



## Mercedes Luque-Rosales

February 4, 1962 - April 15, 2018

Mercedes Luque-Rosales, Esq. Beloved and Cherished Daughter of the late Luis and Evangelina nee Cuentras, Luque-Rosales. Loving Sister of Dr. Carmen (Dr. Erik) Nelson and Luis Luque-Rosales C.P.D. Dear Aunt of Matthew, Andrew and Katherine Nelson. Mercedes was a Prosecutor for the Cook County States Attorney's Office for the past 29 years. Funeral Thursday April 19, 2018 at 9:30 AM from FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just West of Harlem) to Our Lady of the Snows Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday April 18, 2018 from 3 PM to 9 PM. For information 708-458-0208.

### Mercedes Accomplishments

#### Educational Background:

Creighton University School of Law-Omaha, Nebraska Juris Doctor - May, 1988

Patricia Roberts Harris Fellow - 3 Years

Jessup Team Member 1987, Captain 1988

International Moot Court Competition - First Place

Loyola University - Chicago, IL Bachelor of Arts - May 1985

History Major

#### Professional Experiences:

Cook County States Attorneys' Office, Chicago Illinois

Chief, Juvenile Justice Division - March 2017 to January 2018

Felony Trial Specialist - March 2010 to March 2017

Chief, Narcotics Prosecution Bureau - January 2009 to March 2010

Supervisor Branch 66 Homicide/Sex Unit - March 2003 to January 2005

Supervisor Branch 48 Preliminary Hearing - September 2000 to March 2003

Felony Trial Assistant - February 1994 to September 2000 (First Chair 1997)

Narcotics Prosecution Bureau Night Narcotics Unit - July 1993 to February 1994

Preliminary Hearings Unit - September 1992 to July 1993

Felony Review Unit - October 1991 to September 1992

Juvenile Court Division - March 1990 to October 1991

Criminal Appeals Division - May 1989 to March 1990

Community/Civic Activities and Honors:

Inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) - 2016

Substitute Greater for the Illinois Bar Examination - Summer of 2017

Elected National President of the National Hispanic Prosecutors' Association 2011 -2012

Make-A-Wish Foundation - Wish Granter 2001 to Feb. 2014 (10 Yr. Recognition Pin-2011)

HLAI Holiday Food Basket Committee - 2000 to 2006, and 2008 to 2018 (Chairperson 2000 and 2001)

"What Teens Should Know" - A drug prevention program for High School Students 2007-2010

Magistrate Judge Selection Committee - Northern District of Illinois 2007

JD Mentors-Mentor of the Year 2006

Hispanic Lawyers' Association of Illinois - "Aguila" Award 2015 and 2005 - Presidents Award 2002

# Cemetery Details

## Queen of Heaven Cemetery

1400 S. Wolf Road  
Hillside, IL 60162

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **18**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
7300 West Archer Ave  
Summit, IL 60501  
(708) 458-0208  
[contactus@foranfuneralhome.com](mailto:contactus@foranfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

## Prayers

APR **19**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass

APR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of the Snows Church  
4810 S. Leamington Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638

# Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mercedes Luque-Rosales*



**Foran Funeral Home** - April 17, 2018 at 06:38 PM

MP

*My sincere condolences to the Luque-Rosales. May the Lord grant you peace that surpasses all understanding. May she Rest In Peace. Will cherish the memories of our friendship.  
Merari Perez, Orlando,FL*

**Merari Perez** - April 17, 2018 at 07:29 PM

SC

*Some people make an impression in the short time you meet. Nearly 25 years ago, I had the pleasure of working with Mercedes; she as the felony review assistant state's attorney, me as the arresting officer. I remember her as if it was yesterday. She was friendly and so very intelligent. I told her she needed to be in the trial courts where her knowledge of the law would be best put to use. I have dealt with many Assistant State's Attorneys in my career and she was the best! We have suffered a great loss. May the memories of your loved one help you through this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Retired Detective Susan Castro*

