



## Emily Herrera

June 18, 1981 - September 22, 2025

They say God gives His toughest battles to His strongest warriors. That was Emily—a warrior. The bravest, the most disciplined, the most resilient.

Emily was born on June 18, 1981, in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and was loved from the very first day. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, she was called home to the Father's House on September 22, 2025, surrounded by the love of her husband, Luis Miguel; her children, Eric Michael and Desiree Michelle; her mother, Helmi; her sister, Marielmi; her nieces, Mariangelis and Emily Rocio; and the countless friends who, in one way or another, knew her, loved her, and were touched by the beauty of her soul and her generous spirit.

Emily had a free, playful, and vibrant spirit. She proudly served her country as a United States Marine from 2000 to 2004, retiring with the rank of Corporal. Later, she found her true calling as a Spanish teacher—one of the best. Her students adored her, not only for her dedication to teaching but also for the joy and warmth she brought into class. Nothing could stop her once she set her mind to something—she always found a way. She gave her all, and then some. Just as she faced life and its challenges head-on, she also filled the lives of others with her words, her actions, and her love.

Emily was a shining star, lighting up every space she entered. Her light touched so many people that it is impossible to measure. From her students,

co-workers who became dear friends, neighbors, gym companions, high school friends, lifelong friends, cousins, aunts and uncles, her sister, nieces, children, husband, and mother-Emily will be deeply missed by all.

Today, we find peace in knowing that you fulfilled your purpose on earth, leaving indelible marks on those of us who love you.

Emily, Titi Bella, Sis, Emi, Mami-we love you beyond words can express. Thank you for giving us the very best of who you were and for teaching us that even though life can be hard at times, there is ALWAYS a reason to fight, to smile, and to love.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine. Services will begin 11:00 am at the funeral home. Interment, with military honors bestowed by the United States Marine Corps, will take place at Jacksonville National Cemetery at 2:30 pm.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to her tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/emily-herrera/#!/TributeWall>.

Services are entrusted to St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine, FL.

Dicen que Dios da sus batallas más difíciles a sus guerreros más fuertes. Esa era Emily: una guerrera. La más valiente, la más disciplinada, la más resiliente.

Emily nació el 18 de junio de 1981 en Ponce, Puerto Rico, y fue amada desde el primer día. Tras una larga y valiente batalla contra el cáncer, fue llamada a

la Casa del Padre el 22 de septiembre de 2025, rodeada del amor de su esposo, Luis Miguel; sus hijos, Eric Michael y Desiree Michelle; su madre, Helmi; su hermana, Marielmi; sus sobrinas, Mariengelís y Emily Rocío; y de los incontables amigos que, de una manera u otra, la conocieron, la amaron y fueron tocados por la belleza de su alma y su generoso espíritu.

Emily tenía un espíritu libre, juguetón y vibrante. Sirvió con orgullo a su país como Marine de los Estados Unidos desde el 2000 hasta el 2004, retirándose con el rango de Cabo. Más adelante encontró su verdadera vocación como maestra de español—una de las mejores. Sus estudiantes la adoraban, no solo por su dedicación a la enseñanza, sino también por la alegría y calidez que llevaba al salón de clases. Nada podía detenerla una vez que se proponía algo—siempre encontraba la manera. Lo daba todo, y aún más. Así como enfrentaba la vida y sus desafíos de frente, también llenaba las vidas de los demás con sus palabras, sus acciones y su amor.

Emily era una estrella que iluminaba cada espacio al que llegaba. Su luz tocó a tantas personas que es imposible medirlo. Desde sus estudiantes, compañeras de trabajo que se convirtieron en grandes amigas, vecinos, compañeros de gimnasio, amistades de la escuela superior, amigas y amigos de vida, primos, tíos y tías, su hermana, sobrinas, hijos, esposo y madre— todos extrañarán profundamente a Emily.

Hoy descansamos en la paz de saber que cumpliste tu propósito en la tierra, dejando huellas imborrables en quienes te amamos.

