



Maria Esther Rivera

March 10, 1922 - January 27, 2014

Doña Maria Esther Rivera was born on March 10th, 1922 in Comerio, Puerto Rico. She left the island and moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut in 1951 where she raised her 4 children, helped raise a bunch of grandchildren, and enjoyed a great life. Doña Esther packed up and moved down to Orlando, Florida in 2001 where she began living with her daughter at first, then being the strong woman that we all knew and loved. She ventured out to live in her own condo for a few years. She kept a 2nd bedroom available for whenever Melanie, Ita, or any other family came to Orlando to visit. Doña Esther was always about family and she taught us all that no matter what, family is what was important. After a few years of living on her own, Doña Esther decided it was time to move back with her daughter. Doña Esther maintained her loving feisty self until the end. She never bit her tongue and always said what was on her mind, often times anecdotally. Doña Esther certainly knew how to make us all laugh.

God was searching for a new angel and not just any angel, He needed someone with a heart of gold, a true free spirit, someone who always helped others without a second thought, and they had to be strong enough to handle anything that came their way. God looked and then saw his child Doña Esther and has called her home. He told her that she has done all that she could and that her duties on Earth were done. God told her, come home and to be at peace in my kingdom my child, all is well now.

Doña Maria Esther Rivera passed away at 5:27am, on January 27th, 2014, in the arms of her daughter, Chicky, and of her grandson, Ralphy. She was strong until the very end, she went peacefully, and she was never alone. She is survived by 4 children; Ramon Matos, Jose (Charly) DelValle, Lillian Rivera-Johnson, and Luis (Tati) Rivera; 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Doña Esther was truly a blessed woman here on Earth, and one day, we will see her again in the house of our Lord.

Cemetery Details

Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
4001 Edgewater Dr
Orlando, FL 32804

Tribute Wall

GE

“ *Lamento mucho esta enorme perdida y sintiendo el dolor que su familia están pasando, quiero compartir la esperanza de que muy pronto "va haber una resurrección de parte de Dios", como nos dice la Biblia en Hechos 24:15. Ánimo y fortaleza para toda su familia en estos momentos dolorosos.*

gerardo - August 27, 2014 at 12:21 PM

AA

“ *Estoy contristada con la pérdida de su ser querido, bien sabemos que la muerte es algo que sucede día a día, pero hay una bella esperanza que nos traerá cierto nivel de paz. Por tal razón quería compartir con usted algunas palabras de consolación que le ayudaran en estos momentos difíciles, tal como me ayudaron a mí. Estas palabras se encuentran en la Biblia, si tiene Biblia le invito a que lea Hechos 24:15, Revelación 21:3, 4, Juan 5: 28,29, ahí notara que dichos textos hablan de la bella esperanza de la resurrección, solo podemos imaginar la alegría de volver abrazar a nuestro ser querido que ha fallecido. Para aprender de esta y muchas otras promesas solo hay que seguir el consejo de Juan 17:3. Con dicho pensamiento en mente le invito a que visite el siguiente enlace, <http://www.JW.org/es/publicaciones/libros/tratado-muertos-volver-a-vivir/> Ahí encontrara un artículo que habla más al respecto.*

aak - February 28, 2014 at 06:59 AM

RH

“ *My condolences to the family. May God grant you strength to face the days ahead. May your memories bring you peace and comfort. Ps 46:1*

Rhonda - February 17, 2014 at 07:50 AM



“ *Maritza Corbin lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Rivera*



Maritza Corbin - January 31, 2014 at 09:29 AM



Love you Abuela you will forever live in my heart!! Miss you more than words can say big kiss and hug for you and abuelo te amo

Maritza Corbin - January 31, 2014 at 09:34 AM

RA

I miss her so much.

