



## Zenaida Rolon Colon

September 13, 1943 - May 8, 2025

Almida was born on September 13, 1943, in Salinas, El Coque, Puerto Rico, and was raised with deep love and care by Doña Santo Colón Ruiz. From a young age, Almida took on responsibilities far beyond her years, leaving school in the fifth grade to work as a housekeeper. Her gratitude ran deep—so much so that she named her daughter after her first employer, Denise. Almida was an active member of her church community, even winning a beauty pageant at age 21. In 1968, she moved to the Bronx through an Eastern Airlines relocation program and gave birth to her beloved daughter Denise in 1971. Despite facing personal hardships, including a difficult marriage and divorce, Almida persevered with resilience and grace, later welcoming her son David in 1980 and pouring her heart into raising him with love, humor, and plenty of White Castle and pizza.

In 1992, Almida moved to Orlando, Florida, determined to give David a better life. Though she never learned to drive, she walked countless miles to provide for her family, placing David in karate at 12 and nurturing his passion for martial arts. Almida was the soul of every celebration—full of laughter, music, and joy. She lived life unapologetically, cherishing salsa, merengue, and her family above all else. Known for her wisdom, wit, and unforgettable expressions like “You funny!” Almida’s spirit was infectious. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she cared for each one as if they were her own. Almida’s legacy lives on through her family and the love she gave so freely.

She will be remembered for her strength, her laughter, and the light she brought into every room.

Almida was blessed with grandchildren that she adored with all her heart, Johnise Canino, John Canino Jr., Marielys Rodriguez, Angelis, Rodriguez, Gabriel Rodriguez, and great grandchildren, Adianez Santana and Chole Canino.

Zenaida leaves to cherish the memories of her life, daughter, Denise Figueroa; son, David Rodriguez Jr.; as well as extended family and friends that will miss her dearly.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 18. 6:30 PM (ET)

Public Beach Ramp & Parking  
215 Seminole Ave  
Ormond Beach, FL 32176

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rosaura R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zenaida Rolon Colon.

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**Rosaura R.** - May 16, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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**Rosaura D.** - May 15, 2025 at 04:06 PM