



Franco Aguilar

November 20, 1946 - May 30, 2025

Franco Aguilar, 78, of Leonia, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2025. Born on November 20, 1946, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Franco came to the United States as a young man and built a remarkable life of service spanning over fifty years.

Franco served with distinction for 21 years across multiple branches of the military, including the New York Air National Guard's 105th Airlift Wing, United States Air Force Reserve, and Army National Guard. His commitment to service continued in civilian life, where he worked for 25 years with the Borough of Leonia Department of Public Works, helping to maintain and improve the community he called home for forty years.

Franco was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances Castellano-Aguilar. A faithful observer of Judaism, he lived his values through quiet acts of kindness and an unwavering work ethic. Those who knew Franco remember him as a generous neighbor with a special love for rescued pets. In his free time, Franco enjoyed working on cars, playing guitar, and listening to music. He leaves behind family both here and in Honduras who will remember his dedication to his work and his community.

Franco has been laid to rest at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hackensack, NJ, alongside his beloved wife Frances.