Ralphy - February 07, 2014 at 07:15 AM

RA

“ *Angie Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 30, 2014 at 07:15 PM

RA

“ *Diana Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 30, 2014 at 07:12 PM

RA

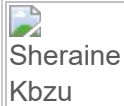
“ *Wendy J Debernardo was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 30, 2014 at 07:10 PM

RA

“ *Wendy J Debernardo was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 30, 2014 at 07:03 PM



“ To me you were Wella you always showed me love from the 1st day I met you.. I remember you asked me my name " como tu te llama" I said "Sheraine" you said "que" I replied "Sheraine" you the said "ooo Jamaica es tue nombre" I lol and said no its Sheraine you said "Ok Jamaica" and from that day Jamaica was my name.. Today is a sad day as we will all miss you but I know you are in heaven smiling with Don Luis.. Luv you Wella you will never be forgotten. .

Sheraine Kbzu - January 30, 2014 at 08:46 AM

DD

“ Dalia DeJesus lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Rivera



Dalia DeJesus - January 29, 2014 at 11:30 PM

AM

“ My mother asked you so many years ago to watch over me at that you did. You will always be in my heart.

*"How can I ever thank you enough
for all the nice things you've done?
You've accepted me into your family
and my heart you've readily won.*

*It takes a generous person
who can open her arms and her heart –
to include another "child" to love
as if they were there from the start.*

*You've always had time to listen
as I've traveled down life's path
And you've guided me and given me
tons of loving and lots of laughs.*

*You're like a Mother to me
and I thank dear God above
'cause not everyone is doubly blessed
to have had two mothers to love."*

Angie Matos - January 29, 2014 at 11:26 PM

DM

“ You Are sadly missed but our Heavenly Father called you home with his open arms. I loved you. You fed me my first plate of rice and beans and they were so yummy so I learned how to make them from you ,also you taught me to make many Puerto Rican dishes and I mastered them. You made the best food ever and we all did have some funny good times. The good Lord says "in My Fathers House are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you " and there you will be with me.Amen to that. Love and Miss You. Diana Matos.

Diana Matos - January 29, 2014 at 07:22 PM

BM

“ Abuela -ela -ela ... boy how u laughed when i would say " dad . its green -go ! " when dad took us to see u and pick u up .. the red light would turn green and i'd say " green -go " i guess being light skin /blond hair i looked as a Gringo ... lol . When we visited you would always ask " Brine-key " you want something to eat / drink and you would pull out some chicken to cook or whatever you have been missed for some yrs and my one and ONLY regret was that i didnt know enough Spanish to hold long talks with you ..Perhaps one language is spoken there in heaven and will have those talks ... love you miss you

Brian T Matos - January 29, 2014 at 06:33 PM

HF

“ My condolences to the Rivera & Matos family, my heart goes out to the family. God bless.

Hector Rosado & family - January 29, 2014 at 01:03 PM



“ Luis Rivera was added to the Family Tree.

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:27 AM



“ *Brian Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:25 AM



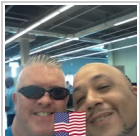
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Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:25 AM



“ *Jason Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:24 AM



“ *Brian Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:22 AM



“ *Cynia Kelsaw was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:17 AM



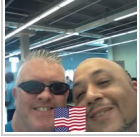
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Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ *Aaliyah Mercedes Aponte was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ *Daunte Aponte was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ *David Aponte was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ *Cyril Marquise Kelsaw was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:14 AM



“ *Jasmine Kelsaw was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 11:13 AM



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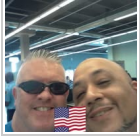


Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 08:17 AM



“ *Alana Weaver was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 08:00 AM



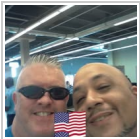
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Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 08:00 AM



“ *Issaiah was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:59 AM



“ *Vivian was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:59 AM



“ *Damian was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ *Jacob Rivera was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:58 AM



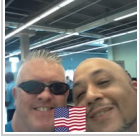
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Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ *Imani Corbin was added to the Family Tree.*

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ Isis was added to the Family Tree.

