

In Loving Memory of



Josefina Johnson

Sunrise
May 8, 1938

Sunset
May 10, 2021

Service:
Friday, May 14, 2021 - 10:00 am

St. Francis of Rome
761 E. 236th Street • Bronx, New York 10466

Obituary

Josefina Cortés Burgos was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, on May 8, 1938, and died on May 10, 2021.

Josefina bravely fought an incurable and cruel illness and was cared after by her children, who were by her side day and night until her last breath.

Josefina's biography is one of love, kindness, and passion for life that she instilled in those around her. Deeply beloved and respected as the matriarch of the "Cholos" clan, Josefina didn't need many reasons to throw a celebration with summer cookouts, parties and family gatherings. "The more the merrier—I love it!" she used to say, and always found a place somewhere at her Thanksgiving table for yet another plate, no matter how many there were. All were welcome, all were her children.

A proud Puerto Rican, Josefina was always ready to dance salsa, and made sure there was always food available –like her twenty trays of her legendary macaroni and cheese.

She was and will always be a beacon of joy and warmth for those who knew her—including her church community; her children Terry, Troy and Tex; her nieces, Zayda and Mayra Sánchez; grandchildren, Jeremy, John, José, Nicolás, and Isabel, and her children in law, Iñigo, Jasmine and the late Luz Elena.

May we all inherit at least a grain of her wisdom and boundless ability to love. She will be deeply missed.

Order of Funeral Mass

Initial Rites

Rites at the Church Entrance

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Verse before the Gospel

Gospel Reading

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Preparation Rites (Hymn)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation Hymn/Procession with the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rites/Communion Hymn

Post-Communion Prayer

Final Rites

Commendation

Closing Hymn

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery

Bronx, New York

Obituario

Josefina Cortés Burgos nació en Santurce, Puerto Rico, el 8 de mayo de 1938 y falleció el 10 de mayo de 2021.

Josefina combatió con valentía una enfermedad incurable y cruel, y estuvo al cuidado de sus propios hijos, que estuvieron a su lado día y noche desde su diagnóstico fatal el pasado mes de octubre hasta su último aliento.

La biografía de Josefina es una senda de pasión por la vida, de amor y de generosidad, que transmitió a sus hijos, como quedó demostrado durante estos difíciles meses, ante el asombro y admiración de todos. Profundamente amada y respetada como la matriarca del clan de “Los Cholos”, Josefina no necesitó muchas razones para celebrar una comida veraniega (así hicieran cien grados a la sombra), una fiesta o una reunión familiar. (“A mi me gusta el revolú”, decía.) Y siempre se las arreglaba para encontrar un rinconcito en su abarrotada mesa de Thanksgiving para poner otro plato, por muchos que ya fuéramos. Todos eran bienvenidos, todos éramos sus hijos.

Como puertorriqueña de raza, Josefina llevaba la salsa en la sangre, y sus legendarios macarrones con queso eran en sí mismos una razón para celebrar.

Pero ante todo, Josefina era un faro de gozo y de calor humano para todos quienes la conocimos, sus muchos amigos de la parroquia; sus hijos Terry, Troy y Tex; sus sobrinas, las hermanas Mayra y Zayda Sanchez; sus nietos, Jeremy, John, José, Nicolás e Isabel; y su yerno y nueras, Iñigo Jasmine y Luz Elena.

Ojalá heredemos al menos un granito de su sabiduría y su infinita capacidad para amar. Descanse en paz.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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