



Clara Melendez

August 12, 1941 - March 2, 2014

Clara Melendez, age 72, passed away with her loving family by her side, on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a courageous battle that began in 2008.

Born in Loquillo, Puerto Rico on August 12, 1941, Clara was the daughter of the late Antonio Carrion and Patra Melendez. She was raised and educated in Puerto Rico. At the age of 19 she relocated to Utica to be with her husband, Ernesto Montanez, and it was here that they started their family.

Clara worked at the Ablove Linen Company for a period of 18 years. She also found great blessings and rewards from the duties and joys of being a homemaker and raising her children. Clara was a sweet lady who loved to help people, an attribute that earned her the designation of “neighborhood mother”. At home, she loved to clean and decorate, especially with flowers. And she cherished her favorite family recipes as a tradition of her heritage. She enjoyed shopping trips and caring for her dogs who were always at her side. Clara had a strong spiritual faith and she loved her Lord.

Her sons will remember their mother Clara as a fantastic, loving Mom. She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Ernesto Montanez Jr., Edwin Montanez and Maureen “Nicole”, Eduardo and Lillian Montanez, and Jose Montanez, all of Utica; and their father, Ernesto Montanez, Sr.; and many grandchildren and their families. Being one of 4 sisters and 20 brothers, Clara leaves behind 2 sisters and 10 brothers; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 12:00-1:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Clara's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *"abuelo y abuela" para siempre en mi corazón!* ”



Aaron Reed Montanez - February 09, 2022 at 09:45 AM

MA

“ *Margie sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Melendez* ”



Margie - December 14, 2020 at 01:55 PM

MA

“ *Margie sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Melendez* ”



Margie - August 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM

MA

“ *Margie sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Melendez*



Margie - February 27, 2019 at 04:29 PM

MA

“ *Margie lit a candle in memory of Clara Melendez*



Margie - February 09, 2019 at 03:20 PM

EM

“ *Junior im so sorry for your loss your mother was a very nice lady may she rest in peace.*
Elvis

elvis miljkovic - March 09, 2014 at 06:00 PM

 Harry Houghton

“ *I am so blessed to have had Clare as a neighbor for so many years. I will always remember her smile and laughter the most. My deepest sympathy goes out to the Montanez family.*

Harry Houghton - March 08, 2014 at 03:10 PM

DP

“ *Deborah Parrish-Montanez lit a candle in memory of Clara Melendez*



Deborah Parrish-Montanez - March 05, 2014 at 05:26 PM

DP

“ *My deepest condolences going out to the Montanez's, my second family. Mama Clara will forever be in our hearts, and will be great missed. No more suffering...may you rest in eternal peace. God bless you...*

Deborah Parrish-Montanez - March 05, 2014 at 05:23 PM

WH

Thank you for keeping the light on and expressing your warm thoughts and the love you share. Your brother always whydo

Whydo - March 05, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DP

Love you bro...stay strong and keep the faith.

Deborah Parrish-Montanez - March 06, 2014 at 09:13 PM