Obituary: Vincent J. Castillo

Vincent J. Castillo, an engineer in the Access Controls Group of BNL’s Collider-Accelerator Department, died on November 3, 2014.

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Vincent J. Castillo, age 73, passed away on November 3, 2014 at his Mastic residence surrounded by his family. Vincent was born in Rancho Quemado, Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies and was a longtime resident of Mastic. Vincent was an engineer with Brookhaven National Lab, and celebrated his 35 year work anniversary earlier this year. Vincent also participated in the lab’s college internship program as a mentor and conducted tours of the lab campus during its Summer Sundays Program. Vincent’s thirst for knowledge and new challenges were truly unmatched. Over the last couple of years, he took courses in finance, tax, Spanish and construction. He was also a member of a HAM radio club and an amateur pilot. Vincent was extremely involved in his community, taught CCD and served as Eucharistic Minister at St. Jude’s R C Church. Surviving Vincent are his two daughters, of whom he was especially proud, Jerri and Tara Castillo, along with his son-in-law Jason Schreuder. Also surviving Vincent are his siblings; Francis Castillo, Norma Aqui, Muriel Burgess, and Mark Castillo, all of Trinidad, Percy Castillo of Florida, Flora Espinosa and John Castillo,
both of New York, Lawrence Castillo of California, Florence Castillo of Canada, Earline Castillo-Binger of England, twenty-eight nieces and nephews and thirty-five great-nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Jude’s R C Church, Mastic Beach with Rev. Gregory Yacyshyn officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Center Moriches. Arrangements were under the direction of Davin’s Funeral Home, Mastic.

As noted in the obituary, Vincent Castillo was a member of BNL’s Amateur Radio Club. Member Rich Conte posted a remembrance of Vincent Castillo on the club’s “Silent Keys” webpage at http://www.arc.bnl.gov/BNLARC/Silent_Keys.html