



Maritza Audiffred

October 10, 1963 - November 5, 2023

Maritza Audiffred (AKA, Happy Dwarf), age 60, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 5, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Maritza was born on October 10, 1963, in Humacao, Puerto Rico to the late Petra Silva Audiffred and Narciso Audiffred. She was brought to Delaware at a young age where she attended school and graduated from Glasgow High School. Maritza worked for New Castle County Head Start for 32 years. She started as a Teacher's Assistant and worked her way to a Family Services Worker. She enjoyed her job and working with her coworkers, the kids at the Head Start, and the families.

Maritza enjoyed spending time with her family, especially during football season and the holidays. The Seahawks were her favorite team. She loved going to the casinos; in earlier years, she would go with her father to Atlantic City and Delaware Park. Maritza loved going on vacation trips to Virginia Beach. She cherished every moment she'd spend with her children, grandchildren, and family loved ones. Maritza got the nickname "Happy Dwarf" when she and six of her family members planned a day to go get tattoos of one of the seven Dwarfs. She was a happy person and when she got together with her family, it was always laughs and enjoyment.

Maritza was preceded in death by her parents, Petra and Narciso Audiffred;

and her brothers: Wilfredo (Freddy) Audiffred, David Audiffred, and Johnny Audiffred. She is survived by her sons: David Silva (Heather), Roberto Silva, and Luis Silva, Jr (Rose); her daughter, Jennifer Silva; grandsons: Luis Silva III, Kirell Hayman, and Kole Jacob Silva; her sisters: Daisy Lopez (Rubin), Maria Rivera (Felix), and Gladys Audiffred; 6 nephews, and 4 nieces.

A visitation will be held Monday, November 13, 2023, from 9:30-11:00 AM at Strano & Feeley Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service at 11:00 AM. A burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19808. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

6001 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19808

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maritza Audiffred.* ”



November 13, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ *I well never forget your warm smiles, God has truly gained an angel. Sleep in him my beloved friend.* ”



Melva Jackson - November 12, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Melva Jackson lit a candle in memory of Maritza Audiffred* ”



Melva Jackson - November 12, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Maritza was my buddy when I worked at Head Start. We always shared a laugh and hug when we saw each other. She truly exuded kindness. I will miss her. So sorry for the family's great loss.* ”

Eileen Moyer - November 11, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maritza Audiffred.*



November 10, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *To The Family
May God Strengthen You During This Difficult
Time. Heaven Has Gained An Angel 🙏
REST IN POWER Maritza 💕💕*



Linda L. Marks - November 09, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *dan west lit a candle in memory of Maritza
Audiffred*



dan west - November 09, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Maritza was a pleasure to work with. We met
at NCCHS in 2010 and she was instrumental
in my success as a supervisor. I called her
Mommacita and am very grateful to have
shared many moments with her. She will truly
be missed.*



Jaquaya Thomas - November 08, 2023 at 07:22 PM

MC

“ *Maritza and I called each other Sunshine. She was a Beacon Of Light for her New Castle County Head Start Family, Children & Parents that attended our program. To Say she will be missed is an Understatement! Prayers & Blessings Always!*



Mabel Cole - November 08, 2023 at 02:06 PM

NS

“ *NCC Head Start Board & Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maritza Audiffred.*

NCC Head Start Board & Staff - November 08, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Maritza Audiffred.*



November 08, 2023 at 12:38 PM

NR

“ *NORMA RAMIREZ lit a candle in memory of Maritza Audiffred*



NORMA RAMIREZ - November 08, 2023 at 12:35 PM

DT

I will forever miss my friend. Memories will last forever!

Diane Taylor - November 12, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maritza Audiffred.*



November 08, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maritza Audiffred.*



November 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM