

## Denise Garcia

August 3, 1971 - February 20, 2015

Denise Garcia was granted her angel wings on February 20, 2015. Her final days were spent with her family by her side in Orlando, Florida where she always wanted to be.

Denise was born on August 3, 1971 in Patchogue, Long Island where she lived all of her life. She graduated from Patchogue-Medford High School and went on to Dowling College to get her Bachelor's in Marketing.

One of the most important qualities in life is Love. Denise in her short life had more love in her heart than most will have in a life time. She was a loving daughter, a caring sister and a fantastic mother. Although all of her life Denise lived in New York, that distance never kept her apart from her family. The frequent flyer miles from ISP to MCO were countless...LOL.

Denise loved life but more importantly loved her daughter Lexi. Through the roughest times of battling cancer, Denise always managed to smile every time Lexi walked into her room. Her eyes, though in agony, would sparkle of happiness. The battle of kisses on Denise between the aunts and Lexi made her laugh.

She loved to spend time with family, bake, go on family vacations, but most of all she loved that God gave her the opportunity to be a mom. Lexi was her

pride joy and she loved taking care of her. She a very caring, thoughtful and loving person who was always willing to help everyone.

She is survived by her daughter, Alexis Olivia; mother, Carmen Prieto-Vargas; step-father; Jose Vargas-Castro sister, Iris Zayas; sister, Wanda Garcia; sister, Zeneida Cabrera; all of her nieces and nephews and several loving aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

There will always be a memory that will fill our eyes with tears but they will also fill our hearts with joy and laughter. She was loved by many and will always be remembered in our hearts until we meet again in heaven!! [http://action.lung.org/goto/Denise\\_Garcia](http://action.lung.org/goto/Denise_Garcia)

A memorial service was held at A Community Funeral Home/Greenwood Memorial Park.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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910 W. Michigan Street  
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# Tribute Wall

WA

“ It seems so unreal that two years ago today God called you home. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about you or your precious little girl Lexi. Although I know your in a better place, I miss you soooo much. Life just isn't the same without you. Today I light a candle in your honor for always being there for me when I needed you as a sister and friend. I will miss you always until we meet again in heaven ❤️🙏



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Wanda - February 20, 2017 at 02:27 PM

WA

“ A year ago today, God called you home. It was hard to let you go but it was even harder seeing how you suffererd. Although we all know you are in a better place we wish you were still here with us. We miss you more than words can ever say.



Your baby girl is growing up so fast and she is so beautiful. I pray that God watch over her always!!

You will always be in our hearts for ever until we meet again in Heaven!! Love you Denise always and forever!!

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Wanda - February 20, 2016 at 01:30 PM

WA

“ Merry Christmas in heaven Denise!!! 🌲🎁❤️  
The holidays are just not the same without you  
😭 I pray every day for your sweet baby girl  
Lexi, that God watch over her at all times and  
keep her safe from all harm. I also know that  
you are her special angel who will always  
protect her. We love you and miss you so much!! You are free from  
pain and suffering and that brings us so much peace. Today you are  
celebrating Christmas with Jesus.



May you rest in peace my beautiful sister!! Love you and miss you  
💋❤️

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**Wanda** - December 25, 2015 at 05:26 AM

WA

“ Happy Thanksgiving in heaven!! Denise we  
miss you dearly but we know that you are with  
God and he is taking good care of you now.  
We also know that God is watching over your  
beautiful baby girl Lexi. I pray that he always  
protect Lexi and that one day we may be able see her again!! Love  
you and miss you!!



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**Wanda** - November 26, 2015 at 09:17 PM

AN

“ This candle is for your first birthday in heaven.  
Praying that your family continues to find  
peace. 💕💕



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**Angela** - August 03, 2015 at 08:44 AM