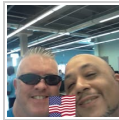
Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ Rafael Burgos sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria Esther Rivera



Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:51 AM



You raised me 1/2 my life and your not only my grandmother, but your my other mother as well. I'm in so much pain right now and I miss you so much. You were always the world to me and you will forever live in my heart.

Rafael Burgos - January 29, 2014 at 07:56 AM



“ Todd Garrett lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Rivera



Todd Garrett - January 29, 2014 at 07:49 AM



“ Brian T Matos was added to the Family Tree.

raymond - January 28, 2014 at 10:42 PM

RA

“ *Brian T Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 28, 2014 at 10:40 PM

RA

“ *Raymond A Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 28, 2014 at 10:37 PM

RA

“ *Raymond L Matos was added to the Family Tree.*

raymond - January 28, 2014 at 10:36 PM

MA

“ *I always took care of my grandmother love her with all of my heart I use to bring her a mid morning meal flatten grill cheese and ham sandwich with a cup off coffee .when I was working. with my delivery truck she would try to give me money but I would put it back on her dresser, some times I would keep, it just to make her happy.. sometime when I stopped by she would ask me if I was hungrey I tell her no thank u but I am working but she would say sit and she would make me something to eat. anyway*

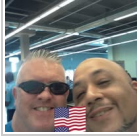
macho - January 28, 2014 at 09:40 PM

WJ

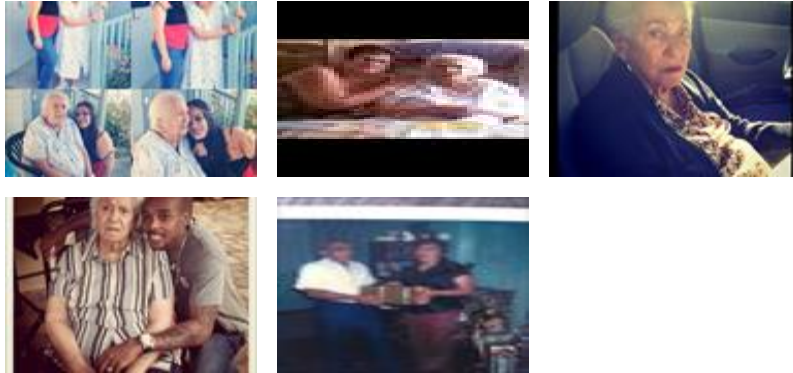
“ *With love and sincere sympathy, Mike & John purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Maria Esther Rivera.*



With love and sincere sympathy, Mike & John - January 28, 2014 at 07:51 PM



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Rafael Burgos - January 28, 2014 at 05:37 PM

ST

“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss, losing a love one in death is something our Creator never intended for us to experience. How we long for the time when death will be no more as promised in the Bible. (Rev. 21:4) May the God of all comfort be with your family during this difficult time. (2Corin. 1:3,4)*

Sheila Tripp - January 28, 2014 at 05:31 PM

AR

“ *Titi, you were my aunt/mother and only God knows how much I Love You. I was always your little tail. When mommy passed away you became my mother & always there when I needed you. You were an eccepcional women, mother, wife & grandmother. I will always love you UNCONDITIONALLY & will always ve in my heart. I am in peace because you are in peace & no more suffering, Love tu colora Ita*

Annette Ramos - January 28, 2014 at 12:13 PM

LC

“ *Lucy, Junior, Lisa & Charlie purchased the Pure Faith Pillow for the family of Maria Esther Rivera.*



Lucy, Junior, Lisa & Charlie - January 28, 2014 at 11:04 AM

PG

“ *PHYLLIS GARRETT lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Rivera*



PHYLLIS GARRETT - January 28, 2014 at 07:39 AM

PG

SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

phyllis garrett - January 28, 2014 at 07:48 AM

RA

Thank you so much!

