



Carmen Hernandez

July 25, 1936 - October 12, 2025

Carmen Hernandez, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away on October 12, 2025, at the age of 89. Born in Moca, Puerto Rico, on July 25, 1936, Carmen lived an incredibly loved life by all who knew her.

At the very young age of 13, she left her home in Puerto Rico for New York City, leaving behind her mother and many of her fifteen siblings – to provide financial support for them. There, she worked for a few years, then moved to Chicago and was married to Santiago Mendez at the age of sixteen. She soon had children Doris, Lyris, Daisy and Santiago. She divorced after fifteen years and raised her four children by herself. She tirelessly worked multiple jobs to support her children. She retired from Nabisco after 30 years of employment. Carmen is survived by her four children, Doris, Lyris Daisy and Santiago. She also leaves grandchildren Edwin, Enrique, Keith, Esteban, Erik, Alex, Emanuel and Miranda. And also, three incredible great grandchildren, Greyson, Hunter and Kaia.

She was an especially beloved mother-in-law to Christopher, Ruben and William.

A Memorial Visitation in Celebration of Carmen's life will be held at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem) on Sunday October 19, 2025 from 12 Noon until 4 PM with a Service at 3 PM.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Visitation

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
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Memorial Service

OCT **19**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ Rosa Cerda and our Family purchased the "Sending You an Angel" Statue Candle Holder with LED Candle to Express Sympathy for the family of Carmen Hernandez.



Rosa Cerda and our Family - October 19, 2025 at 04:51 PM

TF

“ The Diipla Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Hernandez.

The Diipla Family - October 18, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carmen Hernandez.



October 18, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carmen Hernandez.



October 17, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carmen Hernandez.



October 17, 2025 at 02:10 AM



“ From The Young Family with Love planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Hernandez.

From The Young Family with Love - October 17, 2025 at 02:10 AM



“ Que descanse en Paz!!!🕊️ Tu sobrina Noly e hijos!!!

Israel Matías González - October 16, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carmen Hernandez.



October 16, 2025 at 06:13 PM

KF

“ Kike, Diany and Gonzalez Hernandez Fam. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carmen Hernandez.



Kike, Diany and Gonzalez Hernandez Fam. - October 16, 2025
at 05:49 PM

RH

“ Rosa H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Hernandez.

Rosa H. - October 14, 2025 at 01:01 PM

CH

“ Cynthia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Hernandez.

Cynthia H. - October 14, 2025 at 12:27 PM

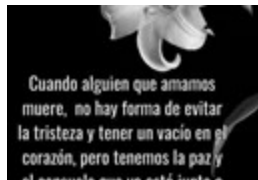
CH

“ I have such respect and admiration for Carmen.. she was always so thoughtful and sweet to me and my family.. always smiling..She had a good heart! To watch her family's undying devotion to her was really admirable! Spread your wings up in heaven, Carmen..Rest in Peace

Cindie Herrejon - October 14, 2025 at 12:20 PM

EM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Emily - October 14, 2025 at 12:04 PM

AD

It's a beautiful photo of her. We extend our condolences. Peace be with you. Adela &F

Adela - October 23, 2025 at 10:12 PM