



Carmen Rita Sanchez

April 25, 1926 - September 11, 2020

With saddened hearts we announce the passing of Carmen Rita Sanchez, 94, who passed away on Friday, September 11, 2020 at her granddaughter's residence in St. Augustine, FL. She was born on April 25, 1926 in Ponce, Puerto Rico to the late Francisco Sanchez and Rafaela Godreau.

In her youth, she was a catechist in the church teaching the youth about the Catholic faith. Carmen graduated from Ponce High School with the class of 1944. She attended trade school and trained to become a seamstress. She married Pastor Rafael Negrón, Sr. and raised a family of two children while working as a seamstress. Pastor Rafael passed away in 1952 at the age of 34. In 1958, she moved to New York and met Pedro Serrano at a family gathering. The couple married in 1959, together they raised a family of 4 children while working as a seamstress. She enjoyed crocheting and watching game shows. She loved animals especially dogs. Carmen was the neighborhood safe haven raising troubled children from bad situations.

Carmen is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Pastor Rafael Negrón, Sr. and Pedro Serrano; daughter, Carmen Negrón; step daughter, Ana Luisa, and step sons; Pedro and Catalino.

Carmen is survived by her daughters, Idalia Boczek (Paul) of Huntington, NY, Maria Serrano (Kimberly) of California, Neyda Serrano Biggs (Marcus) of E. Stroudsburg, PA; sons, Elvin Serrano (Julie) of Valrico, FL and Pastor Negrón (Liduvina) of Ponce, PR; step daughters, Evarista, Julia, Ramonita; step sons, Juan, Jose Luis; 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; 21 step

grandchildren and many great and great great grandchildren.

A celebration of Carmen's life will be 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 14th at St Johns Family Funeral Home with Pastor Jay Molina officiating. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m. before the service.

In keeping with the CDC Coronavirus guidelines every attendee must wear a mask and the number of attendees may be restricted. We ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the service. Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019> .

Carmen will be laid to rest at St. Raymond's Cemetery in Bronx,NY.

In lieu of flowers donation in Carmen's memory may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org>, or Alzheimer's Association, <https://act.alz.org> .

St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Celebration of Life

SEP 14. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmen Rita Sanchez* ”



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 15, 2020 at 12:13 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 12, 2020 at 02:03 PM



Doña Carmen que Dios la tenga en su Gloria. Descanse en paz 🙏 con mucho cariño Evelyn

Eve Velazquez - September 13, 2020 at 05:43 PM



Dios la espera con los Brazos abiertos un angel mas en el cielo

Maria J Diaz - September 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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Nuestro mas sentido pesame a la familia y que Dios la tenga en su reino descansando en paz Amen

Anna Romero - September 13, 2020 at 10:51 PM

LB

Mi querida Doña Carmen: fuiste como una madre para mi y mi esposo, y una abuela para mis hijos. No existen palabras para describir lo mucho que lamentamos tu pérdida. Siempre te recordaremos. Descanse en paz. Cariños Lucy y familia.

Lucy Blanco - September 14, 2020 at 12:53 PM

NG

My beautiful Godmother, you are and always be such an important person to me. You didn't just only give me solid moral and spiritual support, you also gave me life skills that I carry in my life till this day. So every time I turn on my sewing machine it is you who I think of and now I will have you sitting by my side reminding me to go slowly so that I don't make a mistake 😊❤️ Madrina I just pray that you truly knew how much I Love you and how much you impacted my life. I know that you are in a better place even though it doesn't take away the sadness of knowing that you are no longer here in this realm. I am happy for you and I know that you are happy to be with our Lord and Savior. Your work here is done and you did all that you were called to do, I can see you smiling and knowing that you have been a good and faithful servant. I Love you with all of my being and I will not say goodbye because I know that I will see you again on the day of The Lord, when those who have fallen asleep are risen and the rest of us are caught up to meet them in the clouds. So until that day I will say, Sleep and Rest my beautiful Godmother. 🙏📖🙌❤️

Nancy Gonzalez - September 14, 2020 at 03:30 PM

YC

“ *Que el Padre celestial encienda una vela blanca para recibir a Dona Carmen en sus brazos. Dios bendiga a la familia y les traiga paz. La Fa Cintron.*

Yolanda Cintron - September 14, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JF

“ JAMAL TATE AND FAMILY purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



JAMAL TATE AND FAMILY - September 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

CM

“ Dear Neyda and family our heartfelt condolences and love are with you today. We weep for Carmen, but not like there is no hope, We have the comfort of knowing that when Jesus returns those who are asleep will rise first. God bless you and give you His peace that surpasses all understanding.

Sister Charlotte

CHARLOTTE MACK - September 14, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



September 13, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



September 13, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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“ (Seminole Hard Rock) Lynn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



(Seminole Hard Rock) Lynn - September 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM

DA

“ Dali lit a candle in memory of Carmen Rita Sanchez



Dali - September 13, 2020 at 03:31 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



September 12, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



September 12, 2020 at 05:02 PM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dali - September 12, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carmen Rita Sanchez.



September 12, 2020 at 02:42 PM



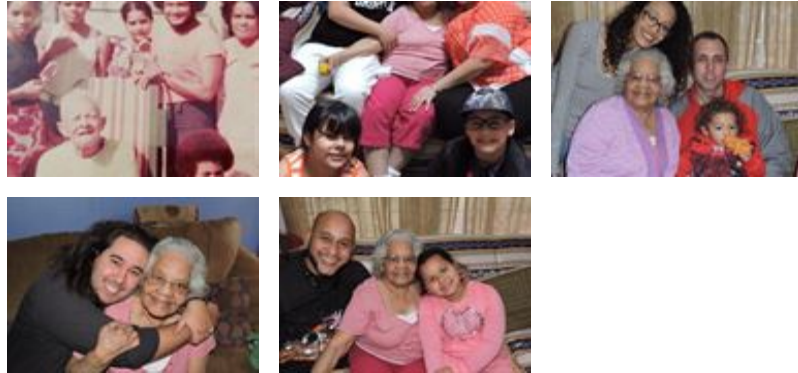
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September 12, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 12, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Carmen Rita Sanchez*.



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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Carmen Rita Sanchez*.



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