



Miss Norma Iris Rivera

January 20, 2021

Miss Norma Iris Rivera of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of the late Arcadio Mendez Rivera and Paula Astacio. Norma and her parents moved to Lancaster when she was two years old. She was a Special Education graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School.

Norma won the hearts of all who were so lucky to have met and known her. She loved collecting teddy bears, going to Columbia Senior Center, Trivia, bingo, crafts, and shopping with her caregivers. Norma attended First Spanish Assembly of God in Lancaster where she was dedicated to God in 1957 in the original Church on Farnum Street in Lancaster. She was very proud of her Puerto Rican Taino heritage. Norma was a very faithful servant to God.

She is survived by her siblings, Ramona R. Navedo (Wilfredo) of Lancaster, Elena R. Martinez (Heriberto) of Allentown, PA, Rhoda R. Martinez (Gustavo) of Lancaster, and Jacob Rivera (Marilyn) of Georgia, and many nieces and nephews. She was a special Aunt to Mary L. Rios with whom she resided and loved from 2006 to 2019.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Heriberto Rivera.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster PA 17603. Friends are welcome to greet the family at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will immediately follow at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery on Lincoln Highway East.

A live broadcast of Norma's funeral service will be available at 11:00 am on Saturday, please click on the link to view. <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/69136952>

Norma's Graveside service will be live streamed as well at 12:00 noon on Saturday, please click on the link to view. <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/51693662>

The family would like to give special thanks to AGAPE CARE of Lancaster for their many years of service. Special thanks to Nancy Farmer Greener and Kathleen Keeny Fathkenher and all of her caregivers.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Burial

JAN **23**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery
Lincoln Hwy East
Greenfield Road
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Norma Iris Rivera*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My condolences go out to all the Rivera family. Norma, was a beautiful person inside and out I will never forget her beautiful smile. She will be gone but never forgotten. She will always be in our hearts and mind. May you rest in peace.* 🌹🌸🌺

Irma Rivera - January 23, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *I quite enjoyed Norma in her commercial television debut. Even though I didn't know her personally you could just tell that she had a sweet fun loving spirit about her. So sorry to her family during this most difficult time. Many thoughts and prayers are with you*

Norma's Fan - January 22, 2021 at 10:27 PM



Thank you so much. As eldest sister with whom she lived she will be so missed

Ramona Rivera Navedo - January 23, 2021 at 07:28 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Miss Norma Iris Rivera.*



January 22, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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“ I admired her positive outlook on life, and her unchanging faith in the Lord. May she rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Until we meet again.
Love Sis,

Elena Martinez(Hellen) - January 22, 2021 at 11:50 AM



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January 21, 2021 at 08:31 PM

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“ Norma was a much loved member of the Columbia Senior Center. She enjoyed games on her IPad, dancing to our music programs, playing bingo (and especially winning a prize) and the Trivia competitions we had. Norma always looked so pretty...checking her hair and makeup in the restroom mirror! She was the TV star we loved seeing on the AGAPE television commercial. Our Senior Center will not be the same without her and we will miss her.
Cindi Hammons, Columbia Senior Center manager

Cindi Hammons, CSC manager - January 21, 2021 at 07:09 PM

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RIP Sister Norma. I will miss seeing your lovely smile on Sunday morning at our church services. My condolences to the family.
Lucy Tiru, (Usher) First Spanish Assembly of God Church.

Lucy Tiru - January 21, 2021 at 08:18 PM