

Obituary

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Carmen Nydia Aragonez.

On August 27th, 2021, an angel returned to heaven at the age of 79 years. The daughter of Evangelia and Victor Aragonez, Carmen was born on July 11th, 1942, in the neighborhood of La Perla in the town of Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. She lost her mother at the tender age of 7, at which time her aunt took her in. In 1957, at the age of 15, unfortunate circumstances led her to migrate to the United States, where she lived with extended family. While residing in New Jersey, she met and fell in love with a young man named Santos Cosme. This man proved to be her husband until his death separated them in 1991. This marriage created a family and nurtured four children: Magdalena Cosme, Santos Cosme, Manuel Cosme, and Maritsa Cosme.

After the passing of her husband, she continued caring for her family. She admirably took in anyone who needed help without judgment or question.

Her four children blessed her with seventeen grandchildren. She equally loved all of her grandchildren and raised three of them from infancy: Maritza Del Carmen, Justin, and William. She was also a significant part of Wyomi, Luis, Walter, Pricilla, and Kricilla's upbringing as she also raised them from childhood. Her remaining grandchildren: Alexander, Alexandra, Santos, Jonathan, Natalia, Sabrina, Hillary, Michelle, and Chris Lamuel were always close to her heart and prayers.

From her grandchildren, she was blessed with thirteen great-grandchildren: Wyomi Evangelina, Christallee, Destiny, Jadin, Luis, Hugo, Jeremiah, Betsylee, Kali, Ismael, Messiah, Alora, and Gisele whom she loved and cherished. From her great-grandchildren, she was blessed with seven great-great-grandchildren: Joel, Victor, Josiah, Nailah, Ava, Amari, and Jaylee.

As a child, Carmen was an avid churchgoer and said that it was

then that she formulated her relationship with God. On one occasion during church service, before the offering collection occurred, she thought of all those in pain and helpless situations. Saddened by not having anything to offer, Carmencita knew the power of prayer could manifest the help she couldn't give. So in desperation, she squeezed her eyes shut, put her hands together in prayer, and made a request to the Lord.

"Father God, thank you for everything, and thank you for your love. I want to ask you something great, my God. Would you please help me be able to help those unfortunate ones? Would you mind helping me with something to offer the basket to reach those in need—the homeless, poor, sick, disabled, and those with hunger? Please, God, help me be able to help. Amen"

Upon opening her eyes, she saw something placed on the platform where she was on her knees. She saw a shiny penny! With great joy, Carmencita picked up the penny and waited for the offering basket. As it made its way toward her, she extended her tiny hand towards the basket and let the penny fall into the basket with great kindness and humility. This continued weekly until her young mind thought it would be okay to buy candy with the penny instead of offering it to the needy. She noticed her human error the following week when the penny didn't appear after her prayer. She acknowledged her mistake and asked God for forgiveness. Although the penny never appeared again, God assured Carmencita that he would listen to her requests and send her help according to her supplications, no matter the circumstances. Carmen testified to the great relationship she had with God. She said that Papa Dios listens to our heart, our pain, our glorification of him, our joys, our requests, and also our last breath.

Let us carry Doña Carmen's memory in our hearts through acts of kindness and humility. For even in her final days, she never once prayed for herself. Instead, she prayed for the safekeeping of her family, friends, and the hospital staff, helping those in need.

May her soul rest in that great peace which only the love of the Almighty can give.



Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Old Testament New Testament

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Reflections

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment September 4, 2021 Woodlawn Cemetery Bronx, New York

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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