



Sylvia Fontanez

OCT 27, 1947 - FEB 1, 2025

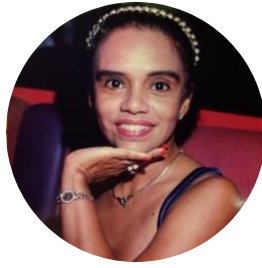


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The Celebration of Life service is to honor Sylvia's life.

Sylvia Fontanez, born October 27, 1947, in Manhattan, NY, was sent to her eternal resting place on February 1st, 2025, in Lawrenceville, Ga surrounded by loved ones.

Sylvia was affectionately known as wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a shining light to the family. She was kind and loving. She loved being around the kids, laughing and loving on them. She loved to talk and get to know others. She was a hard worker, who loved her family who passed down grit, courage, and a strong sense of family values that had always been displayed throughout the whole family.

She is survived by her husband Mario Fontanez Sr, her two children Melissa Session (Fontanez), Mario Fontanez Jr, her son in law Jarrett Session, Lily and Robert Rispoli (family friends who are like a daughter and son to her).

Sylvia is survived by her sisters Mildred Cookson, and Lydia Fuentes. She is preceded in death by her mother Lydia Rivera Gerena, father Juan Fuentes, her stepfather Carlos Enrique Rivera, her sister Sonia Geigel and brother Frankie Fuentes.

She had six Grandchildren Summer Guido, Justin Guido, Brandon Guido, Vanessa Buckles, Christine Rispoli and William Rispoli. She had five great grandchildren Lilliana Guido, Griffin Guido, Iris Herlache, Milo Brown and Luna Baggallay.

Married with family and all, Sylvia wanted to continue her education. She went to Miami Dade College for Business Administration and received her Bachelor's Degree.



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Her journey on this earth was marked through love, faith and compassion. Sylvia loved attending church at 316 Fellowship in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Sylvia was a dynamic fashionista in her own right. She loved a good outfit and often went shopping. She also loved concerts, and she told multiple stories of going to see Micheal Jackson, Gloria Estefan, Cecilia Cruz and many others. She loved music and dancing and was known to frequent dance clubs, cabaret and being the life of the party at family gatherings. She also loved a good book. She would read three to four at a time. She loved to travel, to name a few, London, Paris and many other places.

She is a foodie and had an avid sweet tooth. She didn't pass on a good dessert and delicious cuisine.

Sylvia will be missed by her loved ones and even though she is gone her light and memory will continue to live on through many.

Romans 14:8

If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord".



Events

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Celebration of Life Service

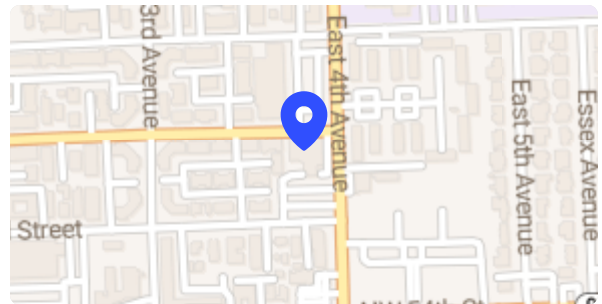
Thursday, February 27, 2025

4:30 PM - 10:30 PM ET

Memorial Plan San José - Ferdinand Funeral Home

250 E 4th Ave, Hialeah FL 33010

If you would like to send the family flowers, please contact Bella Flor Flowers 305-557-1117.



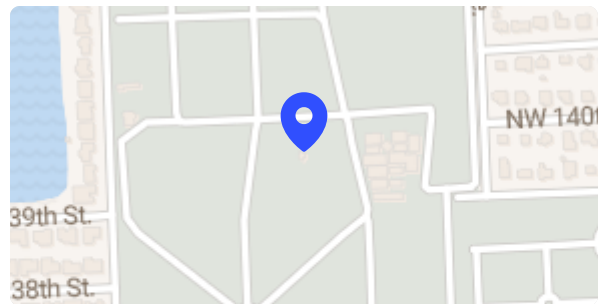
Burial

Friday, February 28, 2025

12:00 PM ET

Caballero Rivero Dade North

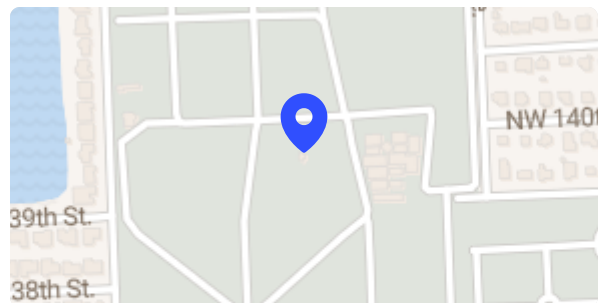
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Cemetery Details

Caballero Rivero Dade North

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Tribute Wall

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Lily Rispoli shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 27 at 5:59 PM



Lizbeth Delvecchio lit a candle in honor of Sylvia.

