



Norma Sanchez

November 24, 1944 - March 3, 2022

Norma Sanchez, 77, transitioned peacefully in the early hours of March 3, 2022 at her daughter's home in Apopka, FL.

Norma was born on November 24, 1944 in Manhattan, NY. She lived with her mother Carmen Doval De Ramirez, her dad John Ramirez Sr., and brother John "Johnnie" Ramirez Jr. She grew a family of her own when she had her daughter in 1968. Soon after having her daughter, she was blessed to have met the love of her life, Humberto Sanchez Jr., and they then had their son in 1979. They married in August 1986 and together raised their two kids. They created a beautiful life, family, and marriage together, one filled an abundance of love and lots of laughs.

They moved from New York to Orlando, FL in 1987 where she held jobs at hotels doing what she loved most; cleaning and getting to know people from all over the world. She became a grandmother in 1984, and subsequently became what she'd be most popularly known by, and that is Yaya. She became a Yaya again in 1990, 1991, 2007, 2008, and a great-grandmother in 2010.

Norma's favorite thing in this world was being with her amazingly large and ever-growing family, her closest friends, and being the best dressed woman in any room. She also loved being at home with her dog Negrita watching any

“True Crime” documentary known to man, being in the sun at the beach tanning her beautiful skin and listening to smooth jazz or doo wop music.

If you were blessed to have had the opportunity to meet and get to know Norma, you know one thing: She was in a class all her own. Her smile was absolutely breathtaking, her attitude was always poised and positive, she had the most amazing sense of humor, and she was the definition of "would give the shirt off of her back for you". Love poured from this God sent woman anywhere she went. Leave her around a person for more than 2 minutes and she was guaranteed to try to get to know them, the epitome of a people-person. The pureness, genuine care, and love in her heart was unmatched and like no other.

Those closest to her, who were so lucky to have been embraced by her love, know that it was an indescribable kind of love. She was a warm hug, she was a kind smile, she was soft hands on your back, she was a listening ear, she was a positive voice, she was a good laugh even in the worst of times, and most of all she was the essence of the feeling of “Home”. She could make intangible words feel very much like something you could physically feel, and that is only a small part of the kind of phenomenal and grand woman Norma was.

Norma is survived by her daughter Denise Gonzalez; her son Jessie Sanchez; her stepdaughter Cristina Duhmal; her grandchildren Richard Contreras, Janessa Hernandez, Cynthia Hernandez, Jaslene Gonzalez, Illeanna Sanchez; step granddaughters Mya and Kylie Duhmal; and her great-granddaughter Nevaeh Hernandez. She is preceded in death by her husband, her brother, and her parents.

Norma's Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 4pm to 5pm at The Cottage on the Lake Fairview, 4410 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804. Those attending are asked to wear white.

The family of Norma Sanchez invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her loving memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Cottage on the Lake Fairview
4410 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

Tribute Wall

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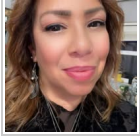
“ 3 years 1096 days I wish heaven had a phone

Denise Reyes - March 03, 2025 at 02:02 PM

DR

“ *Bendición mami! How is it 3 years since I watched you take your last breath.... Not a day goes by I don't think of you but I do find some peace knowing you are not suffering. You were such a warrior the strongest woman, you showed me everything except how to live without you, today was a bit chilly so I didn't make it to the beach so I've taken the day to work on the plants in our yard still have a few that you bought for me and listening to yours and JR's music, I miss you so much ma what I would do to hug you or have you scratch my back just our random let's go to Walmart at midnight or ale house for ice cream... one thing I can say is I have so many amazing memories of us and I am so grateful for them.... I'm sure you are watching from heaven and seeing your grandkids growth Jazzy is driving and working Nevy is knocking it out the park with school and now we have miss Melody oh Mami I wish you could have met her.... You would eat her up... as the tears are just rolling down my face all I can think of is I wish you had more time you so deserved more time and we all still needed you... thank you for everything ma your love your guidance your strength continue to send the signs Mami I know it's you and thanks for the butterfly I needed to see that sign love you as you always said your 1 and only daughter who misses you everyday keep me
Going ma*

Denise Reyes - March 03, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ *Bendición Mami- Today would have been your 79th Birthday, i breaks my heart everyday you are not here but only peace I have is knowing you are not suffering any longer, your spirit will always live in me, I am so blessed to have had the best mom a girl could ask for and I thank God for allowing you to be my mother, my best friend and my biggest supporter... I would do anything just to hug you one more time not a day goes by I don't miss you more... keep working your magic it's noticed... and make sure to kiss 🎵🎶 before you send her off to her parents... I know there is a party in heaven today, and I know we would have been having one here and planning your 80th... Bendicion mami Only you and God know my pain and how much I miss you.*



