



Ana Celia Ortiz

April 2, 2025

Ana Celia Ortiz, aged 84, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Lancaster Nursing and Rehabilitation. Born in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, she was the cherished daughter of the late Juan Ortiz and María Antonia Acevedo.

A devoted member of San Juan Bautista Catholic Church, Ana lived a life defined by faith, kindness, and service. She welcomed parishioners warmly in her role as a greeter, lent her voice to the church choir, and brought comfort to the ill through her visits. She also served in the ministry of communion, embodying the values of her faith with grace and humility.

Ana dedicated her professional life to the School District of Lancaster until her retirement. Beyond her work, she cherished family above all else, delighting in every opportunity to gather with her loved ones. Known affectionately as "Ana Banana," she had a gift for bringing people together with her delicious cooking, a legacy that will live on through the many treasured memories her family holds dear.

Her sparkling personality, expressed through her whistle, humming, and singing, brought joy to every space she entered. Ana was known for her impeccable style, her nails and hair always perfectly attended to, a reflection of her vibrant spirit. She found simple joy in her mornings of coffee, cheese, and bread, and savored time spent playing dominoes and cards.

Ana's life was a testament to love, resilience, and faith. She is survived by her children, Ana Sierra, Hilda Sierra, Sandra Sierra, Marie Hernández, Juan Umpierre, and Angie Morales; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; her sisters María Ortiz and Virginia Colon; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents as well as her brother and two sisters.

The family extends an invitation to all whose lives Ana touched to join in celebrating her life. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 11 a.m. at The Groffs

Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA. The family will receive guests beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery, 1916 Lincoln Highway East Lancaster, PA 17602.

Cemetery Details

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Tribute Wall

VA

“ *im so sorry i didnt no she passed,i remember her from living in hillrise apartments.i lived upstairs she lived down stairs.such a sweet lady always smiling.continue resting in pariadise*

valerie - January 13 at 05:15 PM



“ *She was a lovely person she treat me like a granddaughter I love you I'm going miss you*



Natalie Acevedo Morales - April 13, 2025 at 10:50 PM

JW

“ *To Angie and Jada, Miss Ana was a mentor to me at Lancaster Daycare. I loved her dearly and learned many things from her. I'm so sorry for your loss. Miss Jennifer Wilson*

Jennifer Wilson - April 08, 2025 at 03:03 PM

AB

“ *There are no words to express the magnitude of my gratitude and the joy to work with Ana each day. There is no one in this world like your mother. She was a special person, and she will always be with you. I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you're feeling. I am praying for your peace and comfort.*

April Bytof, Social Worker at LNR



April Bytof - April 08, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CW

“ *Christopher B. Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ana Celia Ortiz.*

Christopher B. Walker - April 08, 2025 at 09:38 AM

CW

“ Christopher B. Walker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ana Celia Ortiz.



Christopher B. Walker - April 08, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ana Celia Ortiz.



April 08, 2025 at 09:28 AM

SS

“ Momma I love you so much.



Sandra Sierra - April 05, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SS

Momma I love you so much

Sandra Sierra - April 05, 2025 at 08:28 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandra Sierra - April 05, 2025 at 08:07 AM

SS

I will forever Love you Mama.

Sandra Sierra - April 05, 2025 at 08:15 AM

AM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Angie Morales - April 05, 2025 at 07:29 AM

MH

“ You are my flower forever. I love you mom! 🌸



Marie Hernandez - April 04, 2025 at 11:18 PM

SM

“ I love you forever my buenamosa. 💕💕



Sylvia McMillon - April 04, 2025 at 07:50 PM

MI

“ Marlon JaQuan McBride II planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ana Celia Ortiz.

Marlon JaQuan McBride II - April 04, 2025 at 06:40 PM

MI

“ Marlon JaQuan McBride II purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ana Celia Ortiz.



Marlon JaQuan McBride II - April 04, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ana Celia Ortiz.

April 04, 2025 at 05:43 PM