WA

“ Happy Birthday Denise in heaven 🎂🎈🎉🎊🎋🎌🎍🎎🎏🎐🎑🎒🎓🎔🎕🎖🎗🎘🎙🎚🎛🎜🎝🎞🎟🎠🎡🎢🎣🎤🎥🎦🎧🎨🎩🎪🎫🎬🎭🎮🎯🎰🎱🎲🎳🎴🎵🎶🎷🎸🎹🎺🎻🎼🎽🎾🎿🏀🏆🏈🏉🏊🏋🏌🏍🏎🏏🏐🏑🏒🏓🏔🏕🏖🏗🏘🏙🏚🏛🏜🏝🏞🏟🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤🏥🏦🏧🏨🏩🏪🏫🏬🏭🏮🏯🏰🏱🏲🏳🏴🏵🏶🏷🏸🏹🏺🏻🏼🏽🏾🏿👶👷👸👹👺👻👼👽👾👿👽👾👿👽👾👿. We love you and miss you so much not a day that goes by that we don't think of you or Lexi. I know you are an angel watching over all of us until we meet again!! Sending you lots of hugs and kisses 🤗🤗🤗.



Wanda - August 03, 2015 at 05:41 AM

WA

“ Happy Mother's Day in Heaven!! Miss you love you ❤️



Wanda - May 10, 2015 at 04:48 PM

WA

“ Miss you so much but I know you are in a peace and free from pain. You will always be in our hearts forever until we meet again. Love you always!!



Wanda - April 20, 2015 at 05:37 PM

WA

“ Wanda lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia



Wanda - April 05, 2015 at 04:03 PM

AM

“ *Alisha Miller lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Alisha Miller** - March 01, 2015 at 12:16 PM

PA

“ *Pauline lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Pauline** - February 26, 2015 at 05:37 PM

SA

“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Sandra** - February 26, 2015 at 05:13 PM

EI

“ *Eileen lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Eileen** - February 26, 2015 at 10:57 AM

GU

“ *Gurdy lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



**Gurdy** - February 26, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ *Jeanine Wetzel lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



**Jeanine Wetzel** - February 26, 2015 at 05:59 AM



“ *Mirtha Velsor lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



**Mirtha Velsor** - February 25, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JM

“ *My deepest condolences and may God embrace you all during this difficult time. In the short time we meet I can truly say you made every second count. RIP*  
*Jassie Morales*

**Jassie Morales** - February 25, 2015 at 11:18 PM

WG

“ *Wanda Garcia lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Wanda Garcia** - February 25, 2015 at 04:20 PM

AR

“ *My condolences to Denise Garcia's family. I met Denise in highschool we had English class together we sat next to each other we became friends quickly she was easy to talk to so vibrant and that smile was so big we had so much fun in that class I smile now because all we did was laugh she was such a positive and genuine person so sweet I miss those days I can say she was someone who impacted my life because all I remember is she always put a smile on my face Love you Denise*



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**AnnaLisa Rossi** - February 25, 2015 at 03:28 PM

NG

“ *Nora Garcia lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Nora Garcia** - February 25, 2015 at 09:30 AM

NG

*"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose...All that we love deeply becomes a part of us"  
Denise was an extraordinary human being!*

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**Nora Garcia** - February 25, 2015 at 09:35 AM



*My condolences to her family, Denise was a great person, she was a fighter, I will always remember her smile, even when she was sick she was a positive person. Rest in peace Denise.*

**Mirtha Velsor** - February 25, 2015 at 11:38 PM

CY

“ *Cheryl Yearwood lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



**cheryl yearwood** - February 25, 2015 at 08:52 AM

AN

“ *A sister is God's way of proving He doesn't want us to walk alone. I've never admired anyone as much as I admire this family of women. Sweetie, you rest now and know that your baby girl will know the love a child should know as they grow. To the family, my heart is breaking for your loss but smiling at the same time for the joy I know you had with Denise while she was here.*



**Angela** - February 25, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



February 25, 2015 at 08:26 AM

CU

“ Charles Underwood purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Denise Garcia.



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**Charles Underwood** - February 25, 2015 at 08:06 AM

KR

“ Wanda my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you all find comfort and peace during this difficult time. Heaven just wanted another angel. Denise will be watching over you and your family especially her precious little girl Lexi.

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**Kristin** - February 25, 2015 at 07:53 AM

CH

“ Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you ~ Charles U.



