



## Dr. Jose Delgado

February 6, 1928 - April 26, 2024

Funeral services for Dr. Jose Delgado will be conducted Thursday at 11 A.M. in the First Methodist Church with Rev. Mac Infinger officiating. Interment will follow in Heritage Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends here at Williams Funeral Home on Wednesday from 5 until 7 P.M. and a Rosary will be said at 7 P.M. in Williams Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Jose Arturo Delgado, esteemed physician, devoted husband, and loving father,

passed away peacefully on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at his home in Milledgeville, Georgia

surrounded by loved ones. Born on February 6, 1928 in Havana, Cuba to Jose and Isabel

Cobo Delgado, he embarked on a life journey marked by dedication, resilience, and compassion.

A scholar from his earliest days, Dr. Delgado pursued his early education in La Instituto

de La Vibora in Havana, Cuba where he cultivated a passion for learning and service. In

1954, he married Teresita Fernandez, and together they raised three cherished children:

Teresita, Jose Jr., and Esther Maria.

His academic pursuits led him to the University of Havana Medical School, where he not only excelled academically but also demonstrated his entrepreneurial spirit by founding La Polilla, a book and print shop. In 1959, he proudly earned his medical degree, from the University of Havana, a testament to his unwavering determination and intellectual prowess.

However, the winds of political change swept through Cuba as Fidel Castro rose to power, prompting Dr. Delgado to make a courageous decision. Faced with an intolerable regime, he, along with his wife, son, brother, and five others, embarked on a perilous journey across the Florida Straits in a small 17-foot boat. Their arrival on Sugarloaf Key marked the beginning of a new chapter in their lives, one filled with freedom, hope, and opportunity. After being welcomed by extended family in Key West and a brief stop at the Freedom Tower in Miami, he ventured to St. Louis, Missouri where he accepted a job working alongside his brother-in-law. At the same time, he honed his medical skills while completing a rotating internship at St. John's Mercy Hospital. In 1968, Dr. Delgado's path led him to Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Georgia, under the guidance of Dr. James Craig. Despite initially holding a temporary medical

license, his dedication and expertise soon earned him a permanent place in the hearts

of the community and in 1970, he earned his medical license in the state of Georgia.

From 1970 forward, Dr. Delgado worked in various positions ranging from Director of the

Methadone clinic in Macon to Consultant for the Atlanta Penitentiary. He served as

Chief of Staff of Baldwin County Hospital and President of the Baldwin County Medical Society.

From 1971 to 1973, Dr. Delgado enlisted in a psychiatric residency training program and

in 1973, he opened a private practice in Monticello, Georgia. He eventually expanded his

service to Milledgeville where he dedicated himself to the field of obstetrics and

gynecology bringing forth new lives with joy and commitment.

In 1987, Dr. Delgado embarked on a new chapter of love and partnership as he married

Marguerite Steverson Ward, a registered nurse with a shared passion for mental health

care. Together, they made a formidable team, working tirelessly to serve the middle

Georgia area for nearly four decades. Their union was not only one of love but also of

shared purpose and dedication to healing the mind and soul. Jose's and Marguerite's

collaboration in healthcare exemplified the profound impact that can be achieved

through love, partnership, and mutual respect.

After over 40 years of service to the community, Dr. Delgado retired as Medical Director of Oconee Mental Health.

Dr. Delgado's intellectual pursuits extended far beyond the confines of his medical practice, encompassing a rich tapestry of literary and artistic endeavors. An avid reader and writer, he possessed an insatiable appetite for knowledge across a myriad of subjects, a trait that defined his lifelong expression through poetry, painting, and drawing. He enjoyed week-end after week-end fishing and boating at Shellman Bluff -

he was at his best when he pulled up his net full of large wiggling shrimp.

.Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Delgado proudly published three books, each a reflection of his diverse interests. His debut work, 'The Greek Within Us, The Greek

Among Us,' delved into the timeless tales of Greek mythology, offering readers a glimpse into the ancient world that captivated his imagination.

His second publication, 'The Cuckoo Clock,' served as both a memoir and a collection of

short stories, providing a poignant exploration of the complexities of the human psyche from the unique perspective of a psychiatrist.

With his third book, 'La Republica de Biran,' Dr. Delgado turned his scholarly gaze

towards the life and legacy of Fidel Castro, offering a nuanced portrayal of a figure who

loomed large in the history of his native Cuba.

