, you will always remain in our hearts.

With love,  
Lilyan, Roger, Andrew & Matthew

Lilyan Spool - June 12 at 10:27 AM

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“ An external video has been added.



Copeland Funeral Home, Inc. - June 12 at 10:26 AM

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“ Like a cactus flower that blooms in the desert despite the odds for doing so, your face radiated even as a child, the wonder of your life. I'll always remember your energy, strength, and your gorgeous face. Thank you for all you brought this world. You now belong to the ages.

Gladys Padro Gomez - June 12 at 10:16 AM



“ Queridos Edgar, Maggie y familia, no existen palabras humanas para un momento como este de tanto dolor.

Un abrazo, besitos a todos y mi oración y la de mis hijas a Dios para que derrame Su paz sobre todos ustedes hasta que sobreabunde infinitamente!

Les amamos,

Wanda, Wandita, Sarita, Rosita, Roberto

**Wanda Rivera Padro** - June 11 at 09:01 PM

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“ Natalie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



**Natalie** - June 11 at 08:32 PM

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“ Amada familia Edgar, Maggie, Isidra y Arturo:  
Que La Paz de Dios que sobrepasa todo entendimiento y su consuelo sean derramados sobre ustedes y el resto de la familia en este momento de inmensa pena y dolor con la partida de Armando. Nuestro deseo mas profundo es estar allí con ustedes ahora mismo pero en la distancia enviamos nuestras oraciones al Todopoderoso y nuestro amor. Besitos y abrazos a todos!!! Les ama familia Rivera Padro( tía Nelly, Idia, Wanda , Waleska, Ivelisse y demás ).

**Nelly Padro** - June 11 at 06:30 PM

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“ Edgar, Maggie, and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss....  
May your memories comfort you during this difficult time.  
Joann, Lou, Louis, Jesse Ostrowski

**Joann Ostrowski** - June 11 at 04:02 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



June 11 at 11:46 AM

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“ Fly high Mondo, your greatly missed and so loved. I will see you on the other side man.... :(



**Tanya Atkins** - June 11 at 10:28 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



June 11 at 09:24 AM

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“ We will forever cherish the spirited friendship Armando shared with our family, especially the gift of his friendship he shared with our son Max.

**Ron and Laurie Schneider** - June 11 at 08:49 AM



“ Armando's was always the brightest smile in any room. I am so grateful for the time that my son Adi shared with Armando and Arturo. They helped him sail through his own rough times. I wish you all lots of strength and fortitude as you cope with this deep loss. Love Gowri



“ Maggie, my heart goes out to you. I am so very very sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. hugs to you. Love, Barbara Croce Cardana

barbara croce cardana - June 11 at 08:06 AM

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“ Like I was just talking to his mother about, I remember him telling me a story about this monk that ran some triathlon barefoot and even though he had blisters all over his foot he still never gave up or stopped for a minute and that he was determined to finish the race. He told me how he was into the whole Buddhism beliefs and was inspired by it all. He was a very wise young man and I will always remember him that way. RIP and fly high Armando

Brittany Alessi - June 11 at 07:55 AM

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“ You'll be remembered with love; smiling and laughing. Love you Mondo, I'll see you on the other side.

Joel Cook - June 11 at 05:02 AM



“ <3 rest in peace, forever missed

Tori - June 11 at 07:24 AM

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“ rest in peace my friend I hope you are doing well in heaven

Robert Baum - June 11 at 03:20 AM

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“ Rest In Peace my friend

Devin Schneider - June 11 at 12:30 AM

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“ I was glad that I got to see you one last time on sundayfly hi armando. you will be greatly missed



tami reynolds - June 10 at 11:14 PM

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tami reynolds - June 10 at 11:14 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Armando Edgardo Rodriguez-Veve.



June 10 at 10:39 PM