



## Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago

April 18, 1938 - February 27, 2024

UTICA – Mrs. Agripina “Elsa” (Guadalupe) Santiago, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, with her loving family by her side.

Born in Penuelas, Puerto Rico on April 18, 1938, Agripina was the daughter of the late Domingo and Julia (Santiago) Guadalupe. She was raised and educated in Puerto Rico where she lived until November of 1964, when she and her family came to the United States where they have since resided.

At age 17, Elsa met Abraham Santiago, and they solidified their relationship when they wed in 1965. The couple shared 57 years together prior to his passing on January 2, 2007.

Elsa was first and foremost a loving mother. She always took care to show her children and grandchildren great affection. She took immense pride in her homemaking and was always in the kitchen cooking enough to “feed the whole world.” Sharing her delicious creations with those she loved brought her much joy.

A festive woman, she loved to dance, sing, and celebrate with her loved ones. She took great care in her appearance, always wanting to look her best, especially for nights she would go out dancing with her husband. Her love for her grandchildren was boundless and she was their greatest protector.

A woman of deep faith, she was a member of Historic Old St. John's Church. She was very spiritual and devoted to her God. She enjoyed singing in the choir for the Spanish Masses and loved singing her religious hymns.

Elsa is survived by her children and their loves, Carmen Picart, Miriam Santiago and Juan Velez, Elsa Santiago and Robert Garcia, Yolanda and James Kozak, Nelson Santiago, Abraham Santiago, Jr., Antonio Santiago, Domingo Guadalupe, Jesus and Dawn Santiago, Robert Santiago, and Francisco "Frank" and Diane Santiago; 26 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Rosa Guadalupe. She fondly remembered her siblings who preceded her, her sisters, Georgina Guadalupe, and Lydia Rivera; and her brothers, Jesus Guadalupe, Teofilo Guadalupe, Tomas Guadalupe, and Domingo Guadalupe. She leaves to cherish her memory a special uncle, Carmelo Santiago, with whom she shared a closeness and adoration; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Dolores "Lolo" and Connie Santiago, and Hector and Nancy Santiago; and many special friends. She was additionally predeceased by her grandson, Michael Sbiroli.

The Santiago family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for their care and compassion shown to Elsa and her big, beautiful family. Thanks as well to Ann for her support and always being there for the family.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., Utica, corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Agripina's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Historic Old St. John's Church, 240 Bleecker St., Utica. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church  
240 Bleecker Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6159  
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Nelson & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. May your fond memories bring you peace & comfort.

Bruno & Rosemary Spataro - March 14, 2024 at 05:13 PM

TL

“ Dear Santiago Family  
I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all.  
May God Bless You All and May your Mom RIP!!!

Tony Luce

Tony Luce - March 11, 2024 at 11:32 PM

YF

“ Your Deiorio Foods, Inc. Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



Your Deiorio Foods, Inc. Family - March 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

MR

“ Dear Santiago Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss...May your Mom rest in peace and may you find comfort in knowing that she was a beautiful woman, inside and out.

Love,  
Michelle Randazzo

Michelle Randazzo - March 05, 2024 at 10:30 AM

LR

“ *Lorrena Randio lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago*



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**Lorrena Randio** - March 04, 2024 at 04:35 PM

Y4

“ *Your Canal family in section 4. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.*

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**Your Canal family in section 4.** - March 04, 2024 at 12:17 PM

Y4

“ *Your Canal family in section 4. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.*



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**Your Canal family in section 4.** - March 04, 2024 at 12:17 PM

DG

“ *Tony,  
My condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother.  
My thoughts are with you through this difficult time.*

*Donna Grygiel*

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**Donna Grygiel** - March 03, 2024 at 07:41 AM

MF

“ Maritza, Tom, Kelli, and Kristen Fleming purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



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**Maritza, Tom, Kelli, and Kristen Fleming** - March 02, 2024 at 04:43 PM

NC

“ Nancy J Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.