Dr. D, as he was affectionately called, was life member of the Georgia Psychiatric

Physicians Association, American Medical Association, American Psychiatry Association. He leaves behind a rich tapestry of memories, a testament to a life lived

with purpose, love, and boundless curiosity. Though he may have passed from this

world, his spirit will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his

soul find eternal peace, and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

Dr. Delgado is preceded in death by his beloved parents as well as his son, Jose

Delgado, his brothers Raul and Luis Delgado, and his nephew, Willy Delgado. He is

survived by his sister, Isabel Vidal of Tucker. Left to cherish his memory is his beloved

wife, Marguerite, whose unwavering support and companionship enriched every aspect

of his life . His legacy is carried forward by two daughters, Terri Heiber (Mike) and

Esther Maria Noonan (Paul). Additionally, he is survived by his stepdaughters Janet

Peeler (Hal) and Susan Gebhart (Bruce), as well as his stepson Robby Ward (Denise),

each of whom he welcomed into his heart with open arms.

The Delgado family includes a host of grandchildren, including Andrea Heiber, Mandy

Epps, Alexander Schofield, Zachary Delgado, Nicholas Delgado and Anthony Bognar,

whose lives were touched by his boundless love and wisdom. He also leaves

behind

step-grandchildren Rebecca Peeler, Rob Ward, Bill Peeler, Tori Padgett,  
Caroline Gebhart,

and Clark Gebhart,, all of whom were blessed to know his gentle spirit and  
kind heart. Dr.

Delgado leaves behind a number of beloved nieces, nephews, and beautiful  
great-grandchildren, who will carry forward his legacy of love and compassion  
into the  
future.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank -you to Dr. Delgado's  
caregivers: Ruby

Johnson, Lorine Williams, Lucy Rozier, Bernice Winkfield, and Lori Lloyd,  
along with Ian,

Jenna, Vicky and the staff of Georgia Hospice Care.

Flowers are accepted or donations may be made in honor of Dr. Delgado to  
your  
favorite charity.

# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Memorial Park

371 Log Cabin Road  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
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## Rosary

MAY 1. 7:00 PM.

Williams Funeral Home Chapel

## Funeral

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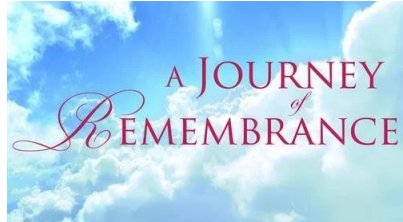
MAY 2. 11:00 AM.

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville  
366 Log Cabin Drive  
Milledgeville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Jose Delgado



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 30, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MB

*Dr Delgado was a caring doctor. One who cared for his patients. Take your rest Doc. Sincerest prayers and condolences to your family.*

Marguerite Bryant - December 03, 2024 at 10:07 AM



*Sorry to hear about his passing. He was a special and kind person that impacted our community and we appreciate having him with us. May his soul rest in peace and his spirit live on!*

Hedy Beth - January 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM

HY

“ My deepest condolences to Dr. Delgado's family.



Helen Youngblood - May 16, 2024 at 10:36 PM

DT

“ Mrs. Marguerite, family, & friends. I cherish the memories of working with Dr. Delgado at Oconee Mental Health for many years, & being your neighbor. He was a fine, honorable man. I am sorry for your loss. Delene D. Taylor

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**Delene D. Taylor** - May 05, 2024 at 12:28 PM

RC

*Dr. Delgado was a very nice man always showed sincere concern for his client with mental condition and he was over see the birth of my older son and later on he cared for my son mental health. I am sorry for all lost family.*

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**Rudolph Clark** - September 13, 2024 at 12:26 PM

RI

“ This community has lost an ICON who impacted hundreds of lives in Milledgeville by serving this community in different roles. He was compassionate, caring, loving, and gave his heart and soul to Mental Health Services advocating for those that didn't have a voice. He was also a great friend, loyal, someone you could always depend on, a man who loved God, his family and friends. He also loved Cuba, as it was depicted by the Cuban Flag draped covering his casket and the "flowers of Marti" that were lovingly placed next to his casket. He also loved the USA who embraced the Cuban people and let us start over again. He will be greatly missed but will be remembered by many. I will always be thankful for having known him. RIP Pepe...

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**Rita** - May 03, 2024 at 06:48 PM

JY

*Dr. Delgado! What a great doctor who I will always be grateful to! Thanks for your dedication to all communities! We here at Lake Faith Radio AM1520 WXPQ sending to the family our deepest sympathy and condolences at this time!*

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**John Yates** - August 26, 2024 at 07:38 AM

KI

“ *Margarite, my sincere condolences to you and your family. Dr. Delgado was a beam of light for my wife and I and a wonderful man. Your strength and dedication as a couple to community mental healthcare will long be remembered. I feel honored to have met such a compassionate and understanding physician and friend. May you find peace during this time.*

Kirk - May 02, 2024 at 08:04 PM

MA

*What a tribute of love. Let us speak more of this becon.*

Marguerite - May 04, 2024 at 08:59 PM

CM

*Margarite, my sincere condolences in the loss of your husband. Such a champion for mental health care. Martha Colvin*

Colvin Martha - May 05, 2024 at 05:19 PM

SP

*he was my doctor for many years and he was a good person prayers for the family*

sarah parker - May 13, 2024 at 07:42 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 02, 2024 at 03:46 PM

EP

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort.

