

Carmen Melendez
September 01, 1944 - December 19, 2020

Carmen Melendez of Newburgh, entered into rest on Saturday, December 19, 2020. She was 76.

Carmen Feliciano Collazo was born on Friday, September 1, 1944, in Ceiba, Puerto Rico. Her parents were Candelario Feliciano and Bernardina Collazo. She lost her mother before the age of one and was raised by her aunts, Gregoria and Carmen Collazo along with her grandfather Julio Collazo.

She met a young man named Angel Luis Melendez and after eight months of courtship they married in June 1959. In 1961, they had their first son, Luis Angel and a year later, 1962, they had their second son, Leonardo.

For a better life, they decided to relocate to New York in 1964, with the help of Angel Luis' brother Gilberto and wife Candida. Their first apartment was on 123rd Street between 3rd and 2nd Avenues in Manhattan.

In 1968, the arrival of their third child came, a daughter Berna Ivette. The family was complete. In 1970, they moved to a bigger apartment, Lehman Village, on Madison Avenue between 110th and 111th streets. Being raised in a Christian home, she began attending The Pentecostal Church of God "La Sinagoga", Concilio Latino Americano and became a member. She faithfully attended until they relocated to Puerto Rico.

They raised their children and eventually watched them all marry. Soon the grandchildren arrived......Michael Anthony, 1989 (son of Leo and Evelyn), Victor Angel 1990 (son of Luis), Juan Carlos 1992 (son of Berna Ivette and Juan), Crystal Carmen 1992 (daughter of Leo and Evelyn), Benjamin Isaac 1993 (son of Berna Ivette and Juan,) Gabriel Elias 1994 (son of Berna Ivette and Juan).

In 2001, they relocated back to Puerto Rico with the purchase of their first home in Naguabo, Puerto Rico. Carmen became a member of the church, Iglesia Cristo MIsionera de Mariana, which was 2 houses down from her home. She truly felt blessed living so close to the church. Being able to hear the services from home when she wasn't able to attend. Another proud moment was when her husband, Angel Luis accepted the Lord and was then baptized. Her prayers were answered! They lived happily there for 15 years. Due to their health conditions, they decided to relocate again to Newburgh in 2016 to be closer to their daughter, Berna Ivette. Carmen began attending Primera Asamblea de Dios Hispana and became a member.

In 2016, they were blessed with the honor of witnessing their only granddaughter, Crystal marry Humberto. The following year, 2017, another blessing arrived, their great grandson, Phoenix Leonardo. The blessings continued, they witnessed their first grandson, Michael Anthony marry Jennie in 2019.

Carmen lived a beautiful life, had a wonderful family and most importantly served the Lord. Her passion for flowers and hosting parties was seen both in family and church events. She loved decorating the church with flowers for every occasion but mostly she loved being surrounded by family and friends. She loved cooking for all and would never turn away anyone. Miraculously, she always had food and drinks for all those who would visit.

We, her husband, children and grandchildren are proud to have shared her with many. She adopted many as her own, loved fully and gave selfishly. She will be truly missed and absolutely never forgotten. Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support during this difficult time. The Melendez, Feliciano Collazo Family

Visitation will take place Wednesday, December 23, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, 188 N. Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550.

A Funeral Service will take place at 6:00 pm, at the Funeral Home.

Due to the continued public health concerns, please know that there is an occupancy limitation which may cause a wait time, please be respectful of your time visiting. Facial covering must be worn in the funeral home at all times, and social distancing must be practiced.

A Graveside Service will take place, 10:00 am, Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor.

# Cemetery



### WOODLAWN CEMETERY

Route 94, New Windsor, NY 12553

## **Events**



#### VISITATION

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#### **GRAVESIDE**

10:00 AM

Woodlawn Cemetery Route 94, New Windsor, NY 12553

# **Tribute Wall**



### Yarimar Rosa

Agradecida con Dios por tenerte en mi niñez, por tus besos y abrazos. Siempre te recordaré por tu amor por las plantas, las fotos y los vídeos. Ya descansas con Dios. We love you.



"Forget Me Nots" was given in memory of Carmen Melendez



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