



## Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes

February 14, 2019

Jose Ramon Montes, 59, and Lydia Maria Montes, 59, of Lancaster, PA perished in a fire at their home on Thursday, February 14, 2019.

Jose was born in Utuado, PR, son of the late Miguel and Francisca (Candelaria) Montes. He was most recently employed at Packaging Corporation of America as a Press Operator. Those closest to him knew him as Joe. He was an avid sports fan who loved to root for the New York Yankees and New York Giants. Some of his favorite pastimes were golfing and fishing. No matter the occasion, music and most importantly family were his joy.

He is survived by ten siblings; Hector Rodriguez, Anibal Rivera, Raymond Rodriguez, Gloria Adorno, Juan Adorno, Luz Valentin, Hilda Solis, Miguel A. Montes, Raymond Montes, and Carmen Enid Montes; and preceded in death by two siblings: Luis A. Montes and Sandra Montes; and one grandson: Christopher Carey Jr.

Lydia was born in Hoboken, NJ, daughter of Marcola (Martinez) Rivera and the late Pedro Rivera. She retired from The School District of Lancaster where she worked at Lincoln Middle School as a Cafeteria Manager. Close family and friends knew her as Lilly. Her passion for cooking was second only to family. Bingo, movies, and game shows were some of her favorite pastimes. She was beautiful inside and out.

She is survived by four siblings: Madeline Martinez, Rosie Montes, Pedro Rivera, and Brenda Santiago; and preceded in death by two siblings: Nelsa Martinez, Pedro Rivera Jr.; and one grandson: Christopher Carey Jr.

Surviving the couple are their daughters, Jessenia I. Montes, Yashira Ashby (Toby), Jennifer Montes (Chris, Sr.), and five grandchildren: Toby Jr, Devon, Jaelynn, Jordan and Javon.

Joe and Lilly met in Hoboken NJ in 1980, and it was love at first sight. They were the epitome of "in sickness and in health; until death do us part." Their shared interests were music and dancing. They frequently enjoyed returning to Hoboken to relive their glory days. Her compassion was a perfect compliment to his sense of humor. A mother and father to many, they were a timeless example of how to be humble, gracious and loving.

Their presence we'll miss; their memories we'll treasure; loving them always; forgetting them never.

# Cemetery Details

## Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East  
Greenfield Road  
Lancaster, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
admin@thegroffs.com  
<https://thegroffs.com/>

## Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

San Juan Bautista Church  
425 South Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Montes Family,  
I would like to express my deepest  
Sympathy on the loss of Jose And Lydia. I  
worked with Jose at Star Forms  
For a long time. He was a special man and a  
great co worker and I know he and Lydia will be missed by all. My  
thoughts and prayers are with you.*



**Robert Adkins** - February 22, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Praying for the Montes! May God give the  
family peace and comfort during this difficult  
time. May the Lord rejoice Jose and Lydia  
thru the gates of heaven. To the 3 beautiful  
daughters-may God hold you during this  
difficult time of pain and suffering. May you always feel your parents  
love and may all the memories be with you at all times.*



*Josefa (Delgado) Hernandez*

**Josefa** - February 21, 2019 at 10:09 AM

JU

“ We here at CVS have shared many memories with the Montez family. Their kindness, their smile, their patients was just a few of the many memories that they have left us with. You both will be forever missed but always remembered. May God be with the family in this time where they need him the most.



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**Julia** - February 21, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket* was purchased for the family of Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes.



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February 20, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes.



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February 19, 2019 at 11:47 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes.



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February 19, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes.



February 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Ande Colon

“ Ande Colon lit a candle in memory of Jose Ramon Montes and Lydia Maria Montes



Ande Colon - February 18, 2019 at 11:57 PM

RW

“ I am Ricky Winner. I worked with Jose at Star Forms. He was a great helper and someone I could really count on. We worked together alot and were good friends.



Ricky A Winner - February 18, 2019 at 08:25 PM

Ande Colon

I've known the couple and family for almost 18 yrs. I share a grandson with Lydia sister (Nelsa) now deceased 🙏 I always remember Jose&Lydia as inseparable💕 this is a love story that continues after Feb. 14th💕 Valentines Day🥰🥰. To the fam. and those 3 daughters well raised lots of prayers 🙏🙏 remember to always keep them as good examples. You got 2 🥰🥰 watching over y'all. Amen

Ande Colon - February 18, 2019 at 11:48 PM

BS

“ Since im the youngest out of seven, my sister Lilly used to always call me her baby. She would tell me stories about when she used to take me for a stroll people always thought I was her own. Joe and Lilly were the life of a party. They knew how to get everyone up and dancing. Their love and compassion for everyone was infinite. They always had said "their doors are open to everyone" and that it sure was. They will be deeply missed and forever in my heart. Thank you for your unconditional love Joe and Lilly. I love you. Till we meet again.

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**Brenda Santiago** - February 18, 2019 at 08:10 PM