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**Charles** - February 25, 2015 at 07:52 AM

RE

“ Regina sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Garcia



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**Regina** - February 25, 2015 at 07:30 AM

RE

*My prayers and sympathies for Wanda and her family. May the Lord continue to comfort and keep you at this time.*

**Regina** - February 25, 2015 at 07:35 AM

WG

“ *My Dearest Denise,*

*Words can not express the sorrow I feel in my heart. You were not only my sister, you were my best friend. You were a beautiful person inside and out, loving, caring, smart and funny and although we were miles apart for so many years, I know your heart was always with us as our hearts were always with you. You sacrificed your wishes for others and you are truly an amazing person.*

*I thank God for giving us the opportunity to spend the last few months with you here in Florida, where you always wanted to be and where we could take care of you. I am at peace because I know that you are no longer suffering and you are in a much better place. I can sleep well knowing that God has a special place for you in heaven and I know you will be watching over us and especially watching over your beautiful baby girl, Lexi. Lexi knows you are her "Angel" and I know you will watch over her and protect her always!!*

*You will be forever in my heart and I will miss you tremendously.  
Sisters Forever!!*

XOXOXOXOXOXO



**Wanda Garcia** - February 25, 2015 at 06:33 AM

KI

“ *Praying for you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss Wanda. God bless.*

*Kim*



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**Kim** - February 24, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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February 24, 2015 at 08:14 PM

SA

“ *Although we may have drifted apart many years ago, but always know that even though apart, Never forgotten.. you will be greatly missed.. Sister , we shared great childhood memories, and as we grew up we grew apart, you made your family an I made mine and as we grow we tend to forget our childhood, and then moments like these bring all that tumbling back, I find myself very sad as the new of your passing crossed my ears and the guilt of not reaching out to you all these years overwhelms me.. I will forever hold that in my heart.. my fault.. i know i could not handle all my family there grieving your loss .. but please know i am there in spirit and soul.. and am grieving with all of you.. I am so sorry from the bottom of my heart .. Denise I love you .. and to wandy, lissy, senaida, and madrina .. I wanted to be there so bad but i couldn't bring myself to go.. The guilt and sorrow overwhelms me.. Just know I love you all.. and may god give us all strength to get though this ..*

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**Sandra** - February 24, 2015 at 07:22 PM

SA

“ *Sandra purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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**Sandra** - February 24, 2015 at 07:03 PM

DM

“ *Doreen Montauban lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Doreen Montauban** - February 24, 2015 at 03:03 PM

DM

*Dearest Lil Dee Dee, That is what I called you although you fought this name because you said you were older than me. I shall miss all our good times and laughs. I will miss hearing you call me Nena, I will miss your chocolate obsession. I want you all to know that Lil Dee Dee did not loose the fight with Cancer but she won the Battle to sit at the right hand of the Father. I love you Lil Dee Dee now and FOREVER....VIM-that was our code for Victory is Mine!! As you did win Dee. Love always Big Dee Dee*

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**Doreen Montauban** - February 24, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ *Tiffany Hartman lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Tiffany Hartman** - February 24, 2015 at 02:47 PM

YO

“ *Denise, you will truly be missed by your family, friends, and especially your daughter Lexi. I have been around the family for the last couple of years, and have gotten to know you even more so the last couple of months. You have now become Lexi's Angel, and I know you will always protect her. Your presence will be felt by her for years to come. May the Lord give you a hug and a kiss from me.*

Yomaira - February 24, 2015 at 01:18 PM

YO

“ *Yomaira lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



Yomaira - February 24, 2015 at 01:10 PM

CC

“ *CARMEN COLON lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



CARMEN COLON - February 24, 2015 at 12:54 PM

CC

*KNOWING DENISE FROM SO MANY YEARS..HAD BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES ABOUT HER ALWAYS WITH A SMILE IN HER FACE..WAS SO FUN TO BE AROUND HER...SHE WAS SO FUNNY TOO...NOW SHE WANTS TO GO HOME..WITH DADDY JESUS AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS...U ARE OUR ANGEL NOW!!!! LOVE U AND U WILL BE IN MY HEART ALWAYS....GOD NEED THIS ROSE IN HIS GARDEN!!!*

CARMEN COLON - February 24, 2015 at 12:59 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



February 24, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ *Simone sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Garcia*



**Simone** - February 24, 2015 at 11:18 AM



*Wanda, my condolences to you, your family and family friends. The ones left in this world are the ones suffering, but Denise is in a better place now. My thoughts are with you!!!*