Denise Gonzalez - November 24, 2023 at 08:16 AM

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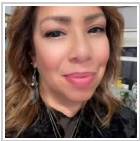
“ Mom- Words can't express the void or should I say hole that is missing in my life since you left, its been 377 days without the one person who has been in my life since I took my first breath, my first steps my first words and sadly I had to watch you take your last and it was way too soon, we had so many plans, traveling and things we wanted to do together, I can say this has been the hardest year of my life I had to get through all my first without you and many times alone, I do not feel the same as I did with you here, I spent a year grieving so bad and cried so many tears but I felt your spirit so many times, I have felt the wind blow around me and i know that was you, Mami I wish we had more time together but I am so grateful for all the memories all that you did for me all the times you were there to pick me up all the advice and I am so glad God chose you to be my mom, I wouldn't be who I am today had it not been for you and JR, I know this new life opportunity that came across was you and I can not thank you enough, I have lived through the worst and now it is time for me to begin my healing, this doesn't mean I will not think of you daily it means I have to let you rest, I miss you so much ma but all I can do we cherish every moment I was with you and every memory we created, our shopping our laughter our singing songs in the car me watching you snapping your fingers and making up words to songs, Oh mom I hope you know I wish there was something I could do to bring you back and just have one more beach day with you, I know that was your happiest days when we would just go to the beach me and you. mami Bendicion I love you beyond words I miss you so much it burns, but I will still sing our songs dance to your steps and hold you close to my heart till I see you again... no time soon but I see you and I feel you all the time. you are at peace and with all the ones who have gone before you and this is the only thing that gives me some peace and strength, 377 days and I still cry and I still hurt and I still wish I could hold you. I feel so lonely and lost and they say once the hub of the family passes the family bond is broken, I feel that on so many levels. I will continue to make you proud ma. I hope you enjoyed your beach day I felt you on so many levels and I want to thank you, because of your signs I know you will always be with me.

Love you beyond words and missing you with every breath I take,

*Bendicion Mami
Your Only Daughter
Denise aka Deni to you*

give everyone some love from me

Denise Gonzalez - March 15, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Denise Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Norma Sanchez*



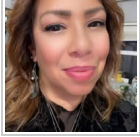
Denise Gonzalez - January 03, 2023 at 10:58 AM

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“ *10 months Today you are gone! my heart is still in pieces- I have gone through my first of everything without you and not easy mami! you took a huge part of me with you, Not a day goes by I do not think of you or talk to you, I miss you so much it hurts.*

Bendicion Mami

Denise Carmen Reyes - January 03, 2023 at 10:58 AM



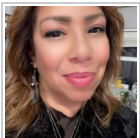
“ Mom just want to say you taught me how to do mostly everything I know, you never taught me how to live without you! 175 days! I have had my 1st motherless mothers day, 4th of July, memorial day, Janessa Richie and my 1st Bday without you, I do not know if this pain I feel will ever go away,



one thing I can say! Thank you for the signs.

BENDICION MAMI! God I miss you

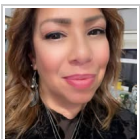
Denise Gonzalez - August 25, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ Hard to believe it has been a month since you have been gone, I think of you often and your presence is felt all the time, I know things will get easier and I know you are happy in heaven with all your love ones. send me signs, your celebration of life was every thing you wanted, we had a great time paying tribute to you.

I wish we could have one more hour together, I miss you dearly

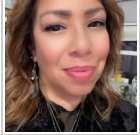
Denise Gonzalez - April 05, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ Denise Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Norma Sanchez



Denise Gonzalez - April 05, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ Not a day goes by I don't cry to you, I feel your strength helping me get through losing you, Mom you were the most amazing mother, I am so blessed and will treasure all the memories we have shared, our laughter, secrets, our trips, you cooking me my favorite dish Arroz con Salchichas and Chuletas. I am so sorry all you went through in the end It is not fair this happened so quick, I am so honored to have had the chance to be your caregiver when you couldn't, we laughed so much, we sang songs, your funny jokes even the corny ones (JELLO) Lord knows you are and always will be my best friend, the one person to always have my back and never let me down, I was thinking and in my 53 years of life we spoke every day basically maybe one or 2 days went by, and for as long as I live I will miss your calls at 6:38 am on my birthday to say Happy Birthday! Even living in my house you would call me from your side of the house LOL. God knows how much I am hurting, I cry to you daily I listen to your messages, I feel your presence everywhere in my home because you are imprinted in everything in my home, My only comfort is knowing you are with your main squeeze, your mom Jason Wello and all your titi's and your Comadres, give everyone a big kiss, watch over us, It is so hard coming home and you are not here.



Spread your wings and fly my beautiful mom, I miss you like crazy but I know you are at peace...

till we meet again

Your Best friend and your daughter.

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Denise Gonzalez - March 15, 2022 at 01:30 PM