



Annette Fuentes

July 20, 1948 - August 26, 2023

Annette Droz Fuentes, age 75, passed away Saturday August 26, 2023, with her family by her side. She was born to Francisco Droz and Virginia Vega as one of five daughters. A graduate from Cardinal Spellman High School, she continued her education at Lehman College earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education which led her to graduate school and her obtaining her Masters Degrees and Doctorate of Education from Teachers College at Columbia University. After graduation, Annette's first job was the job of her dreams, Teaching. While growing up in The Bronx, Annette became an avid reader and felt that opening this world or literacy to as many children as she could would be invaluable to their everyday lives.

During her time as a teacher, she accumulated many accolades and was appointed by then President Jimmy Carter to the National Advisory Council for Underprivileged Children and was instrumental in coming up with curriculum on how to better educate those in need. Annette was loving, caring and devoted to her family. She loved to teach, but she loved being a Mother and Abuela even more.

Her hobbies included reading, planting and later on in life cooking. She loved watching Food shows and trying new recipes to the delight of her family. Annette met the love of her life, Jorge Fuentes, at her place of employment as a dental assistant. He told the dentist he was scared and if she could hold his

hand while he did his examination. She said no...but was the convinced to do it...and the rest as they say was history.

They married on June 19, 1971 at St. John's Chrysostom in The Bronx and held their reception in a nearby hall. They honeymooned in Niagra Falls, New York and had a wonderful experience. Annette and Jorge's marriage was blessed with 2 children: Raul and Roman and 4 grandchildren, Anjelica, Lily, Antonio and Livia. They have enjoyed a loving marriage that lasted 52 years.

Friends may visit and Celebrate Annette's life with the family at the John Vincent Scalia Home at 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, NY on Saturday, October 14th, 2023 from 2-5pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Annette's name to Columbia Presbyterian and their Transplant department as she was a 2 time transplant recipient. You can either go on line here: Columbia Giving <https://giving.columbia.edu/>

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Annette Fuentes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 13, 2023 at 01:26 PM

FS

Extraordinary just as she was! ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Frankie Suarez - October 14, 2023 at 09:43 AM

RD

Almost a year ago Tita Neti shared the most kindest, loving, wishes and words with me....Halloween is the time to bring out the child in us... it is the time to have fun and enjoy to the fullest... On this day, I wish that you never grow up.... I wish that you enjoy this day with excitement and thrill.... Happy Halloween to my dear family 🎃👻👻 Thank you all for your kind words and beautiful wishes. Truly blessed, love to all.

She is an inspiration to us all showing kindness, truth and so much joy!!!! Rest in peace and so grateful I got to share life with you ❤️

Rhonda Orberon Droz - October 14, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MJ

I just wish I could turn the clock and have another awesome moment with you. Golf cart rides in the KY cornfields will never be the same. You had the most beautiful soul and the largest heart of anyone I have ever known. You fought hard, and most importantly you LIVED and LOVED! You alone impacted so many lives throughout your time on earth, and I can't even imagine how awesome it will be when we see each other again. Love you, your Kentucky Daughter. ❤️

Megan Johnson - October 14, 2023 at 10:39 AM

MD

My youngest memories have titi Netty in it. She was, and always will be my inspiration. She helped me cope with big changes and challenges in my life, especially when I had to move to PR at a young age. She taught me that it was ok to be me, even if I didn't fit in. I always felt her love and encouragement to live life with much joy, gratitude and light. I will always carry you in my memories and in my heart. Thank you for so much...

