



## Josephine Merced

November 22, 1926 - May 12, 2015

Josefina was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, a district of San Juan Puerto Rico, to Tiburcio Merced and Julia Del Rosario de la Merced. She went to grade school at Escuela Rafael Cordero and eventually moved to New York with her family. She went on to earn a certificate in Spanish-English Secretarial Studies from the Fernandez Bilingual Institute in New York City. Seeking a better life, she eventually relocated to Orlando, Florida, with her youngest daughter, Lillian. Eventually, she received her GED from Seminole Community College in 1980. She also earned certificates as a child care coordinator.

She was a member of Iglesia El Calvario, Orlando, Florida, and Gateway Church, Clermont, Florida. Her whole life was spending time with her immediate family--Yvonne and Larry Campbell, Lillian Laitman-McAnally, and her two biological grandchildren, Connor and Kaitlyn, who as she would say were "la luz de mis ojos" (the lights of life). And she had grandchildren she adopted forever in her heart--Clint Campbell, Michael Garcia, Eddie Garcia, and Yamira Garcia, Mark Galarza and Randall Galarza.

She was a loving and kind lady, someone who always opened her heart and her home to anyone in need. She worked as a daycare worker where many children were tenderly cared and she showered them with grandmotherly love.

Josefina preceded in death by her parents, Tiburcio and Julia; brother, Carlos; and sisters, Lydia (Merced) Armstrong and Jennie Merced. She is survived by her sisters, Angelina Brugueras and Gloria Cruz. She is also survived by her daughters, Yvonne (Aviles) Campbell, Lillian (Laitman) McAnally, and her two daughters by heart, Sandy Galarza and Iris Sidhu; son-in-law, Larry Campbell; grandchildren, Matthew Connor McAnally and Kaitlyn Elizabeth McAnally, and nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

801 East Avenue  
Clermont, FL 34711

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 20.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Josephine Merced.*



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May 20, 2015 at 06:53 AM



“ *Lil and family, you know I know what you are going through, I am going through it also, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray for you every time I think of you. As said before Lil our mothers right now are talking to each other in heaven. Heaven has my new arrivals every day, they are brothers and sisters and our spiritual Mom's and Dad's May the Lord Bless you and family Lil*

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**Cary Orizondo** - May 20, 2015 at 04:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Merced.*



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May 19, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Merced.*

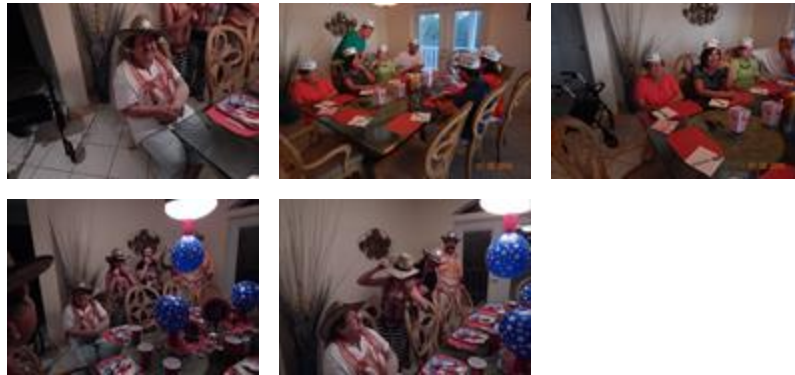


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May 18, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Mom's birthday 2012*



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**A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations** - May 18, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ *Yvonne,  
My heart goes out to you. May God bless you and your family and keep you in His care, now and always.  
Love to you,  
Jocelyn Horsley*

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**Jocelyn Horsley** - May 18, 2015 at 09:21 AM

CS

“ Yvonne - Just want you to know that Randy and I love your family so much and will always keep you in our prayers!!! Love you.  
Cindy and Randy!

