



Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago

November 3, 1957 - March 10, 2011

Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago, age 53, of Sauquoit, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Herkimer on November 3, 1957, Melinda was the daughter of the late Earl and Amy (Marriott) Ward. She was raised and educated in Utica. On March 14, 1986 she married Rene "Cano" Santiago with whom she shared 25 years; they were blessed with a loving relationship filled with many good memories.

Melinda demonstrated proficiency and pride in her work as a nurse's aide at the former Hunter House. At home, she was a happy, giving person who loved the company of family, friends, and especially children. She was light-hearted, humorous, friendly, and kind. She saw the good in others, and she was an understanding listener. She will be remembered by her family as an exquisite cook, notably for her delicious lasagna. During her spare time she enjoyed crocheting, playing dominoes and cards, and solving word searches. She held in her heart a strong faith in God.

Melinda is survived by her husband Rene "Cano"; "her special children", Shaniya, Ciara, Emmanni, Arianna, Adonis, and Larry; and her special friends, Kenda, and Mary and her very special "sister" Providence "Provi" Vega. In addition, she leaves her sisters and brothers-in-law, Marjorie Ward, Elizabeth and Bernie Rodd, Levinia Ward and Peter Thomas, Florence Ward and Jim Weller, Brenda and Jose Velazquez, and Toni and Franklin Velazquez; her

brother, Earl Ward; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, many aunts and uncles; and her in-laws, Santina Sierra-Velazquez, Carmen M. Santiago, Felicita Santiago, Vigermina "Tata" and Napoleon Rivera, Israel Santiago, Venerada "Venny" and Humberto Garcia, Andrea and Felix Roman, Alejandro "Alex" and Janette Santiago, and Margarita and Moses Singertan. She was predeceased by her brothers, Eric Ward, and Eugene Ward.

The family offers their deepest appreciation to the Sauquoit Fire & Rescue, Edwards Ambulance, and the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Room. Also, special thanks to her caregivers, Danielle, Phyllis, and Linda from U.S. Care.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 12:00 noon – 1:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Melinda'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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I thank God for melinda for being my sister in law, and for caring for my mother which she took care for many years. and I thank God he gave me the chance to share Christ to melinda 6 months ago and lead her to the Lord. even doe we are hurting for her absent and miss her, she is walking in heaven in the streets of gold with the Lord. (2cor5:6-8 john 3:16*

Alejandro Santiago - March 16, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ *This is all crazy to me, it happened so fast like im still in shock. My aunt linda was the best person you could have ever met. I still have this little penguin stuffed animal she gave me and the little booties she knit for me when i was younger. I wish i could have made it to the wake but i think i rather have not went and just remember her how she was. some how it feels like she is still here. she was a great person and i know God will take her with open arms because apart from being a good women she took good care of my grandmother which was really appreciated by all of my family. I miss you and love you so much aunt linda i cant believe your gone. so i guess this is a till later because a goodbye would mean forever and thats impossible because you will always be in our hearts. MUUUUUAAAHH!!! <3 U!*



Jazmine Maldonado - March 16, 2011 at 01:37 AM



“ *Connie Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



Connie Bennett - March 13, 2011 at 08:04 PM



So sorry for your loss Ray. I am praying for you and your family. God be with you!

Connie Bennett - March 13, 2011 at 08:05 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



Connie Bennett - March 13, 2011 at 08:03 PM



“ *Kay Cakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



Kay Cakes - March 13, 2011 at 01:22 PM


Cynthia
Ruffin

“ *R.I.P LINDA U WERE A SWEET PERSON U WILL SADDLY MISSED LOVE CNYTHIA RUFFIN & FAMILY*



Cynthia Ruffin - March 13, 2011 at 10:18 AM

PA

“ *Pat Aiello lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



pat aiello - March 12, 2011 at 07:00 PM

MB

“ *Though i have only worked with her husband, rene, i have had the ocassion to meet his wife at a family picnic. she welcomed me and our co-worker cathy and made us feel at home. our hearts go out to rene and all of his family.*

marie brady - March 12, 2011 at 01:11 PM

MB

“ *Marie Brady sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



marie brady - March 12, 2011 at 01:05 PM

MB

“ *Marie Brady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melinda E. (Ward) Santiago*



marie brady - March 12, 2011 at 01:04 PM