Rest In Peace my beloved titi ❤️

Maria Rodriguez Droz - October 14, 2023 at 10:56 AM

FR

Dear Titi Netty, you will always be an inspiration to me personally. Since I was a small child you always participated in my life in greater than great ways. I always compared you with the most celebrated athletes because of your perseverance, intelligence, professionalism, grace and love. You will always live in the hearts of all who loved you. Your spirit will live on forever and I know you are surrounded by those who made it to heaven before you. Some day we will break bread again. Love you Titi. May the presence of God Almighty be with you. May your legacy live on through your lineage. Blessings to Tio Jorge, Raul, Roman and the rest of the family. Heaven celebrates your arrival, in Jesus name, Amen. ❤️🙏❤️

Frank Ray Rodriguez - October 14, 2023 at 02:28 PM

BS

*From: Brenda and Charlie Silen
Charlie always has such fond memories of 211 with you as do I and many others
We know you are in God's hands and will continue to pray for your family*

Brenda and Charlie Silen - October 14, 2023 at 02:45 PM

YV

Beloved sister annette You have been a great inspiration you have made a big difference in this world You leave us to a better place. I know you're joining your brothers, sisters. And you'll be love at once, and I'm pretty sure they have welcomed you. with Open arms.

yvettedrozgerasimieg - October 14, 2023 at 06:04 PM

YV

You will be greatly greatly missed

yvettedrozgerasimieg - October 14, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Annette Fuentes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 12, 2023 at 04:05 PM

DF

“ *Oh my sweet Annette, your passing has left me deeply saddened. I will miss you and the beautiful way you looked at life-always seeing the good first in all. We met at Colombia University...the two of us bright eyes and eager to achieve so much in life. We graduated with our doctorate and went off our separate ways trying hard to make the leave a good impact on the lives of children and our communities. I lost communications with you and for years Ive tried so hard to find you. Sadly, This here is my last attempt. Dr. Annette, Droz Fuentes, your name is written in the halls of our alma mater..but most importantly, your love, smile, glee for life will stay on in our hearts as a reminder that indeed, when with you, we were always surrounded by love. Te amo, hermanita linda. Disfruta con Jesus. Busca a mi mami, Grecia Munoz Aviles, y dile que la extraño y la amo.*



dinelia ferrer - December 30, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LI

“ Lizzette sent a virtual gift in memory of Annette Fuentes



Lizzette - October 14, 2023 at 03:56 PM

LI

Titi Netty: "You left a legacy that will be read through the generations, current and to come. You left a mark in our hearts, and nothing will ever erase. It is indelible in our hearts. You were a gem and will remain to be forever cherished" -unknown-

Always will remember you for the Beauty that you are inside and out, for the Holidays spent together, the words of wisdom and warm embraces, for the word "Beloved", for the unwavering way you loved Tio Jorge and your boys, for your grace and elegance, your gorgeous smile and laughter and for the deliciousness that is your macaroni salad! Rest in eternal peace Tia Mia...I love you

Lizzette - October 14, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JR

“ I always loved the way you loved us.
You had a special way with my boys.
You and I often spoke of our childhood years together.
A lot of your tales I will cherish for what is left of my life.
You made your love clear for us and for this I am grateful that I could have such an impact on your life.
You will always be in my heart.
I love you

Jeannette Rodriguez - October 14, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JV

You were my beloved baby sister after Lourdes❤️

Jeannette Rodriguez vSister - October 14, 2023 at 03:24 PM

SG

“ *May the Lord grant eternal happiness to Annette , a dear friend. My peace and blessings be with her husband, sons and family. Annette was my student at Cardinal Spellman H.S - a brilliant student- loving , kind and always striving for the best. Great smile too! Rest in peace Annette.*

Sr. Mary Ann Garisto

Sister Mary Ann Garisto - October 14, 2023 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ *As her friend & colleague from CS211x (The Bilingual School) I can attest to her exceptional skills as a teacher. Annette was 'adored' by her students & their parents and amongst her peers she was beloved, admired, & respected. She left an indelible impact on everyone in all the positions she held thereafter. As per the song, "...because we knew her, we have been changed for GOOD..." To Jorge, Raul & Román, my deepest condolences. Cariños siempre, Susan Serrano*

Susan L. Serrano - October 13, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 13, 2023 at 01:26 PM

MF

“ *Mercie & Tito and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Annette Fuentes.*



Mercie & Tito and Family - October 13, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Annette Fuentes.*



October 12, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Annette Fuentes.*

October 12, 2023 at 06:51 PM

MA

“ *Marlene Auriemma lit a candle in memory of Annette Fuentes*



Marlene Auriemma - October 12, 2023 at 05:44 PM