**Susan Castro** - April 18, 2018 at 03:21 PM

PB

*My condolences to you. My prayers are with you. Mercedes was wonderful woman. She and I both worked at the States' Attorneys Office. She was a phenomenal attorney. She will be missed. Judge Patrice Ball-Reed*

**Patrice Ball-Reed** - April 18, 2018 at 03:38 PM

AS

*With deepest condolences. Mercedes was a truly great person. A kind and generous soul. I had the pleasure of working with her on several of my homicide cases. She will be missed. I pray for her soul and her family. May she rest in Paradise.*

*Allen Szudarski*

*Retired homicide detective, Chicago*

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**Allen Szudarski** - April 18, 2018 at 07:16 PM



Claudia  
Silva

*A beautiful tribute. RIP Mercy.*

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**Claudia Silva** - April 18, 2018 at 10:42 PM

CG

*The news of Mercy's passing saddens me deeply. We met when she worked with Loyola's Project Upward Bound. Through her wit, confidence and encouragement she helped many students build their own confidence. Thank you Mercy for all you gave to so many. To Luis, Carmen and the entire Luque-Rosales Family, may fond memories comfort and sustain you now and always.*

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**Charlene Guss** - April 19, 2018 at 01:15 AM

MA

*What a beautiful tribute.... I had the pleasure of working with Mercedes when she was our courtroom ASA. I was the clerk and we had so many fun times in that courtroom. I was very saddened to hear of her passing.*

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**Mary Annerino** - April 30, 2018 at 10:12 AM

RJ

“ Rudy Puente Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mercedes Luque-Rosales



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**Rudy puente jr** - June 03, 2018 at 11:34 AM

RJ

*My dear friends  
Our hearts are broken  
I was looking for your sister  
And Luis we been looking for you  
To see how's everyone' is doing  
I need to talk to her because of criminal activity in our block  
And upon doing so I find this sad message in the internet  
Our heart are broken to find this out  
How is your mother doing and Luis  
Doing please reach me my mother is ill too , what sad news we just  
received my number is 630 486 6288  
My email is puenterydy2@gmail.com  
If you call please leave me your messages and phone number or text  
me please Carmen our heart go to you God has your Sister in heaven  
Your friends and old neighbor  
Rudy puente jr*

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**Rudy puente jr** - June 03, 2018 at 11:42 AM

YN

“ *Deeply saddened by this loss, I send my deepest condolences to the Luque-Rosales Family, especially to Mercy's mom and her sister Carmen. I have beloved memories of our time a Lowell School. Mercy's mom was kind, generous and encouraging to me. Carmen was a true blue friend. Mercy was a happy, confident, and a true light in the world. I am grateful to have known Mercy. She extended her deepest support when my late husband passed away over four years ago. The world will be different without her. Dear Luque-Rosales Family-my prayers are with you. -Dr. Yolanda Santiago-Nieves*

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**Yolanda Nieves** - April 23, 2018 at 11:01 PM

AS

“ Allen Szudarski lit a candle in memory of Mercedes Luque-Rosales



Allen Szudarski - April 18, 2018 at 05:34 PM

MH

“ Merle Shearer, Dianne McCollough, and Lewis Hu, purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



Merle Shearer, Dianne McCollough, and Lewis Hu, - April 18, 2018 at 12:19 PM

JC

“ Jeanne Bischoff and Ginny Bigane ( Former Colleagues) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



Jeanne Bischoff and Ginny Bigane ( Former Colleagues) - April 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



April 18, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.*



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April 18, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Granados & Perez Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.*



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**Granados & Perez Family** - April 18, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *Pam, Mary, Alexa, Donna and Kay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.*