I have too many memories of her that I've been sifting through. From going to the mall, to eating the food she cooked, to just sitting around the living room with the rest of the family and laughing. Sylvia treated me like one of her own. I remember walking in with summer one day and asking for her name so I could properly address her and she said "I'm grandma" from then on, I just called her grandma. She was a strong woman, she was feisty, she had an amazing sense of humor and she loved everyone in her family, in addition to those who her family loved unconditionally. Her light was so bright that even though her physical presence isn't here with us, its warmth can still be felt. I love you guys and I'm so sorry for this immeasurable loss. I will miss you grandma fontanez ❤️



February 27 at 10:45 AM



Lily Rispoli lit a candle in honor of Sylvia.



February 27 at 7:00 AM



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Mom at Luna's first birthday.



February 27 at 6:59 AM



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Lily Rispoli posted:

Wow, I consider myself pretty lucky. To have two Mom's in my life. My second Mom was one of the best. Since the day, I walked in to Melissa's house, Mom and Pop welcome me with open arms. She was my other mom. We just lost her recently. We would spend so much time just being FRIENDS. She was kind, thoughtful, understanding, and caring. She did things with the best of intentions, always. She had her own children however she kept me and my children right in there, like we belonged and had been part of her family forever. She referred to my children as her own grandchildren and my granddaughter as her great granddaughter as well. She never met a stranger. She never judged anyone. I am crushed. Absolutely and abundantly heartbroken. All I keep thinking mom, how soon we lost you, how it's too early, how much I wanna run to my sis's house and see you sitting there. Giving me warm hugs and kisses. How As soon as I got there, you asked me what am I going to cook for you. Those are the memories that I'm going to hold close to my heart. I'm going to always have you close to me always keep you in my heart and thoughts. You would never be forgotten. I love you Mom. Your other daughter Lily

February 27 at 6:54 AM



Lily Rispoli sent a virtual gift in honor of Sylvia.

Love you always

February 27 at 6:41 AM



Lucie Miles sent a virtual gift in honor of Sylvia.

Mama Sylvia was truly a ray of sunshine, a beacon of joy that lit up every room she entered. Her infectious laughter and warm hugs were a food for the soul, wrapping around you like a comforting embrace that made everything feel just a bit brighter. Reflecting on her life, it's clear that she was more than just a joyful presence; she was a formidable force, one whose spirit could not be dimmed. Her unwavering positivity and strength were evident in the magnificent daughter she raised, Melissa, and her dear sister friend, Libby. Together, they carry the essence of her kindness and resilience. The love that Mama Sylvia poured into them is a testament to her character, a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her. As we gather our memories of her, let us not only mourn the absence of her beautiful smile but also celebrate the impact she had on our lives. In honoring her, we affirm that her spirit will live on in each hug, in every shared laugh, and in the bonds of love she fostered. Let's cherish the lessons she taught us and carry her light forward, ensuring that the warmth of Mama Sylvia's love continues to shine bright in our hearts and our community. She may be missed, but her joy will forever resonate within each of us. Miles Land @316

February 22 at 8:01 PM





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Summer Guido shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

One of my favorite memories. Another chill afternoon with my grandparents.

February 22 at 8:05 PM



Summer Guido lit a candle in honor of Sylvia.

Grandma loved watching Saturday morning cartoons with us grandkids.-Summer Guido

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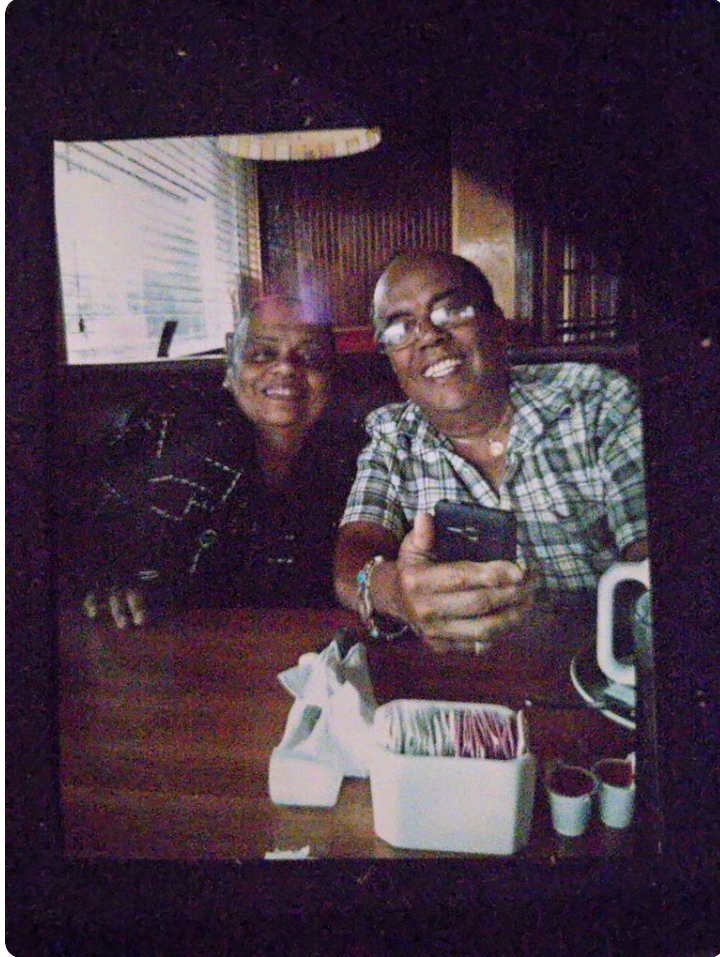
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sylvia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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