



Elias Ricardo Umana Amaya

November 2, 1950 - January 19, 2026

Elias Ricardo Umana Amaya, 75, passed away on January 19, 2026, at Atrium University City Campus in Charlotte, North Carolina, surrounded by the compassionate care of those who tended to him in his final days. Born on November 2, 1950, in El Salvador, Elias was the beloved son of Carlos Umana and Rosaura Amaya.

In 1973, Elias came to the United States in search of opportunity and a better life. Fate brought him together with Rosanna after she moved from Los Angeles to New Jersey. Their connection was immediate and enduring, and they were married in 1987. Together they built a life rooted in love, hard work, and shared joy.

Elias spent 25 years in New Jersey, where he worked in embroidery, a craft that reflected his patience and attention to detail. In 2004, he and Rosanna moved to Charlotte, where he continued his strong work ethic as a material handler for Princeton Laboratories.

Outside of work, Elias embraced the simple pleasures that made life rich. He loved watching television, going to the gym, and—above all—enjoying his wife’s cooking. His favorites included her short rib black bean soup, sopa de frijoles con avocado, and the “Salmon New Orleans” he always looked forward to when dining at Red Lobster. Elias also loved to dance, especially to

Disco, and he could often be found enjoying a good game of billiards with friends.

Elias is survived by his devoted wife, Rosanna; his son, Alexis Umana, and daughter-in-law, Hannah Kahl; and his siblings Elizabeth Amaya, Alba Amaya, Sandra Bueno, and Edwin Renderos. He is further survived by numerous relatives and friends who will forever cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Gabriel Catholic Church at 11AM on Thursday, January 22, 2026, as family and friends gather to honor a life well lived. All services will conclude at the church.

Elias's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Atrium University City Campus for the loving and attentive care they provided to him—and to them—during his final days.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Gabriel Catholic Church
3016 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28211
<http://www.stgabrielchurch.org>