**Simone** - February 24, 2015 at 11:24 AM



*TO ALL THE GRACIA FAMILY MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO U ALL MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN THIS MOMENTS OF SORROW...DENISE WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS FOR EVER..MAY REST IN PEACE HER SOUL..FROM THE LLANERA FAMILY!!!!*

**CARMEN COLON** - February 24, 2015 at 12:50 PM

RT

“ *Rachele Tringali lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Rachele Tringali** - February 24, 2015 at 10:51 AM

SB

“ *Denise's sister, Zenaida Cabrera, spoke with me about her beautiful sister. Zenaida is a wonderful person and adored Denise. Zenaida spoke highly of the love Denise had for her daughter. Blessings and prayers to the family during this time. Stacy Burdette*

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**stacy Burdette** - February 24, 2015 at 09:54 AM

BM

“ *Denis was one of the best person I have known. Always kind, loving, caring and an inspiration to all. You will be missed friend xoxo.*

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**Betty Moonilal** - February 24, 2015 at 07:08 AM

NC

“ *"Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow"*



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**Nilsa Cruz** - February 24, 2015 at 07:08 AM

BM

“ *Betty Moonilal lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Betty Moonilal** - February 24, 2015 at 06:56 AM

MC

“ *My condolences to the family. From Maribel Colon*



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**Maribel Colon** - February 24, 2015 at 06:43 AM

SM

“ *Dee Dee (my affectionate name). We worked together, we played together, we cried together, we laughed together. All moments that will forever be cherished memories. You fought a good fight my friend, but God said he was ready for you. Although it was SO hard letting you go, we had to. But while we have lost you here on earth... i know that heaven has gained a beautiful angel. You will forever live on in our memories. Im gonna miss my Coquito at Christmas time as no one makes it like you (smile). Rest well my friend...Forever Sandy (Gurdy).*

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**Sandy Gurdon Matthews** - February 24, 2015 at 06:15 AM

JZ

“ *Titi Denise was always advising. She was the only one that had taste when it came to buying me clothes for Christmas...Lol she was always fun to be around especially when she would make sweets in the kitchen for the family ( of course with my help lol) but most of all she was a loving aunt. And i want to thank her for always giving me a positive mind. Titi Denise had great taste in music and would quote music on my Birthday card. The best quote she gave me was to "look in the mirror,and keep on shining". Titi Denise will truly be missed but most of all we know that she will shine down on us. May she Rest in Peace! xoxo*

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**Jizelle Zayas** - February 24, 2015 at 04:45 AM

GA

“ *Greg Kryjak and Family, Bank of America purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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**Greg Kryjak and Family, Bank of America** - February 23, 2015 at 09:16 PM

GK

“ *Greg Kryjak lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Greg Kryjak** - February 23, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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February 23, 2015 at 09:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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February 23, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ *Always and Forever: Kisa, Doreen & Sandy (Gurdy) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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**Always and Forever: Kisa, Doreen & Sandy (Gurdy) -**  
February 23, 2015 at 02:35 PM



“ *Una Connors lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Una Connors -** February 23, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



February 23, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*

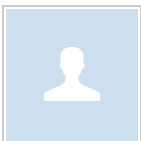


February 23, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ *An amazing person, whom I learned so much from in a short period of time. Your courage and warm heart will always be my inspiration. I know your love and spirit will carry on through Lexi. You truly are an angel that touched my life. I will miss you and will reconnect with you one day. Love you dear friend.*

**Gina Salmon** - February 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Denise Garcia.*



February 23, 2015 at 11:28 AM

EL

“ *My deepest condolences to the family, may you find comfort in prayer and the beautiful words of Isaiah 25:8 and Rev. 21:4 where God promises us that He will soon cease all death and suffering.*

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**Elda** - February 23, 2015 at 10:46 AM

DG

“ *DEB GRIPPO lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**DEB GRIPPO** - February 23, 2015 at 09:49 AM

DG

*Denise - you are an inspiration and one heck of a strong woman. I will cherish all the years I was lucky enough to work with you and call you my friend.*

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**DEB GRIPPO** - February 23, 2015 at 09:51 AM

FS

“ *Faith Saget lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Faith Saget** - February 23, 2015 at 09:14 AM

JA

“Denise was an amazing friend. Even in her struggles, she stayed positive and motivated others. She made us all laugh to the point of tears. She had a great sense of humor and the biggest heart. I will never forget your devoted friendship. You became my family. I have so many great memories of you and the girls. I look back on them and all the pictures that captured just some of those moments and I smile. So many good times forever in my heart and mind. I will never forget you and all that you gave to me by being a part of my life, thank you.



