



Carmen Fontanez

July 16, 1927 - December 29, 2013

Carmen Fontanez was born July 17, 1927 in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Her parents were Engracia Hernandez and Triburcio Santiago. Her amazing brothers and sisters were Christino, Francisco, Luis, Concepcion, Juanita, Austria, Goya, Petra and Yanni. Carmen moved to New York City in the early 1950's.

She married in January 1957 to Alberto Fontanez and they had two daughters Carmen and Amalia. Her son-in-law Ramon was thought of highly as her own son. She had six grandchildren: Luis, Orville, Amaris, Alyse, Charise and Emilia. She also had many nieces and nephews she loved dearly.

Carmen accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at The First Christian Church of the Valley in New York City. She was a godly woman following the virtuous woman's character by caring for her siblings and was a pillar of faith and encouragement to all her family. Due to her debilitating health she moved in with her daughter Carmen and son-in-law Ramon Rodriguez in October 2009. In 2011 she moved to Evergreen Health and Rehab in Winchester, VA and in December 2013 she was transferred to Envoy of Woodbridge, VA where she received comfort care and went home to be with Jesus on Sunday, December 29, 2013.

Her past times were sewing, mending, crafts and cooking. Her specialty and favorite were "pasteles" every Christmas and New Year's! She was known to

have a servant's hearts; generous with whatever she had. She loved sending gifts to her granddaughters through the year. At the end of our visits she'd say: "Besitos de Chocolate". She also enjoyed playing a few rounds of dominos. Although she will be missed; we will cherish the moments we spent with her and pass on her legacy. Hasta pronto, Mami, Ma, Abuela, Titi, Hasta pronto.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 4, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where services will begin at 7:00 PM with Pastor Tom Moore officiating. Graveside services will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 1:30 PM at Bright View Cemetery, Warrenton, VA.

Proverbs 31:30

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Cemetery Details

Bright View Cemetery

8265 Lunsford Road
Warrenton, VA 20186

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

JAN 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

JAN 5. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ I always remember titi Carmen as a sweet and gentle,I remember her coming to visit mama,she would always love to give hugs and kisses to us,her cooking was yummy,I haven't seen her in a long time,I will always have her in memories,she will never be forgotten may she rest in peace,she our sweet Angel and now she up in heaven with the rest of our Angels,RIP titi Carmen

lisa colon - January 05, 2014 at 03:46 PM

ER

“ I remember her always smiling and joking around. She was a sweety.

Edward & Juanita Rodriguez


Edward & Juanita Rodriguez - January 02, 2014 at 05:45 PM

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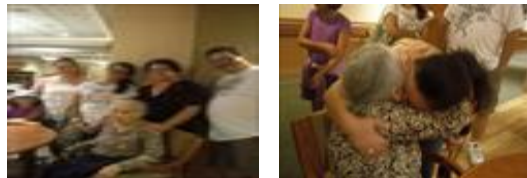
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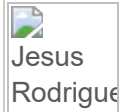
Edward & Juanita Rodriguez - January 02, 2014 at 05:45 PM

 Jesus Rodriguez

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Jesus Rodriguez - January 01, 2014 at 07:45 PM



Jesus Rodriguez

a couple of years ago we set out to VA to visit Carmen and my Titi Carmen , it was such a great day reuniting with my family ! the expression on Titi Carmen's face was priceless she was so excited to see us , just as we were excited and happy to see her ! i will for ever cherish this day !

Jesus Rodriguez - January 01, 2014 at 08:02 PM

BS

“ *My dear sweet titi Carmen , there are no words to describe the loss that this family has without you here with us . You will always be remembered as a loving , caring, sweet , gentle but strong God fearing woman ! Always found a way to keep in touch and keep the family united in one way or another . God has added another angel in heaven . Till we meet again titi , you will be loved and missed for ever .. RIP TITI CARMEN*

Barbara Otiz Santiago - January 01, 2014 at 10:41 AM

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Barbara Otiz - January 01, 2014 at 10:42 AM

IP

“ *R.I.P titi Carmen ??I didn't get to meet you but my father always talked about you and told me what a great person you was I love you always in my heart & never forgotten??*

Irene Pacheco - January 01, 2014 at 10:27 AM

 Jesus Rodriguez

“ *When I first met Chuito's family Titi Carmen struck me as such a "tough New Yorker", taking so many trains and bus to see her family, never letting anything stop her. She was always so lovely and filled with wonderful stories. I was so very happy to have been able to give her a big hug the last time we saw her in Virginia. It was an honor to have had her in our lives. Descanza en paz Titi, que queremos, siempre!*

Maggie Rodriguez

Jesus Rodriguez - December 31, 2013 at 10:32 PM

DS

“ *Titi Carmen, you was very special to all.....always made sure everyone was safe and always threw yourself to where ever on the subway to help your loved ones. You was the rock of your siblings....huge heart, great personality, and a big heart to go around and fulfill everyone! If I only had that moment to see you and let you know what a huge part of our lives you were, I would've done so....but now you're resting and shining down upon your daughter and grand baby's. Titi Carmen r.i.p..... You will be truly missed,but never forgotten???????????*

denise santana - December 31, 2013 at 09:46 PM

MJ

“ *Titi Carmen was awesome. She always visited everyone and was always there for everyone. I remember as a kid seeing her visit my mom in New York and she was always so sweet and kind and loving. My mom passed away Jan 23 2013 and now Titi Carmen and her are together again. I loved them and missed them very much. I will miss you Titi Carmen and I love you a lot. God Bless you! love Martin Rodriguez Jr (Pipo)*

Martin Rodriguez Jr - December 31, 2013 at 07:03 PM



“ *My titi carmen has left us ! so many memories I have of her all of them so good ! she was such a inspiration for all of us ! to say she is a gift from god is a understatement ! I remember the days in Puerto Rico how much joy she brought us when she would visit and then when she ultimately moved there, even tho we did not have the best of commodities we all made the the best of the situation and fun we had ! she would always have a little surprise for everyone, and she knew how to make us all smile ! My titi Carmen is gone , but her memory will live on forever ! Te queremos mucho Titi Carmen !*

Jesus Rodriguez - December 31, 2013 at 05:56 PM



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Jesus Rodriguez - December 31, 2013 at 05:39 PM

MA

I was in 7th grade (Junior High School) in the school year of 1969-1970. I believe the school was called Simon Baruch Jr. High School. I think it was near East 20th Street. Carmen Fontanez was my best friend at that time. She lived within walking distance of the school. My mother then decided to move to California and I had to leave New York. I really missed NY and my friends, especially Carmen. We lost touch when I moved to CA because I lost the couple of letters that she sent me that had her address on it. My mother also moved to a different apartment building and Carmen would not have had the new address. I have been trying to find her for many years, to no avail. I believe that my friend Carmen had a sister named Emily.

I remember Don-a Carmen, her mother, being so sweet and kind. I stayed with them several days while my mother was making the arrangements for the move to CA. I am saddened to learn of Don-a Carmen's passing.

I believe this is the same family. If not, my deepest condolences nonetheless.

If this is the right family and Carmen reads this, it's Maria! If anyone reads this who knows her, please let her know that Maria is trying to connect with her.

Maria - September 28, 2023 at 05:49 AM