Emily, Titi Bella, Sis, Emi, Mami—te amamos más de lo que las palabras pueden expresar. Gracias por darnos lo mejor de ti y por enseñarnos que, aunque la vida pueda ser difícil a veces, siempre hay una razón para luchar, sonreír y amar.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home  
385 SR 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-1625  
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home  
385 SR 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-1625  
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

SEP 30. 2:30 PM (ET)

Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4083 Lannie Rd  
Jacksonville, FL 32218-1247  
(904) 766-5222

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Emily Herrera*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - September 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM

WO

“ *1 file added to the album Emily Herrera Commital*



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**Wayne Osterling** - October 01, 2025 at 09:39 AM

SS

“ *SONGS SECURITY purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.*



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**SONGS SECURITY** - September 30, 2025 at 02:32 PM

WO

“ 1 file added to the album *Emily Herrera Service*

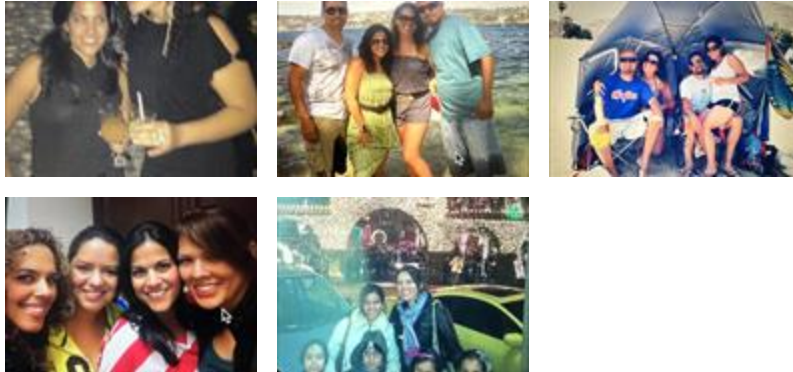


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**Wayne Osterling** - September 30, 2025 at 11:46 AM

EL

“ *So many beautiful memories, I will cherish them forever.*



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**Elvia** - September 30, 2025 at 01:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Herrera.

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September 29, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Herrera.

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September 29, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Herrera.

September 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Herrera.



September 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Halat-Shmulyk Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily Herrera.



Halat-Shmulyk Family - September 29, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emily Herrera.



September 29, 2025 at 02:47 PM

CS

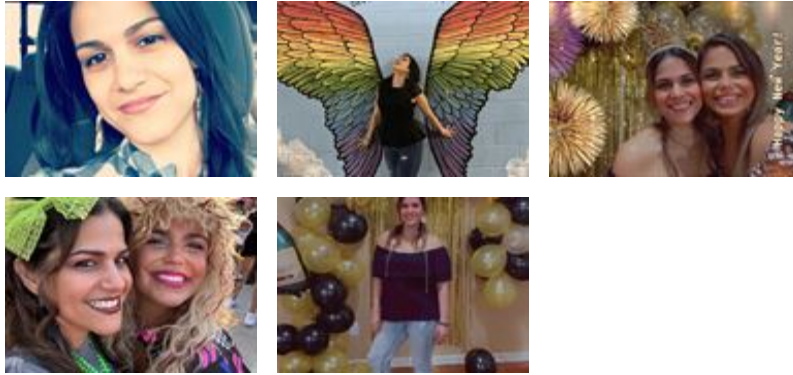
“ Carlos & Zoila Siguenza purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.



Carlos & Zoila Siguenza - September 29, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ 331 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - September 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM

NE

“ Neena, Jose, Gabriela, & Ezequiel purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.



Neena, Jose, Gabriela, & Ezequiel - September 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the album *Emily Herrera*

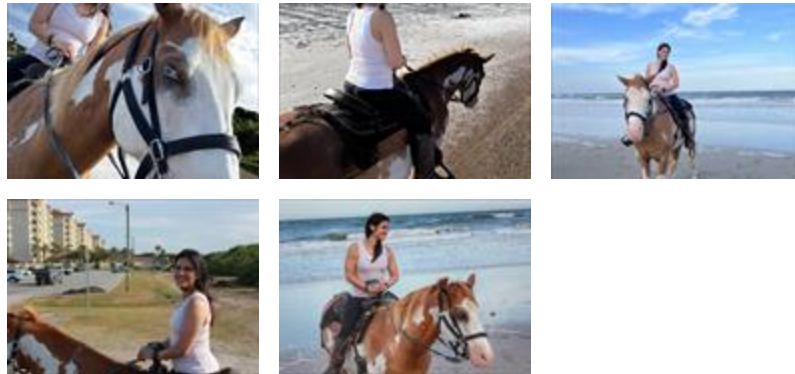


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**Karen** - September 28, 2025 at 05:24 PM

