



Luz Maria Ortiz

September 13, 1943 - September 1, 2025

In Loving Memory of Luz Maria Ortiz (Centeno)

Born: September 13, 1943 ~ Passed: September 1, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Luz Maria Ortiz (Centeno), a woman whose laughter, faith, and love touched all who knew her. Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and raised in the Bronx, she brought warmth, humor, and devotion wherever she went.

A proud graduate of Jane Addams High School, Luz Maria was deeply committed to her Catholic faith, serving as a Eucharistic minister and as a nun of the Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She was also an avid Mets fan, delighting in sharing the thrill of the game with her family.

Known for her quick wit and ability to find humor even in life's most difficult moments, she brightened the lives of everyone around her. She will be remembered not only for her faith and laughter but also for the love she shared with her family.

Luz Maria is survived by her loving husband, Freddie, and her sons, Al and Richie. As per her wishes, there will be no funeral service, and she will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the VFW Help Our

Heroes program.

Her spirit, humor, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Linden, NJ 07036

Tribute Wall

SO

“ My titi, she was always there for me. There has been times in my life when I couldn't understand why things happened to me. She always told me to take it to the water and tell god “ I leave this in your hands “. She never ever had an enemy. She prayed for everyone. Her laughter was contagious, her jokes were always funny. I called her every week and when it was sad just talking and laughing, that was my life line. Now god has you. And the emptiness in my heart will always be there....

sonia - September 07, 2025 at 09:21 AM

RH

“ Maria was always a person I WANTED TO SEE! she would come into ST. JUDE and always ask: did you see Freddie :) no MARIA HES BUSY WORKING!!!! but all jokes aside she was always someone who made me ans everyone aound her smile! Shes up there with my brother, Fr. Rizzo and jesus laughing! Loved you Maria

Raymond Heffernan - September 05, 2025 at 05:05 PM

MP

“ I will always remember celebrating Christmas and Thanksgiving. My Titi had the most distinct laugh that was so contagious it would always bring a smile to my face. I will forever appreciate the guidance she once gave me about our lord Jesus Christ. I know she is safe with our lord and we will all see her once again in heaven. I love you Titi.

Melvin Paduani - September 05, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DO

“ *My Titi (Aunt) Maria had the greatest sense of humor, very gentle & caring. May you rest in paradise forever. I'm sure your parents and God have welcomed you with open arms. There's going to be a lot of laughs and dominoes game playing up there. Sending my love & deepest condolences (very sorry) to Uncle Freddie, Alfred & Richie.*



Doriann - September 05, 2025 at 01:07 PM

RO

“ *When I think about Mom, the first thing that comes to mind are her funny one-liners and "mommy" jokes about anything followed by her contagious smile & laugh. Sometimes when we would be watching a scary movie, she would throw a pillow down the stairs to try & scare us, so funny! that was Mom.*

She would always check up on us, "its cold out", "hot out", "its raining", "take your water", "take your umbrella", always caring, always making sure were taking care of themselves.

Mom always full of love & laughter & always caring I will cherish every memory, every voicemail & text message till I see her again.



Rich Ortiz - September 05, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RR

“ This world has lost an amazing person who was filled with God’s Grace and Love! Maria took the Grace and Love of God and shared it with her family, friends and those in need. I met Maria at St. Jude Church in 1994. She taught me the importance of faith and trust in Our Lady and the Lord. Maria’s laugh filled all of us with such happiness. Heaven has gained one awesome Angel! Our sympathies go out to Freddie, Al and Rich. With love, Ron and Francine

Ron Rizzuto - September 02, 2025 at 09:19 PM

AO

“ Mom, your love, laughter, and strength will stay with me forever. I’m so grateful for every moment we shared. I’ll carry your memory with me always.
Love, Al



Al Ortiz - September 02, 2025 at 05:40 PM