



Maria Mercedes Miranda

November 10, 1943 - February 6, 2010

Mrs. Maria Mercedes (Navarro) Miranda, age 66, of Utica, and a resident of Florida for the past 13 years, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Memorial Hospital in Pembroke, Florida with her loving family by her side. Born in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico on November 10, 1943, Maria was the daughter of Guadalupe Figueroa. She was raised and educated in Puerto Rico and relocated to the United States at the age of 20. In 1965, in Utica, she wed Jose M. Miranda, and in 1979, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the couple was blessed with renewing their marriage vows. They were well-suited for one another and shared 32 wonderful and happy years, prior to Jose's passing on June 22, 1997.

Maria worked as a tire weaver along with her husband at Dunlop Tires on Whitesboro Street, the position from which she retired in 1987. Maria was a loving and very special person, selfless and kind in her words and actions. She worked very hard and sacrificed much to provide for all the needs of her family and children.

Maria is survived by her children and their spouses, Jose William and Elaine Gonzalez, and Oneida and Alex Osuno, all of FL, Lourdes Miranda of Washington, DC, and Jose Antonio Miranda, Jr. of NJ; her grandchildren, Jovanka Marte, Natasha Marte, Melissa Miranda, and Leticia Miranda, who affectionately called her "Mama" for her parental guidance and her mothering nature in raising them; and her 2 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her remaining siblings and their families; and her in-laws and their families of

Puerto Rico. She also will be missed by her canine companions, Jetta and Jazz.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Maria's honor to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Maria's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.