Ralphy - January 28, 2014 at 10:24 AM



“ *These last few nights have been extremely hard. I've watched some of the strongest people i know get weak at the knees with good reason. When a matriarch falls it's a very hard blow to the pack. I'm amazed and astonished on how very quickly they banded together in this trying time. My thoughts, prayers and deep sorrows go to the family at this time.*

I did not know her for that long but in the time i knew her she had become a very important person in my life. The struggle she faced did not happen over night it was it had been happening for months. Tonight I can rest my head and sleep with peace in my heart and mind. I can fall deeply into this sleep with out a constant pull in my mind to listen out for sounds of pain discomfort and or anguish. I can sleep knowing that this beautiful, remarkable, funny. feisty and loving woman is sitting by the righteous hands of our holy father. I can rest my head knowing that on this night she feels no pain as she has been reunited with her loving husband. I know she is being served a welcome dinner in the heavens surrounded by the family members she, a woman with dementia, remembered and loved enough to know was anxiously awaiting her arrival. It may be heavy on our hearts that her physical being is no longer with us but let us rejoice in knowing that she has loved ones in two worlds and she is not alone. Let us thank our Almighty Father for he has adorned her in his love and pampered her with his brightest of lights so that she can shine down from the heavens on each and every one of the people she touched in her life. Give praise to his glory for he is an awesome God he granted her the strength and ability to live a long and happy life filled with touching memories that everyone who knew her can carry on with them. Let us at this time not mourn OUR loss but celebrate this life she lived. Not many have lived and loved like she has. She has watched her children play and grow on to having their own children play and grow and their children's children play and grow. Give glory to our Lord and savior Jesus Christ who allow her to continue to watch.

With sympathy love and respect to her memory I thank you all for

sharing the pieces of the puzzle from this phenomenal woman's life.



Stacha Sanchez - January 27, 2014 at 11:38 PM

RA

Thank you sow much for all you did for my grandmother in the time that you've been in her life. You will never truly know how much it all means to me. The last food she ate came from your hands and I know that she loved just as much as she loved any of her grandchildren.

Ralphy - January 28, 2014 at 10:29 AM

MA

Thank You so much for being there for Our mom when we had to continue our daily duties Thank you, you gave us peace in knowing you were there for Our "vieja" attending to her needs when you were just entering our family you took on the responsibility without a doubt or objections you touched her heart and OURS you became one of her kids. I just want you and all to know I LOVE YOU and thank you for being in our life specially during this time.

margie - January 28, 2014 at 12:25 PM

EL

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family....Titi Esther will always be remembered by everyone here in Connecticut, she was loved dearly.... Praying for God's peace, love and strength during this difficult time, but know that she is no longer suffering and is now resting with our Lord. Love Always Emily Cedeno & Family and Lydia Lauriano*

Emily Lauriano-Cedeno - January 27, 2014 at 09:06 PM

JE

“ I have so many moments with Ms. Maria Rivera i would be here forever just thinking about them. But, all of them were so positive she always put a smile on my face everytime she called my name Jefferson that is the one thing that will stay in my heart. When i went in her home she made me fill like it was mine, i wasn't a friend i was family. She will be missed Love Ya Jennifer Valle.

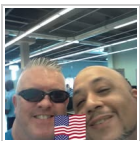


jennifervalle - January 27, 2014 at 03:52 PM



“ I remember when I was in pre-kindergarden and abuela would pick me up, she always had fresh jello made just for me when we got home. Whenever she would make bacalao with verduras, she would always make me white rice and put an omelet on top of it because I didn't like fish or verduras. Whenever abuela and I went to McDonalds in downtown Bridgeport, she would always leave me the last bite of her double cheeseburger. I have only the fondest memories of abuela and I will cherish each and every one of them for the rest of my days. Te Amo Abuela mio. Espero el dia que no reunimos de nuevo en la mesa de nuestro Papito Dios.

Rafael Burgos - January 27, 2014 at 02:25 PM



“ Rafael Burgos lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Rivera



Rafael Burgos - January 27, 2014 at 12:59 PM