



Carmen Silva

May 1, 1951 - July 16, 2014

Carmen J Silva, age 63, of Milledgeville passed away at her home residence on July 16, 2014.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 110 N. Jefferson St., Milledgeville, GA.

At the end of her 2 ½ year courageous struggle with Cancer of the Pancreas and side effects of her stroke, she fought with dignity and faith that GOD blessed her to share each day with family and friends.

Carmen was born at 4pm in San Lorenzo P.R. May 1, 1951, at home. At an early age she went into the Convent Siervas de Maria in San Juan, but by the grace of God she chose to be an RN before she took her vows to become a Sister of the Order. She received her RN license and worked at Hospital Oncologico Medical Center of Old San Juan. With Carmen Rivera and 2 other friends, she moved to Long Beach, CA to work at the Veterans Hospital. She retired in 2001 from the VA in St Petersburg, FL with 20+ years of service. She served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1982 to her Honorable Discharge Mar. 1998. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Milledgeville. Father Young came May 12 to give Carmen her Last Rite so she could pass and be with God our Heavenly Father.

She is survived by her “Beloved Partner” of 27 yrs., Janet Merklein, her

parents Francisco and Dolores Silva of Caguas P.R., her brother Pedro (Maritza) Silva of San Juan, her sister Gladys (Jose) of Cooper City, FL, Jack (Kathy) Merklein, Mary Dayton of Coral Springs, FL, Alan (Gale) Merklein of Sarasota, FL, Linda Merklein of Hollywood, FL, and Lauren Sukey of Durham, NC. Also 5 nieces and nephews, Pedro (Mindy) Silva of Lawrenceville, GA, Melissa (William) Ramos of Tampa, FL, Frances Silva-Colon of Cedar Falls, IA, Paola (Elmer) Blanco-Flores of Sunrise, FL, Francisco Blanco of Cooper City, FL. She was loved by these children as well as the Merklein nieces and nephews for all the things she taught them over the years. During the summer Titi Carmen & Janet would take the kids for a week, without the parents, to spend quality time with them fishing, jet skiing, horseback riding, telling spooky stories at night with their flashlights only to have them crawl in bed with us. Oh the joy the children bring to our life! And now that they have grown, they have entrusted their children to her on both sides of our family to guide them, but this terrible cancer had slowed her down to only watch their kids, Valeria, William, Malia, Javier and Noah, fish from her back yard. Too many Merklein family and friends to list but they were there in person or by phone at the end of her special life. Thanks to all of the Staff and Dr. Malhotra at the Northside Cancer Institute for the loving care they gave Carmen.

The words of love are still pouring in from family and friends which played a big part of her fight to stay strong.

The family has requested Memorial donations be made to Georgia Cancer Support, P.O. Box 1938, Milledgeville, GA 31059.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ We never met; however, I'm sorry for your family's loss. Carmen had a beautiful smile which I'm sure radiated a lot of happiness and joy. My heartfelt condolences to your family and may God grant you peace and comfort knowing she is in His care.

Barbi Rodriguez - July 18, 2014 at 08:42 PM

RW

“ I will never forget Carmen's sweet spirit & love she had for so any of our cancer friends. She inspired many & fought side by side with many of us. She encouraged us all & I will miss her so much. Janet I praying God will give you peace & comfort in the days ahead .

Robbie White - July 17, 2014 at 11:35 PM

KC

“ Janet and family I am so sorry for your loss. She fought the good fight with dignity and grace. On moms last day here one of the things she talked about was Carmen and she asked about her that day. Janet, you and Carmen made an impact on mom and she loved you both. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers! Love you!

Kerry and Mike Chambers - July 17, 2014 at 08:31 AM

JT

“ Jody Skipworth & Peggy Turner lit a candle in memory of Carmen Silva



Jody Skipworth & Peggy Turner - July 17, 2014 at 07:43 AM

PM

“ Janet, I am so sorry for your loss.
Much love, Patsy Muncy

May you be comforted by the words of "Song
of Farewell" by Ernest Sands:
(For Carmen, she will be missed...)
"May the choirs of angels come to greet you.
May they speed you to paradise.
May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.
May you find eternal life."



Patsy Muncy - July 16, 2014 at 10:23 PM

TH

“ So sad, am thinking about you both, I have another ANGEL to
watch over me, Jimmy Thigpen

ThigpenJimmy - July 16, 2014 at 12:39 PM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss please accept my deepest sympathy. I hope
you will find your strength and comfort in Jesus promises of the
earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth,
where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the
death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4; Luke 23:43. May
GOD(Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now during this
grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - July 16, 2014 at 11:49 AM

DD

I enjoyed so much getting to know Carmen. She was always so nice
and caring. She will be missed. Thinking of you with love Janet.

David Dunn - July 20, 2014 at 07:54 AM