



Mrs. Carmen Martinez

October 17, 1955 - December 24, 2021

Beloved wife of Felix Betancourt; Loving mother of Tammy Izquierdo and Tatiana (Norriel) Machado; Fond grandmother of Nylani and Miracle Izquierdo; Beloved daughter of Mario and the late Antonia Martinez; Dear sister of Orlando, Luis, and Junior Martinez; Loving aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Visitation Sunday January 2 from 2-7. Family and Friends to meet at Carbonara Funeral Home at 10. Interment Maryhill Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Carbonara Funeral Home
1515 N 25th Ave
Melrose Park, IL 60160
(708) 343-6161
<https://carbonarafuneraldirectors.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Carmen Martinez*

October 05, 2023 at 03:04 AM



“ *I worked with Carmen at FCI from 2007-2012. What a little spitfire. So sad to hear of her passing. May she rest in peace.*



Paula Eyre - May 22, 2023 at 01:52 AM



*Thank you for your message. She is greatly missed.
Tammy Izquierdo (Carmen's Daughter)*

Tammy Izquierdo - June 06, 2023 at 02:46 AM



“ *Mrs. Carmen Martinez*

September 08, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *I am shocked. I thought about you today. How many times we chatted when you walked Nico. I knew something was amiss when I did not see Nico. I found out that not only Nico passed but so did you. This news shocked me. You were a very nice lady and neighbor.*



Donna - January 04, 2022 at 09:18 PM

VE

“ Venus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez



Venus - January 02, 2022 at 02:13 PM

BB

“ Brenna Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez



Brenna Boyd - January 01, 2022 at 12:21 PM

RF

“ Carmen was a wonderful women, a real warrior. Gardening will never be the same without you. Our warmest condolences, with sincere Sympathy may love live in your memories and bring you peace.

Rosario & Daniel Costello & family. - December 31, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.



December 31, 2021 at 05:51 PM

ST

“ My heart breaks for your family, my sweet Carmie. But, I take comfort that you are free from pain. Your fiery spirit was one of the things I loved most about my time at FCI. A true Chicago woman tells it like it is, thanks for keeping us all in check. Thanks for telling me that I looked tired and needed to go put on some makeup. Most of all, thanks for the laughs. While my heart is broken that you had to go, I will always laugh out loud when I think of our times together. My condolences to the family.

Sue Turner - December 31, 2021 at 02:04 PM

MM

“ Michelle Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez



Michelle Moore - December 31, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MR

“ Marlyn Magsino - Reyes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez



Marlyn Magsino - Reyes - December 30, 2021 at 04:02 PM

AM

“ Dear Carmen
You are missed 😭 my heart aches 💔 for my nieces Tammy and Tatiana I promise you I will be there for them always. I love you woman until we meet again.

Aysha Miranda-Rivera - December 30, 2021 at 04:47 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.*



December 30, 2021 at 12:32 AM



“ *Carrie Baab lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez*



Carrie Baab - December 29, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Carmen was a wonderful member of the FCI family, and brought joy to everyone on a daily basis. She will be missed by all. My sympathies to the family.*

Dr. Ed Marut - December 29, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *The FCI IVF Nurses purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.*



The FCI IVF Nurses - December 29, 2021 at 03:30 PM

BK

“ *Treasured in my heart you will stay until we meet again on the other side .
RIP.
BK.*

brian kaplan - December 29, 2021 at 02:43 PM

MB

“ *Carmen and I worked together but we also neighbors. We shopped at the same Jewel. We would run into each other and we always would chat. She was always in her FCI uniform and was warm, smiling and sweet. We will miss you, Carmen. Meg Behnke*

Meg Behnke - December 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.*



December 29, 2021 at 11:40 AM

AC

“ *All Our Love Sid, Maria & Iliana Camacho purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.*



All Our Love Sid, Maria & Iliana Camacho - December 28, 2021 at 09:32 PM

AD

“ There seems to be a common theme here. Carmen made everyone smile and laugh. Rest in paradise. The world is just a bit dimmer without your smile and gift of making others smile. My condolences to your family. May the memories of your laughter help them heal.

Aggie D'Alessio - December 28, 2021 at 08:24 PM

CL

“ Carmen was a second mom to me for the last 33 years. Her loyalty, compassion, and excellent work ethic to name a few are unmatched. I will miss our talks over coffee, your great advice, and your ability to be that straight shooter in a gentle way! Thank you for everything you passed on to me and Thank you for allowing me to blend seamlessly into your beautiful family! Rest in Heaven Juana....I love You
Tata

Carmen Lloyd - December 28, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.



December 28, 2021 at 02:37 PM

MM

“ Mrs. Crystal McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez



Mrs. Crystal McDonald - December 28, 2021 at 10:46 AM

TI

Thank you!

