



Rosa Maria Santiago

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Rosa Maria Santiago, 67, departed this Earth surrounded by her children and grandchildren on August 1, 2024. She fought hard for six weeks while encountering new challenges resulting from her disease, ANCA Vasculitis. Despite these challenges, she gave everything she had on a daily basis with her family by her side, taking shifts so she was never alone. She faced this disease as she faced life, with a devout stoicism that exemplified what it meant to truly live and how to love her family and friends. Though her body gave everything it had to reverse her condition, her mind never wavered and focused on getting healthy again to be with her family. We find solace in the fact that she was welcomed with open arms by those who preceded her in death. She is most likely telling others how to get things done correctly, talking about walking in the woods, taking photos of the sights, listening to Latin music, and threatening to correct you with a chancleta. Our greatest hope is that she is sharing her vibrant soul and big heart with those around her. Wela was always known to make others feel welcome both in her presence and in her home.

Rosa is survived by her two children, David (Heather) Hodge and John (Dana) Hodge. The true loves of her life were her seven grandchildren, Alicia, David, Daphne, Gwyneviere, Barrett, Maxwell, and Athena. It goes without saying that her grandchildren were the greatest loves of her life. Until the next time we see you Wela, te amamos Mama, Tia y Abuela hasta el fin de los tiempos!

Rosa is preceded in death by her father, Eladio Santiago; one sister, Gloria (Santiago) Bryant; one brother, Reuben Santiago; her eldest son, Edward Stanley Hodge II; and one nephew, Joshua Montero.

A special thank you to the nurses and medical providers from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Big Bend Hospice for their care and compassion towards our mother. ANCA Vasculitis is an



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insidious disease that affects every organ system of the body and is heartbreaking to the family that must watch their loved one's condition worsen over time.


A memorial service will be held at 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at Lifesong Funeral Home, 20 South Duval Street, Quincy, FL.


Flowers are appreciated or you can donate to Big Bend Hospice (<https://bigbendhospice.charityproud.org/Donate>) or to the Vasculitis Foundation (<https://www.vasculitisfoundation.org>). We simply ask that donations be made in her name. Thank you and God bless you and your families.

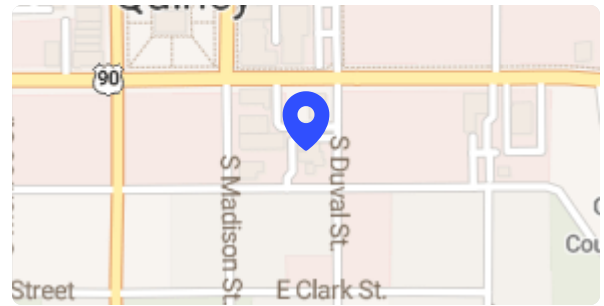


Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, August 10, 2024

 10:00 AM ET

 **Lifesong Funerals & Cremations - Quincy**
20 S Duval St, Quincy FL 32351





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BW

Bonnie Wilkinson posted:

Rosa, I will miss our long conversations. Your strong faith has helped me be a stronger person in my religious journey. I know God has special work for you because of your special talents. Tell my Johnny hello for me. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around your family so you will know she is being cared for by our God. Bonnie Wilkinson

August 10 at 9:43 AM

KR

Keva Rocha posted:

I am so blessed that I got the opportunity to reconnect with my Aunt Rosa over the last couple of years! She was so full of positivity, love, and encouragement. I looked forward to our monthly long conversations! We laughed, discussed life, and connected so easily as if we were never apart! I have learned so much from her. She was a remarkable woman! She will be missed beyond reproach! My heart goes out to David and John, her grandchildren, and the rest of her loved ones. Heaven has gained the best of the best angels and she will now be reunited with others loved ones that passed on. Love you always and forever, your loving niece Keva

August 8 at 6:42 AM

CP

Cynthia Preshong posted:

Rosa and I met 18 years ago, when both of us had recently moved to Fayetteville NC. We both went to work in the same surgeons office, and we quickly became friends. We had many occasions where we went out to lunch or to dinner. And we could easily spend a whole afternoon in the craft store. She was far more talented at it than I was. But I tried to learn from her. But I learned a lot more from my dear friend Rosa. We had many things in common. We both were single mothers of three sons. Unfortunately, I know she lost her oldest son many years ago. We both had sons that were in the army and were medics. We just had such a wonderful close friendship. We often didn't even live in the same state, but somehow we kept up with each other's lives. Rosa was one of the kindest, most wonderful women I've ever met. I will treasure her friendship forever. And I miss her so much already.

August 6 at 4:47 PM



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John Hodge shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I still find it hard to believe that you're gone. Life won't be the same but I will manage. I will fulfill our adventures with you in heart. I miss you Momma. Until we meet again, just not to soon. - John



August 6 at 4:47 PM



Wanda Lee Benton August 6 at 11:37 PM

A beautiful, loving lady. I miss you already.....



Terry & Carmen Kasza posted:

Rosa was my daughters mother-in-law & we shared many memories together. Many special occasions that we shared were full of stories & laughter. She was Daphne's Wela & we all enjoyed Daphne's recital in April followed by dinner together. When I visited her a few weeks ago in the hospital, I was sure her fighting spirit would get her through this sudden illness. Things will not be the same without Wela. Too soon to say goodbye. My heart goes out to John, Dana, my Daphne, Dave, Heather, Gwen, Max, Barrett, & Athena. RIP Rosa, our Wela.

August 6 at 6:02 AM



Rosa Rodriguez shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Aunt Rosa was always sweet and gentle with me. We had the spirit. We talked about crafting blanket and what's the best sewing machine. We had the same preference. Because her she inspired me to make an art room. We talked and read the Bible together. It's amazing how three years went so fast. I was blessed to have spent them with her. She was my aunt Rosa and I was her Rosita. Love you dearly until we meet again. But for now I will miss you.



August 5 at 11:46 AM



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Wanda Lee Benton lit a candle in honor of Rosa.



My dear friend and I worked together in Tallahassee. Rosa was the best coworker I've ever had, a team player, a beautiful lady. So, everyday patients told Rosa that she had the most beautiful hair, she did**...EVERYDAY. I sat behind her, across the room and one day, just for fun, I stood up and said, "WE KNOW!" LOL. Rosa broke out laughing with me!!! She was so much fun. We just celebrated her 67th birthday in May. I took her to lunch, in Thomasville at The Plaza, we went shopping and I gave her a bday gift of a wrought iron gold Feather for her new Apt. I am missing her already, we talked on the phone often. Rosa is at peace and will definitely be missed. I know she has a crown of jewels, for all the good she did in this world. I love you my dear friend and will see you in a little while..... your gal pal, Wanda

August 5 at 11:46 AM



Edith Hodge August 7 at 8:03 PM

I am so glad we reconnected over the last 8 months. You are such a sweet, kind and loving person. Heaven has gain an Angel. To David and John, I pray that you find Comfort and strength in the Lord during this difficult time. Edith Hodge



Mitzi McClellan August 5 at 1:26 PM

Wanda, because you and I have been friends for over a year, I knew nothing about Rosa except all of the positive things that you have and still share with me about her. I am so sorry for her loss. May our friendship continue to grow as wonderful as yours and Rosa's.



Heather Hodge August 5 at 12:40 PM

Thank you Wanda!! She always spoke very fondly of you and your friendship.



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Rosa Rodriguez shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 5 at 5:17 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rosa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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