KT

“ Remembering the good times mi bonita. 🥰

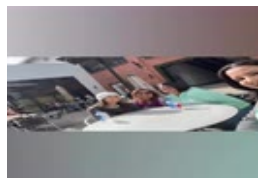


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**Karen Tiner** - September 28, 2025 at 11:48 AM

LI

“ These memories will forever live in our hearts! 🗄️



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**Lissette** - September 27, 2025 at 09:41 PM

NF

“ Nicholson Schoolhouse, FLVS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Herrera.

Nicholson Schoolhouse, FLVS - September 27, 2025 at 08:26 PM

NF

“ Nicholson Schoolhouse, FLVS purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Emily Herrera.



Nicholson Schoolhouse, FLVS - September 27, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DG

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Dilean Guzman - September 27, 2025 at 08:06 PM

DF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



De La Cruz Family - September 27, 2025 at 07:20 PM

KA

“ Karen sent a virtual gift in memory of Emily Herrera



Karen - September 27, 2025 at 02:00 PM

WP

“ With Love, the Orengo Pod purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.



With Love, the Orengo Pod - September 27, 2025 at 01:58 PM

CV

“ Clau, Johanna, Karen, Moni, Sheila, Vero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Herrera.

Clau, Johanna, Karen, Moni, Sheila, Vero - September 27, 2025 at 01:56 PM

CV

“ Clau, Johanna, Karen, Moni, Sheila, Vero purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Emily Herrera.



Clau, Johanna, Karen, Moni, Sheila, Vero - September 27, 2025 at 01:56 PM

DL

“ Dilean, Janina, Elizabeth & Lissette purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Emily Herrera.



Dilean, Janina, Elizabeth & Lissette - September 27, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Emily Herrera.



September 27, 2025 at 01:38 PM

TC

“ Titi y Cheguie” planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Herrera.

Titi y Cheguie” - September 27, 2025 at 12:02 PM

TC

“ Titi y Cheguie” purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.



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**Titi y Cheguie** - September 27, 2025 at 12:02 PM

PK

“ Paula Kukelhan purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Emily Herrera.



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**Paula Kukelhan** - September 27, 2025 at 11:42 AM

BF

“ Blessings from your DOH-Clay friends purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Emily Herrera.



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**Blessings from your DOH-Clay friends** - September 26, 2025 at 04:02 PM

BF

“ Blessings from your DOH-Clay friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Herrera.

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**Blessings from your DOH-Clay friends** - September 26, 2025 at 04:02 PM

E-

“ *Empleados Recursos Humanos -MAP purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emily Herrera.*



**Empleados Recursos Humanos -MAP** - September 26, 2025  
at 02:44 PM

MC

“ *Monsie and Jason Clemmey purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Emily Herrera.*



**Monsie and Jason Clemmey** - September 25, 2025 at 10:38  
PM



“ *I will always cherish the wonderful times we shared. Your smile was infectious, and your spirit truly one of a kind. May God give Luis and your children the strength to carry on and live in a way that would make you proud.*



**Cristina Feletto** - September 25, 2025 at 09:36 PM

EY

“ *Eyvette lit a candle in memory of Emily Herrera*



**Eyvette** - September 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM

MF

“ *Maria (Puchy) and Lopez-Ocasio Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.*



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**Maria (Puchy) and Lopez-Ocasio Family** - September 25, 2025 at 02:47 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Your HUD Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Herrera.*

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**With Love, Your HUD Family** - September 25, 2025 at 02:36 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Your HUD Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Emily Herrera.*



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**With Love, Your HUD Family** - September 25, 2025 at 02:36 PM

ML

“ *Mi querida Emi!! A Dios le doy gracias por haber permitido que te conociera y hacernos amigas! Gracias por ser quien fuiste conmigo! Nunca olvide esas hermosas memorias de amistad contigo! Vuela alto!*