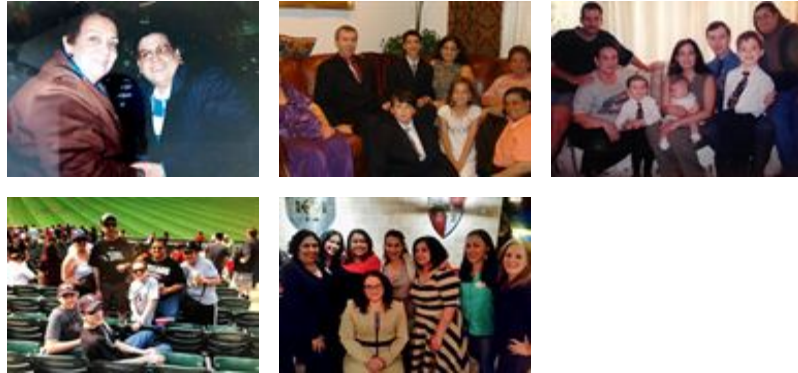


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**Pam, Mary, Alexa, Donna and Kay** - April 17, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Foran Funeral Home** - April 17, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



April 17, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *ISBA's Women & the Law Committee* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



**ISBA's Women & the Law Committee** - April 17, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



April 17, 2018 at 01:40 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



April 17, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family for your loss.*

*Working at the 26th St. Criminal Courthouse as an official court reporter, I had the honor and pleasure of reporting motions and trials that Mercedes chaired or performed solo, and I can say without a doubt she was the best of the best. She will be missed.*

*Kathie Kerns  
Official Court Reporter*



**Kathie Kerns, OCR** - April 17, 2018 at 12:59 PM

KC

“ Mercy was a wonderful person and an even better friend. She gave her all to anyone she ever met. Her heart was full & she gave freely. I will miss you so very much my friend. I know you will find peace in heaven & you will be given back what you have given of yourself for so long. I will see you again & we will continue to ponder the mysteries of life - hopefully with better results. You and your family will always be in my prayers. REST IN PEACE lovely Mercedes. With love, Krissie

Krissie Cote - April 17, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.



April 17, 2018 at 08:36 AM

CC

“ At 26th street, when I was in Financial Crimes & needed immediate advice from a first chair in prosecuting a case, Mercy was my “go to” person. She gave me her precious time & wisdom without hesitation. I will never forget her generosity & professionalism. Carol Chavez

Carol Chavez - April 16, 2018 at 11:01 PM

LM

“ Mercy was a superb human being and i am blessed to have known her for many years. We were best of friends and shall continue to be until we see each other again. I will miss you greatly my friend. Leticia.

Leticia Magdaleno - April 16, 2018 at 10:22 PM

SA

*I will always remember our rides to Loyola with Mercy in her old Nova. We had so much fun... May God rest your soul Mercy.....Sandra*

SandraToro - April 18, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.*



April 16, 2018 at 10:12 PM

AB

“ *I worked with Mercedes at Juvenile court and 26th and California. She was one of my first friends at Jucenile. I was the PD and she was the State. We were serious in court and laughef outside of court. She was a fun lady and will be missed.*

Ann Buran-Vongher - April 16, 2018 at 09:48 PM

EM

“ *Evelio Mora purchased the Sentiments of Serenit y Spray for the family of Mercedes Luque-Rosales.*



Evelio Mora - April 16, 2018 at 09:34 PM

RS

“Mercy was one of the first lawyers I met while in law school. She took the time out of her busy schedule to help me and students learn how to brief a case and how to navigate law school. She was a dedicated Cook County Assistant States Attorney and also very active in the community. Despite us being in “opposite sides” in the courtroom she always supported me in my career and aspirations. She was a role model and mentor to many of us. Although she is no longer with us physically she will live on in our thoughts .



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**Rosa Maria Silva** - April 16, 2018 at 08:41 PM

SB

“I had the privilege to call Mercy my friend, but many years ago, when I was a rookie lawyer, she was also my mentor. She has continued to mentor me throughout my career. More than 20 years ago, Mercy told me that as a prosecutor, I wore the white hat. I represented all the people of the State of Illinois, including the defendant I was prosecuting, and I had to ensure that his or her rights were protected. Her advice has served me well through my career. Mercy was a terrific lawyer, and an even better mentor and friend. She will be deeply missed!

*Sandy Blake*

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**Sandy Blake** - April 16, 2018 at 06:00 PM