



Luz Minerva Santana

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Luz Minerva Santana, a beloved mother, grandmother, wife, sister, cousin, aunt, and best friend, passed away on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at the age of 73. Surrounded by her son Juan and her sister-in-law Jovita, who were praying beside her as she slept peacefully in her home of over 45 years, it was around 12:20 when she took her last breath.

Luz was born on August 18, 1952, in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, to her father, Hilario Santana, and her mother, Lucrecia Velez. As a young teenager, she moved to Connecticut to live with her aunt, Ramona Santana, and her grandmother, Isabel Echevarria Velez. After a few years, she married and moved to Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. It was there that she gave birth to her son, Juan Antonio Villafane, Jr., and her daughter, Evelyn Villafane Roman.

After several years, the marriage ended. Soon after, Jose Luis Santana came into her life. While living in Massachusetts, Luz worked at the Graco Factory. They later moved to Puerto Rico, where they lived for a few years and welcomed their beautiful daughter, Ivelisse Santana. Around 1986–1987, they moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where Luz has lived ever since.

Our beloved Luz will always be remembered for her deep love and passion for her family—not only as a mother, but also as a wife, grandmother, sister, and friend. Her wisdom, strength, and patience will remain with us for a lifetime. She will also be remembered for her love of plants, her amazing cooking, and her determination to help others. She always lent a hand, regardless of her own struggles.

Luz is survived by her three children: Juan, Evelyn, and Ivelisse; her eight grandchildren, Kavan, Macho, Isaiah, Jay, Felix, Nyleah, Haelyn, and Rush; and her seven great-grandchildren, Elina, Elysia, Adrian, Jaylani, Alayah, Kailani, and Esme. She was preceded in death by her first and oldest granddaughter, Amandaliz. Luz was the second oldest of eleven children and is also survived by her siblings: Ani, Norma, Mildred, Juan, Carmen, Victor, Angel, Wilfredo, Jose, and Felix.



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Luz had a way of making everyone feel at home—and when we say everyone, we truly mean everyone. No one ever left her home with an empty stomach. She always offered a listening ear and shared gentle words of wisdom at just the right moment. Above all else, she loved her family, and her greatest joy was being a mom and grandmother. To those who knew her best, she was our steady place, our cheerleader, and our safe harbor.



Tribute Wall

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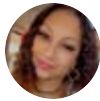
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Cynthia Churchill posted:

Even though I don't know her or her family my condolences. For the last 15 years I have driven past her home on my way to work looking forward to every new years when her house was lit up for Christmas inviting in the new year but this year it was dark I knew something had happened so sorry I will pray for all of you know that she left a mark on many people's lives when we saw the lights go out on New Year's Eve 2025! Rest in peace Luz!

March 7 at 12:45 AM



Michelle Guzman lit a candle in honor of Luz.

Your smile lit up the whole room ❤️ The sweetest person I have ever met. RIP Paradise sweet lady ❤️ 🙏

December 27 at 3:39 PM



Ana Margarita Santana lit a candle in honor of Luz.

My beautiful Sister

December 26 at 9:31 PM



Ana Margarita Santana lit a candle in honor of Luz.

Ana Margarita Santana lit a candle in memory of Luz Santana

December 26 at 9:28 PM



E. Roman posted:

Always sharing a plate of food..

December 25 at 11:19 AM



E. Roman lit a candle in honor of Luz.

Mom, thank you for showing me appreciation and dedication.. your words of encouragement and support will forever be in my heart 💜 Love you, till we see each other again. 🙏 📄 ❤️

December 25 at 11:11 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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