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**Maria Lopez-Ocasio** - September 25, 2025 at 02:34 PM

JL

“ *Tuvimos la bendición de conocerte y tenerte como nuestra compañera en la Clase 1999 del Colegio Ponceño. Nunca olvidaremos tu sonrisa y amistad con todos. Te queremos mucho, Emily. Estaremos orando por tu linda familia en estos momentos difíciles. Un abrazo amiga.*

JD Laboy - September 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JH

“ *Luis, my family and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jason Hare*

Jason Hare - September 25, 2025 at 07:45 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emily Herrera.*

September 25, 2025 at 06:13 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Herrera.*



September 25, 2025 at 05:40 AM

SP

“ *Descanse en Paz Emy. Un abrazo de parte de Santos M Santiago Pabón. Le pido a Dios les de fortaleza y Paz a la familia.*

Santos M Santiago Pabon - September 24, 2025 at 11:22 PM

BM

“ Quiero expresar que Emily  
Es un ejemplo a seguir  
Te quiero muchísimo muchísimo como no te imaginas  
Harás muchísima falta aquí en la tierra !  
Se que este no es un adiós sino un hasta luego y que solo nos  
tomaste ventaja  
Pero aún así duele mucho tu partida !  
Créeme que dejas un legado porque de ti hay que aprenderte  
muchísimas cosas !  
El ser una guerrera  
El ser positiva siempre !  
Te amo prima y te extrañare muchísimo !  
Gracias por ser mi apoyo cuando lo necesité ! Por recibirme en tu  
casa con tu familia , luisito , desi y eric  
Por permitirme conocerte, por todos los momentos de risa , de  
baile, de canto, de platicas intensas  
Le agradezco a dios por ponerte en mi camino  
Te amo Emily nos harás mucha falta  
Vuela altoooo se que ahora eres un hermoso angelito y que  
siempre siempre estarás con todas las personas que te queremos  
porque dejaste huella en todos !  
Te amo and I will miss you 🙏🏻☐



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**Brianna Miranda** - September 24, 2025 at 11:17 PM

FA

“ *Familia Fraticelli Alvarez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.* ”



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**Familia Fraticelli Alvarez** - September 24, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *I am at a lost right now. Such a sweet and beautiful person. we send our condolences. RIP Emily* ”

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**Brian Pujols** - September 24, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Herrera.* ”



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September 24, 2025 at 06:25 PM

BM

“ *Amiga querida, crecimos como hermanas y hoy me cuesta aceptar que ya no estás aquí. Pero sé que tu luz sigue brillando desde el cielo. Gracias por cada momento, por cada sonrisa y por haber sido parte de mi historia. Te amaré por siempre.* ”

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**Barbara Montalvo-Farinacci** - September 24, 2025 at 06:18 PM

MM

“ Marilyn, Mariel y Melissa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Emily Herrera.



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**Marilyn, Mariel y Melissa** - September 24, 2025 at 05:52 PM

LM

“ My sincere condolences to Luis, the children and all family members and friends; knowing that God's peace will envelop you throughout the time while you are apart in this earthly realm; until you meet in eternity.



*Laurelei McKnight*

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**Laurelei McKnight** - September 24, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LO

“ Love Tom and Tiffani Ortiz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emily Herrera.

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**Love Tom and Tiffani Ortiz** - September 24, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LO

“ Love Tom and Tiffani Ortiz purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Emily Herrera.



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**Love Tom and Tiffani Ortiz** - September 24, 2025 at 05:20 PM

WO

“ 1 file added to the album *Emily Herrera*



Wayne Osterling - September 24, 2025 at 04:14 PM

MH

*Hermsa mujer*

Marisela yvette herrera - September 24, 2025 at 05:39 PM

LB

*Sending hugs and prayers from your HUD family. Lisa Binder*

Lisa Binder - September 25, 2025 at 07:47 AM

RW

*My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

Rochelle Wilkerson - September 25, 2025 at 07:55 AM

SJ

*Luis, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved wife. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. May God grant you all the love and comfort you need in your time of grief.*

Shavon Massey - HUD Jax - September 25, 2025 at 09:48 AM