Ellen Layfield Paulish - May 01, 2024 at 07:55 PM

DL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Lovett - May 01, 2024 at 07:22 PM

NJ

“ Sending sincere condolences to the Mrs. Delgado and family. May he rest in peace.

Nikki Jackson - May 01, 2024 at 06:23 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 01, 2024 at 04:01 PM

PA

*He really had some unbelievable dance moves at age 92!!*

Paul - May 04, 2024 at 03:24 AM

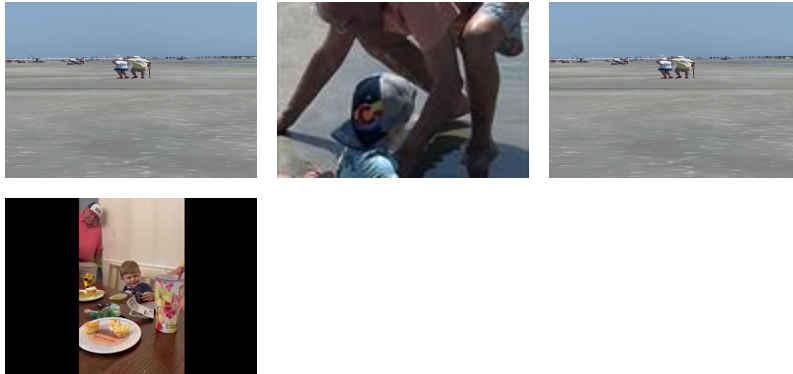
DB

“ Mrs. Margarite, I am so sorry to hear about Dr D's passing. I have so many sweet memories from our days at Oconee Center. The two of you will always be close to my heart. I regret I am unable to be there but I pray you find comfort and peace now and in the days ahead. Love to you Margarite. Debra Weaver Barrow

Debra Barrow - May 01, 2024 at 02:44 PM



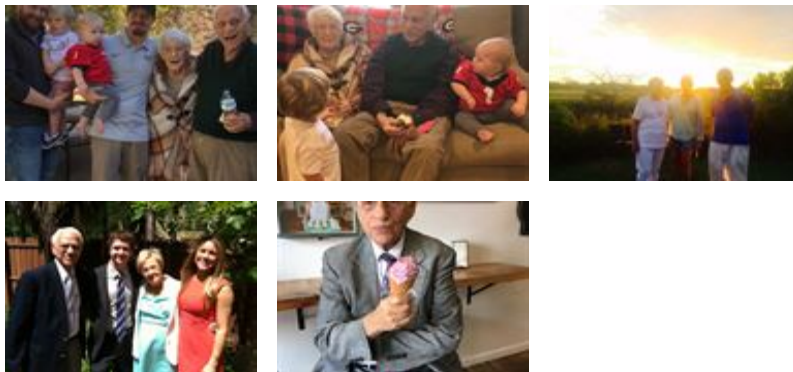
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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 01, 2024 at 01:14 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - May 01, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Janet - May 01, 2024 at 12:54 AM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - April 30, 2024 at 05:32 PM

KN

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.