Tammy Izquierdo - December 28, 2021 at 12:41 PM

MM

“ *You will be missed Carmen*



Mrs. Crystal McDonald - December 28, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.*



December 28, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.*



December 28, 2021 at 09:40 AM

GU

“ Yes Carmen, you took the lead but we going to see each other again. I cannot forget all the times we laughed and all the times we would stop talking but we would always reunite and became really great friends. I will always remember you with that great smile you had and calling me Juana instead of my real name (Lupe) Rest In Peace Carmen and have a great laugh with God! Love ❤️ you till eternity....🙏❤️😘🇲🇽🇲🇳

Guadalupe - December 28, 2021 at 09:37 AM

LI

“ Words cannot express the sadness that i feel. I still can't/ refuse to believe that she's gone. She was hard working, dedicated , loyal employee and also a friend. If you had Carmen as a friend, there's nothing that she wouldn't do for you. Always going out of her way to help and she did it with a smile. I will so miss our talks , our laughs and her face throughout the office. May god give strength to her family through this very difficult time and may she Rest In Peace. We have gained another angel



Liora - December 28, 2021 at 08:34 AM

HD

“ Carmen you will be TRUELY missed! It was such a pleasure working with you!! You always kept me laughing! Sending condolences to the family ❤️❤️❤️



Heidi Duffie - December 28, 2021 at 08:07 AM

RF

“ *Carmen was an amazing person to work with, she always had me laughing and I knew I could count on her for anything. She will be missed, prayers to her family.* ”



Rachel Figueroa - December 28, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmen Martinez.* ”



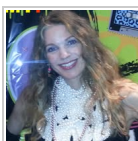
December 28, 2021 at 07:49 AM

BJ

“ *Words cannot describe what I am feeling, we lost a great friend, but the universe received a new beautiful star, you will live on in my heart it was truly a blessing to have known you My sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family.* ”



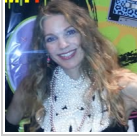
Belinda Jones - December 28, 2021 at 04:44 AM



“ *Lisa Ditkowsky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez* ”



Lisa Ditkowsky - December 28, 2021 at 04:14 AM



“ **CARMEN OF GREAT POWER, NOT ONE TO REVEAL IT**

Carmen embodied the term "Quiet Power", and I came to know Carmen over more than a decade, but first grokked with Mrs. Martinez in 2007. Diana's comment about Carmen making her laugh so hard she probably peed a few times - I so know the feeling! If Carmen liked you, and you told her a funny story, she would one up you every single time letting you know, "Girl, I've seen and heard it ALL". And I know she did. Can't imagine working four decades non-stop, months away from retirement, only to leave us far too soon. Carmen, wheels always turning, I nicknamed her "Dora the Explorer" long ago. Wishing Carmen's lovely daughters lots of love and peace through your sudden loss. Your mom's face was filled with love when she got to talk about her family. Such an unfair loss, may your mom's beautiful spirit and uplifting energy live on through her most loved heirs - xoxo

Lisa Ditekowsky

Lisa Ditekowsky - December 28, 2021 at 04:13 AM



“ *JoRene Vollman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez*



JoRene Vollman - December 28, 2021 at 12:36 AM

LT

“ *Carmen, I will miss seeing your face sitting at the front desk every morning when I walk into work. I will miss our chats as you would always start by saying “Girllll...” My thoughts are with your family, I want them to know that you touched all of our lives and none of us will ever forget our Carmie.*

Laura Trezise - December 27, 2021 at 11:20 PM

AS

“ *Alma Santisteven lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez*



Alma Santisteven - December 27, 2021 at 11:04 PM

ML

“ *Dear dear Carmen. What a wonderful woman and hard worker! You always helped us with everything and made the chaos fun. Prayers to your family. May you Rest In Peace.*

Molly (Murphy) Lesak - December 27, 2021 at 10:37 PM

DV

“ *Juana...your hard working spirit and dedication will be missed. You made many people laugh with your sassy personality...I migh have peed my pants a couple of times. May you rest in peace Carmen.*

Diana Velasquez - December 27, 2021 at 09:43 PM

DV

“ *Diana Velasquez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez*



Diana Velasquez - December 27, 2021 at 09:28 PM

ED

“ *My dear, dear friend. You left us too soon. I am going to miss you so much, 30+ years together. You were my puertorican sister at work. If I need it something done I knew I could count on you. I will never forget your beautiful smile and the sound of your laughter. Vuela alto mi querida amiga/hermana. Te amo.*

Elizabeth Delgado - December 27, 2021 at 08:45 PM

KK

“ *Carmen was the person you went to if you wanted something done. She worked hard, but always with a big, genuine, caring heart. Carmen you will be missed by many. Prayers and hugs to your Family.*

Kerry Kramerich - December 27, 2021 at 08:34 PM

AC

“ *Ashley Chism lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez*



Ashley Chism - December 27, 2021 at 08:13 PM

AC

“ *Carmen, Carmen, Carmen....such an amazing and awesome person with a calm spirit. Thank you for the 7 1/2 years that I've worked aside you. You were always so sweet and didn't take no mess. Rejoice with the angels for they truly have a special one with them. Love you and you're truly missed 🥺*

Ashley Chism - December 27, 2021 at 08:12 PM

BR

“ *Juana!!! As you used to call us boricuas at work.*

One of the strongest women I've had the chance to know in my life with a HUGE heart.