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**Cindy Solomon** - May 18, 2015 at 08:36 AM

JH

“ Yvonne,  
Laurie and I send you our deepest and sincerest condolences.....So sorry for your loss!  
Jeff and Laurie Henderson

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**Jeff Henderson** - May 18, 2015 at 08:28 AM

CA

“ To Lillian, Yvonne, and family: I'm so sorry for your loss and I'm keeping you in my prayers. Josephine was a really special lady. I'll always remember her working at Kid's First daycare. She was so good with kids and had a great sense of humor. She was sweet and kind, and she always made me laugh! She won't ever be forgotten.

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**Carolyn** - May 15, 2015 at 05:30 PM

FL

*Nuestro mas sentido pesame para Lilian y familia por la perdida de su adorada madre a la quien nosotros adoramos tambien. Tremenda sierva del Senor, amiga, consejera, y todo lo bueno que ella tenia para todo el que la conocia. Nos queria mucho a nosotros como nosotros a ella. Ella se esta gozando en la presencia de Dios ahora. Un abrazo*

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**Felix & Haydee Ledee** - May 15, 2015 at 09:28 PM

CT

Yvonne, Sorry for your loss. I remember the many times you spoke kindly and humorously of your mom. She was lucky to have you for a daughter for so many years.

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**Chris Thompson** - May 18, 2015 at 08:23 AM

CJ

*So sorry for your loss, Joan and I have you guys in our prayers*

**Chalie and Joan** - May 18, 2015 at 08:39 AM

JS

*Yvonne, Very sorry for your loss. At least you can take comfort in having your mom with you and cherish all of the happy memories you both shared. All of our love and deepest sympathy, Louie & Cookie*

**jean spray** - May 18, 2015 at 11:05 AM

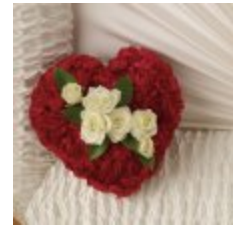
PC

*Yvonne, We are saddened by the loss of your Mother. God Bless you and your family. Phil Clark*

**Phillip Clark** - May 19, 2015 at 06:28 AM

 Lillian Laitman

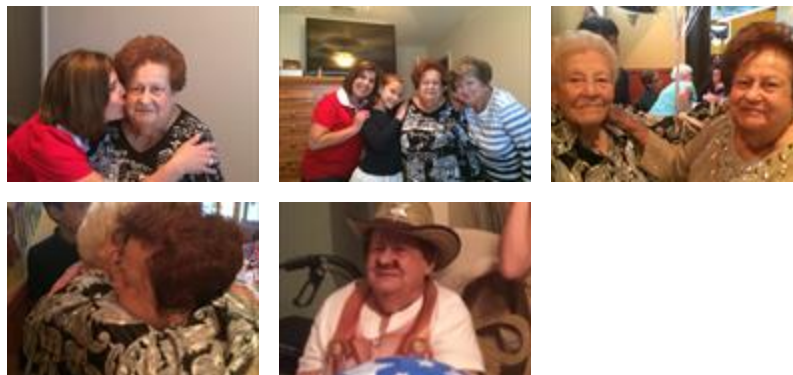
“ *Lillian Laitman purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of Josephine Merced.*



**Lillian Laitman** - May 15, 2015 at 10:10 AM

 Lillian Laitman

“ *20 files added to the album Josephine Merced*



**Lillian Laitman** - May 15, 2015 at 07:27 AM

 Lillian  
Laitman

“ *Mama,  
Although my heart is broken and will always  
have a hole that only you could fill, I am happy  
that you're no longer suffering and you have  
received your complete healing. You are  
rejoicing with all your loved ones. Give Abuela,  
Aunt Jennie, Titi Lily, and Uncle Ray a hug from me.  
As you would say, "I'll see you in the morning."  
--Love, your baby, Lillian*



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**Lillian Laitman** - May 14, 2015 at 09:24 AM