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**Jennifer Alvarez-Lomangino** - February 23, 2015 at 08:46 AM

CM

“Crystal Mullen lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia



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**Crystal Mullen** - February 23, 2015 at 08:46 AM

JL

“Jennifer Alvarez-Lomangino and George Lomangino purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Denise Garcia.



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**Jennifer Alvarez-Lomangino and George Lomangino** -  
February 23, 2015 at 08:37 AM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayer are with you and your family on your loss of a fantastic woman.*



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**Millie Harrison** - February 23, 2015 at 08:07 AM

FS

“ *Francesca Scaduto lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Francesca Scaduto** - February 23, 2015 at 08:06 AM

DT

“ *DANIELLE TRIPOLI lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**DANIELLE TRIPOLI** - February 23, 2015 at 07:59 AM

AT

“ *Alex Toussaint sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Alex Toussaint** - February 23, 2015 at 07:57 AM

AT

*Denise, for the short period of that that I've known you, you've always had a smile in your face and a loving person. You had a big heart. My prayers are with you and your family.*

**Alex Toussaint** - February 23, 2015 at 08:05 AM

MD

“ *As I look on the yesterdays, I remember the times of struggle, times of laughter and times of support. Denise you were not just a cousin, your were my sister. You were there to support me when I needed it the most in my life. I will never forget all the times we had together and all the places and people we shared in our lives. Not only did you have the ability to inspire others, your were also the inspiration to yourself and you didn't even know it. As I look onto the present, I see courage, strength, nobility and love. These were all the things I loved about you and still do. I will never forget you. Waiting for the day we meet again. Please keep us safe from where you are and please give Mom a kiss from me. Love you with all my heart, Madeline.*



**Madeline DeJesus** - February 23, 2015 at 04:18 AM

MO

“ *Denise - you will always be apart of my heart. My cousin, my friend and my sister for ever. I remember us as little girls and will cherish those memories forever. God is lucky to have you in heaven because you always help everyone and anyone. Love you forever until we meet in the heavens above. Love you always Margie.*



**Margarita Ortiz** - February 23, 2015 at 03:57 AM

JC

“Denise my sister, my cousin, my friend and my family. Thanks for letting me be in your life even though if it was to fix your house and your car. I know I was your repair guy, I only wish I was able to fix you, but I didn't have the technology like the good Lord has. I remember Lexi coming to the door and Lexi saying "You fix the house Tio", but now the Lord has taken my place. I will always remember you cuz. Love always, Boty.



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**Jackson Cabrera** - February 23, 2015 at 03:47 AM

GV

“Gwen & John Velez lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia



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**Gwen & John Velez** - February 22, 2015 at 06:54 PM

MB

“Maureen, Oasis, Denise, Maida, Kathleen, & Derek- DSC BOA purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise Garcia.



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**Maureen, Oasis, Denise, Maida, Kathleen, & Derek- DSC BOA** - February 22, 2015 at 06:47 PM

DC

“ *Denise Caputo lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Denise Caputo** - February 22, 2015 at 06:39 PM

RG

“ *Rosie & Eddie Garay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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**Rosie & Eddie Garay** - February 22, 2015 at 04:16 PM

AP

“ *Anne Marie Pasquini purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Denise Garcia.*



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**Anne Marie Pasquini** - February 22, 2015 at 03:26 PM

MB

“ *Maida Bodon lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Maida Bodon** - February 21, 2015 at 09:20 PM

NG

“ *Nuria Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Denise Garcia*



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**Nuria Gibbs** - February 21, 2015 at 08:42 PM

AE

*RIP Denise*

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**Andrine Edwards** - February 26, 2015 at 07:53 AM