



Maria M. Candelario

September 8, 1933 - March 23, 2022

Maria M. Candelario, 88, of Wilmington, DE, went home to be with the Lord surrounded by her loving family on March 23, 2022.

Family was everything to her. She was a loving mom, grandmother, aunt and friend to many. She was a faithful catholic and would do the rosary with her daughter, Enid. Mrs. Candelario was a great cook and loved family get-togethers, especially around the holidays. She enjoyed listening to music and dancing. Her favorite color was red. The highlight of her year was going to Puerto Rico for four months.

She is survived by her children: Enid (Papo) Ortiz, Cecilio (Nora) Candelario, Jr., Nelson (Carmen) Candelario, Orlando (Ceci) Candelario, Wilmary Candelario, and Minerba Andrades; 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecilio Candelario, Sr.; parents, Ricardo and Carmen Torres; and siblings: Luis Torres, Miguel Torres, Confesor Torres, and Ricardo Torres.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Monday, April 11, 2022, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702, where the funeral service will take place at 12 PM. Interment will follow at the Delaware Veterans Memorial

Cemetery in Bear. The family suggests that guests wear something red in honor of Maria. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Life Center, 1072 Justison St, Wilmington, DE 19801. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE 19701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
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Service

APR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember when Maria Candelario visited our church Cathedral of New Beginning on numerous occasions. She would say how pretty I was in Spanish although I did not speak Spanish her eyes spoke for her. She would look at me fondly and lovingly and I felt it. It was an honor and privilege knowing her.

Diane Byrd - April 11, 2022 at 08:42 AM

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“ Jami Anderson said, “Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go.”

I feel that this is a great way to describe the sadness and loss we all feel as we grieve Mami. She was the matriarch of our family and in many ways was the glue that held us together. One thing she loved was her family. I can remember her smile and laugh when the family would get together for the holidays and other occasions.

I can't speak for anyone else but for me, having Mami around always brought me a sense of comfort. When I was sick, she would always have a sobito ready for me. She would rub the small of my back and sing to me. She would walk me to my bus stop in the morning and be there waiting for me after school. She always had dinner ready when we got home from school. I can remember sitting around her dining room table with Jaci and Barbie, watching TV and eating dinner. I remember us being shushed when Walter Mercado came on. There are too many memories to recount here but I can honestly say I will cherish every single one.

I think back at my childhood and even as I became an adult and am so thankful to have had Mami in my life. She was a second mother to me and as I look at the relationship I had with her, I can only hope to one day have that with my future grandchildren. Mami was certainly our rock and she will be forever missed. I love you forever Mi Linda.

Vicky Vargas - April 10, 2022 at 05:21 PM

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“ *Carmen Torres purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Maria M. Candelario.*



Carmen Torres - April 08, 2022 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Very nice lady. Was strong and determined. Blessings to her and the family*

Narcisa Cruz - March 27, 2022 at 08:45 AM