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**Nancy J Carter** - March 02, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



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March 02, 2024 at 09:33 AM

RZ

“ Rene And Joni Zayas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago



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**Rene and Joni Zayas** - March 01, 2024 at 08:51 PM

RZ

“ Our condolences to the familia. Fond memories of Elsa and family as I was growing up and living in Utica. Que Dios les de la fortaleza y el consuelo en este momento de duelo. Que en paz descanse Elsa. 🙏😞❤️

Rene and Joni Zayas - March 01, 2024 at 08:34 PM

FC

“ To the whole Santiago Family: Elsa was one of my favorite people of all time. I remember all the fun times we had over the years, the many dances, the many parrandas, and all the laughing we did. Every year she would call me at Christmas time and ask me to stop over because she always made me arroz con dulce for Christmas. And every time I saw an elephant, I would buy it for her and bring it to her to add to her collection. She was just the sweetest lady ever. I'll never forget how excited she was when I brought her a souvenir from the Saint Agripina feast in Boston. I always teased her about her name. My heartfelt condolences go out to all of you. We have truly lost someone special in all of our lives. May she rest in peace. Love you all.

Frankito Calaprice - March 01, 2024 at 02:45 PM

EB

Family of the Santiagos my deepest heartfelt condolences goes out to you all Elsa was a very special women I remember all the family gatherings and her pleasant embraces as a child and adult age she was a loveable and receiving person she was always there for my parents time of need thank you for me knowing such a beautiful welcoming person the heavens received a special angel bless you all elsie bermudez rodriguez family

Elsie bermudez - March 06, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SR

“ So sorry for the loss of this most loved person in your lives. My prayers are for your peace at this time. May God hold you all in the palm of his hand 💕🙏

Sandra Roberts - March 01, 2024 at 02:03 PM

LS

“ Love always Ann, Chris and Samantha purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



Love always Ann, Chris and Samantha - March 01, 2024 at 12:55 PM

DW

“ Carmen Picard I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family. Deepest sympathy.



Dawn Winston - March 01, 2024 at 11:44 AM

LP

“ Love, Mima, Diana & Patty purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



Love, Mima, Diana & Patty - March 01, 2024 at 11:20 AM

FE

“ From, Laureen and Arthur Ellis purchased the Ful  
I Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Agripina  
"Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



From, Laureen and Arthur Ellis - March 01, 2024 at 05:23 AM

DS

“ Dan Shaffer & Adrienne Santiago planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.

Dan Shaffer & Adrienne Santiago - March 01, 2024 at 03:16 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe)  
Santiago.



March 01, 2024 at 03:16 AM

AC

“ Adela Cortes purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa"  
(Guadalupe) Santiago.



Adela Cortes - February 29, 2024 at 09:23 PM

RA

“ *Ramon(papo)Santiago purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.*



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**Ramon(papo)Santiago** - February 29, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JH

“ *Amazing lady always smiling and she loved all the kids in the projects. Prayers for the family*

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**jasmine horstead** - February 29, 2024 at 06:59 PM

LU

*Amazing woman's great wife Mother Grandmother & Beautiful Friend We Will Miss You Dearly Now You Left To Be With The Lord Also With Your Beloved Family That is Waiting For You. She Was a Special Friend To My Mom Who Also Passed Away Six Month Ago Now You'll Be Reunited with Mom And I Can See You Singing Church Music Like You Sang The Day You Came To Visited with Mom , Thank You For All The Love You Gave To All My Family Member Please let My Mom Know That We Miss Her But We Know She's at Peace Like You Will be RIP Doña Elsa Santiago  
Fly High The Angels Are Waiting for You  
Left But Never Be Forgotten You Gave Lots Of Love To Many Of People In Our Community .  
Our Deepest Condolences To The Family Also Prayers To All.*

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**Lucy Ortiz Ulloa** - February 29, 2024 at 11:34 PM

MR

“ *My condolences to you all, I will truly miss Titi Elsa, remember her fabulous cooking and her happiness to see my mom Betsaida and us when we went there! She will forever be in our hearts! One of our pioneer that knew how to live and love us all!*

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**Marilyn Rivera** - February 29, 2024 at 06:22 PM

DB

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Santiago Family. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you. May your beautiful Mom rest in peace.

*Love Always, Deb and Bob*

Debbie Barbero - February 29, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agripina "Elsa" (Guadalupe) Santiago.



February 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to Elsa and family. I am very sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Angela Walker - February 29, 2024 at 05:28 PM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathies to the whole family at this time of need. Elsa, even though I was a short time a member of your family, you always showed me love and kindness to myself after all these years.



Maria A DeGristina - February 29, 2024 at 05:21 PM

LR

“ *Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the entire Santiago family. May your mom’s soul rest in peace and her loving memories be forever in your hearts.* 🙏🙏

*Love, Lorrena & Eric*

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**Lorrena Randio** - February 29, 2024 at 05:02 PM