

Memories of Tio Tino

From his cherished nieces

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Angélica María Mena Albors



How would you describe Tino's personality? What did people say most often about him?

Tio was an awesome writer and speaker, super elegant, responsible, extremely organized, and kind. He had a great admiration for veterans. And he probably was the only person in NYC whose nickname was used formally as his first name.

What are some of your favorite memories of Tino?

Our best conversations always finished with a “Remember sweetie, I’m a clinician too.” I cherish memories of going to my first baseball game, which was obviously a Yankees’ game, as well as going out to different restaurants, especially Pisticci’s, going to his office, and different programs and galas. “And on Sunday, we do nothing.”



What were Tino's proudest accomplishments?

He accomplished everything he wanted. He came from a very difficult childhood and overcame it to become “Tino Hernandez”.

What were Tino's hobbies/favorite things?

He enjoyed talking, going out to eat, traveling, baseball, watching the news and detective shows.

What did you love most about Tino?

He taught me the importance of nonprofit work, of giving back to the community, to take risks and to think bigger every single day. He led by example.



Laura Cristina Mena Albors



How would you describe Tino's personality? What did people say most often about him?

Tino had class and was humble. The perfect combination.

He was caring and always paid attention to the details.

What are some of your favorite memories of Tino?

My favorite memories are of us having dinner together in the house when we didn't want to go out, or of us looking for new places to try. Our thing was always the food. I also fondly remember the "goodnight" time. We always said goodnight. Also, Sunday drivers!



What were Tino's proudest accomplishments?

Coming from nothing and become everything. Tio never forgot his roots. With us, he always loved us and was always proud of having us with him.

What were Tino's hobbies/favorite things?

He loved art. He loved baseball. He loved making us happy.

What did you love most about Tino?

I love that our personalities are so similar. That we did grocery shopping and organized the shopping cart. We had our own system to get everything in its place. I love how he understood me, and how in my stressful times he had the right words. He taught me how to work for what I want and trust the process.



Irene Albors Katzias



How would you describe Tino's personality? What did people say most often about him?

Tio was extremely caring and was always a great example of a gentleman. The way we grew up watching him treat his queen and how he treated us was just special.

What are some of your favorite memories of Tino?

One of my favorite memories is of going to the Museum and Chelsea market. It was a beautiful day for us, where we both had a great time bonding over art and he taught me what he likes in artwork. That, and of course baseball in the park whenever possible.



What were Tino's proudest accomplishments?

Tino was a proud New Yorker and always knew every corner. No matter where we were in the city, he was there ready for a story of what he learned on that block.

What were Tino's hobbies/favorite things?

His passion for art was something we bonded over a lot.

What did you love most about Tino?

I loved the way he kindly but sternly always gave me advice when I needed it. No matter what decision I needed to make, he knew exactly how to help me make the professional decision that would lead me to success. I really valued this in my early career and education days, as his experience was invaluable. Many decisions that led me where I am today were because of him, and I will forever be grateful for his guidance.



Gabriela Alejandra De León Albors



**How would you describe Tino's personality?
What did people say most often about him?**

Tio Tino was genuine, compassionate, and humble. He was charismatic but with elegance.

What are some of your favorite memories of Tino?

I will forever cherish how he always managed to find the time to hear me out and give me his words of wisdom. He always watched over my wellbeing and I felt how much he cared.
I will always appreciate that.



What were Tino's proudest accomplishments?

He started from the bottom and rose, slowly but surely. He was a proud Tio who knew he was and continues to be an example for all of us.

What were Tino's hobbies/favorite things?

Apart from, wholeheartedly, always wanting to be sure his queen and his Lolas were always okay, he enjoyed staying at home, art, and buying (and then wearing!) swaggy caps.

What did you love most about Tino?

He made me feel worthy. He encouraged me to grow as an individual and to believe in my potential, in myself. I loved the way he reassured me when I needed it the most.



We love you,
Tío Tino!