I'll never forget you were one of the ones who always looked out for me while at work when I was pregnant with my first kid.

The way you would tap tap tap tap the keyboard while on the phone dealing w/BK's crazy schedule LMAO!!

You will be missed! 💕

Rest in paradise.


Bianca Reyes - December 27, 2021 at 07:41 PM

RR

“ *My dearest Carmen aka Momma💕 You will forever be in my heart and sorely missed by all! You made the last 8 years that we worked together the best especially your jokes and stories! One of the most special and hardworking woman I know! May you Rest In Peace now, Carmen XO*

Rosa Rossi - December 27, 2021 at 07:26 PM

AM

“ Our Dear Carmen, we will miss you! You helped me when I was just starting and you always had such good intentions for us around you and our patients. We all could count on you and now Rest In Peace . Sending prayers and strength to your family.

Angie Beltsos, MD - December 27, 2021 at 07:11 PM

BR

Juana!!!! as you used to call us boricuas while at work.




I will never forget how you were one of the ones who took care of me when I was pregnant w/my first kid. Always looking out for me while I was at work.

One of the toughest woman I've ever known with a HUGE heart.

May you rest in paradise!!

Bianca Reyes - December 27, 2021 at 07:29 PM

CD

“ Carmen, you will be missed so much. One of my friends said it well that we had a Love/Hate relationship..lots more love for sure. I love you with all my heart. I will truly miss the laughs we had..girl you had me laughing hard. We would always get in trouble at work but you made it fun. You had the biggest heart ever . And also i sure will miss you force feeding me your food especially your spaghetti.. God bless you Carmen. Love you  

Carey DuBeau - December 27, 2021 at 07:10 PM

ME

“ *Carmen, was one of the most hard working ladies I had the pleasure to work with. She brought us all laughter, but great talks as well. When asked for advice she truly recalled in her memory her experiences and gave truly personal advice. Carmen(Vieja), you will be missed.*

Melody - December 27, 2021 at 07:02 PM

NB

“ *I am thankful to have shared memories with Carmen and remain grateful for the loving impact she had on the Briggs family. Deepest condolences.- Nicole Briggs*

Nicole Briggs - December 27, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ *Dear Carmen Rest In Peace! You were so fun and wonderful to work with, I'll never forget our talks over coffee and laughs together. Much love to your family!*

Jennifer Federighi - December 27, 2021 at 06:46 PM

TT

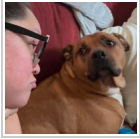
“ *Oh My God that Puerto Rican Rice.....Carmen you was loved by EVERYONE. You was strong, hardcore, and always to the point. You was the EXPERT at telling people when they was pregnant and what they was having before they even knew! Job well done here on earth. You are Forever in our hearts. ❤️❤️ We love you ❤️❤️*

Terra Tunstill - December 27, 2021 at 06:34 PM

CD

“ I am so sorry for Carmen’s family and friends for this great loss. I worked with Carmen for many years. She was such a hardworking and devoted employee. My condolences to her family.

Christine Crowe Delapp - December 27, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Rest In Peace Carmen. I will always remember the advice you would give me, the roaring laughs you would stir up, and how down to earth you have always been. I will hold on these memories always 🌸 🕯️ ❤️

Gloria Cervantes - December 27, 2021 at 06:29 PM

MS

“ I will miss Carmen dearly. I worked with her 21 years and have so many memories with her. We laughed together (a lot), we cried together, we did it all. I will never forget you my dear friend. May you Rest in Paradise.

Melinda Sanchez - December 27, 2021 at 06:22 PM

TI

Thank you for sharing a memory.

Tammy Izquierdo - December 31, 2021 at 02:12 AM

DM

“ I worked with Carmen many many years and will never forget her dedication to Dr BK and his team, most of all how much she helped me throughout my nursing career. Memories eternal 🙏

donna milosavljevic - December 27, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MR

I worked with Carmen for more than three decades. She is a hard worker , her dedication is unbelievable. I will truly miss you. Now your suffering has ended, Rest In Peace my friend!

Marlyn Magsino - Reyes - December 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM

TI

Thank you for sharing a memory of my mom.

Tammy Izquierdo - December 31, 2021 at 02:11 AM

DM

“ *Donna Milosavljevic lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmen Martinez*



donna milosavljevic - December 27, 2021 at 10:48 AM

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Tammy Izquierdo - December 31, 2021 at 02:10 AM