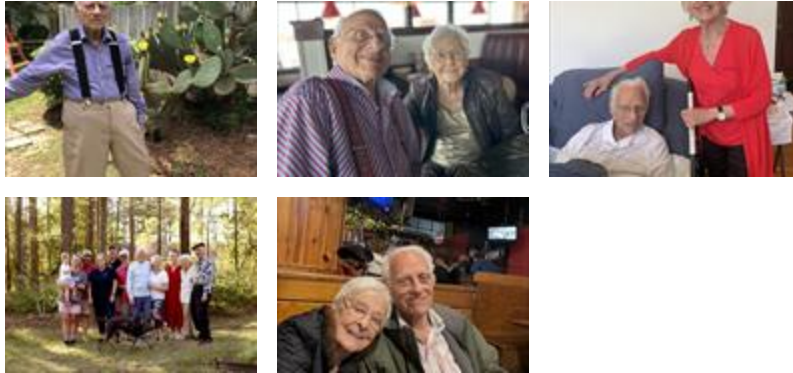
Carolyn, Kathy, Karen Nolan



Kathy Nolan - April 30, 2024 at 05:16 PM

CA

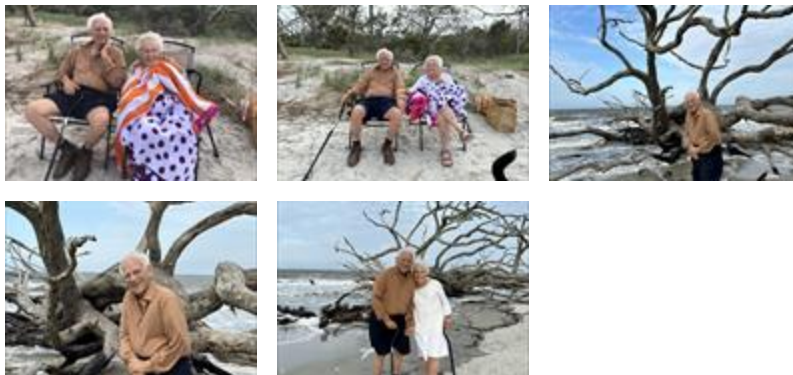
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Caroline - April 30, 2024 at 10:25 AM

CA

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Caroline - April 30, 2024 at 10:23 AM

AN

“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Delgado. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this time.



Annette - April 30, 2024 at 07:22 AM

AG

“ Dearest Delgado family,  
The impact Dr Delgado had on the community is unmeasurable. He was a great physician and cared deeply about each of his patients. He worked with my grandparents, and parents at Central State Hospital. Please know my sincerest condolences are with each of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Angela Geick



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**ANGELA GEICK** - April 30, 2024 at 02:08 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you during this hard time.

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**Sara Yeager Sanders** - April 29, 2024 at 05:59 PM

TH

“ Papi,  
You were always the best dad and granddad. Our family felt blessed to have you in our lives. You were there to help us when we needed you. You stayed connected to each of us. We will miss notes with your words of wisdom that you would send to encourage us and show your love. Your presence added joy to the holiday seasons, and we will continue to think fondly of you in the seasons to come. You will be greatly missed, and we will continue to remember your loving ways.



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**Terri Hieber** - April 29, 2024 at 05:10 PM

DB

“ *Danielle Butts lit a candle in memory of Jose Delgado*



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**Danielle Butts** - April 29, 2024 at 04:02 PM

JB

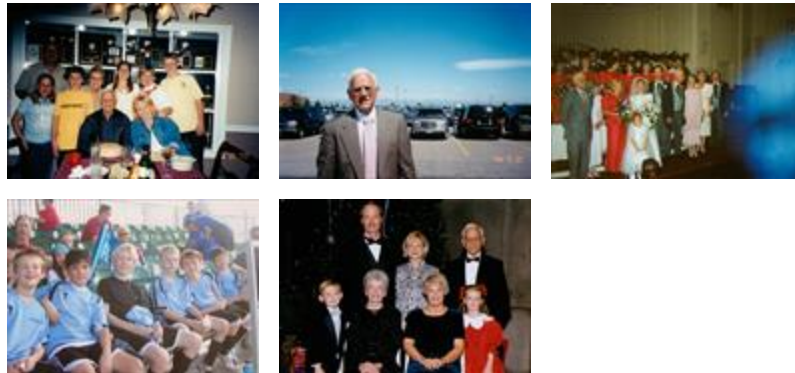
“ *Marguerite. Sorry to hear about Joseph. He was a kind sweet man! He will be missed! Condolences to you and all the family! Love Johnny and Phillis Brown.*

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**Johnny and Phillis Brown** - April 29, 2024 at 02:06 PM

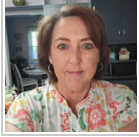
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**Caroline** - April 29, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ Terry Hardie-Smith lit a candle in memory of Jose Delgado



Terry Hardie-Smith - April 28, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Delgado on the OB floor at Baldwin County Hospital when I started my nursing career. He was good about answering my questions or explaining things to me. My condolences to family and friends.



Debbi Batchelor - April 28, 2024 at 11:45 AM



Condolence to the family very good doctor.

Mary Thomas - April 29, 2024 at 09:03 AM



My deepest condolences to all those who loved Dr. Delgado. I came to know Dr. Delgado in the late 70's while I worked as a Ward Clerk at what was once called Baldwin County Hospital. He was always extremely kind and very considerate of everyone and he always had a smile on his face!!!

Wanda Hearn - April 29, 2024 at 10:53 AM



To Mrs. Delgado & family--- I would like to send my prayers and condolences. I enjoyed working with Dr. Delgado as his nurse from 2017 until he retired. Such a great doctor with so much compassion for his patients. He had many stories to share and he was very knowledgeable. I learned so much from him. His legacy will always be remembered. Love, Danielle

Danielle Butts - April 29, 2024 at 03:57 PM