



Joyce Martinez

December 11, 2006

Mrs. Martinez was a native of Baldwin County, and had made her home in Jersey City, New Jersey for over 40 years. She was the daughter of the late George Arthur and Lucy Brown Horton. She was a homemaker and an avid animal lover. Mrs. Martinez was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include a Daughter- Tondra Martinez of North Bergen, NJ; a Son- Shannon Martinez and Wife, Kristie of Bayonne, NJ; a Granddaughter- Skyler Lynn Martinez of Bayonne, NJ; a Brother- Roy Horton and Wife, Jean of Milledgeville, GA; a Niece- Cheryl McCain and Husband, Craig of Eatonton, GA; Two great Nieces, Brittany Lynn McCain and Adrianna Leigh McCain of Eatonton; an Aunt; and several cousins; Many devoted friends and her beloved pet, Nikki.

Tribute Wall



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December 31, 2006 at 07:40 AM



“ *I was a little girl when Joyce came into my life. My mother a single mom and myself moved into her second floor apartment on Liberty Avenue. It was the happiest time in my life because I had Tondra and SHannon to play with being that I had no siblings. I remember Joyce knowing everyone and everyone loving her smile and kindness and wanting to be her friend. There is nothing that she wouldn't do for a person and especially an animal in need. She had a huge heart and it hurts to know that I cannot just drop in on her every once in a while. She loved her children passionately and would gladly put herself last for them. I know that there is a huge void in their life right now that she is gone. I have to think twice before it almost sinks in that she is no longer with us. I will never forget your laughter, your voice, your compassion... I miss you. You are in my prayers. Your memory lives on in my heart.*

Yvonne D'ELia###imported-begin##Yvonne D'Elia and Leonor Santibanez###imported-end##

December 28, 2006 at 10:33 PM



“ *My aunt was one of a kind. She loved everyone and they loved her. She will be sadly miss but always in our hearts. We love you!!!###imported-begin##Cheryl & Craig McCain###imported-end##*

December 16, 2006 at 12:15 AM



“ Roy, Jean and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
God bless, Anne##imported-begin##Anne Richardson##imported-end##

December 15, 2006 at 11:29 PM



“ Roy and Family,

Sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce. We will be praying for your
and the family in your time of loss. May God shed his blessings on
you and yours.##imported-begin##Wallace Moore##imported-end##

December 15, 2006 at 07:01 PM



“ I just learned of Joyce's passing and my thoughts go out
for the family.##imported-begin##Darlene##imported-end##

July 26, 2006 at 03:43 PM



“ Words cannot begin to express how I felt about joyce. Not only was she a dear friend she was like a mother to me. I have so many wonderful memories of the times we shared together. Whether it was watching tv, doing puzzles, sitting out front on the steps enjoying the summer nights, or just drinking coffee and talking for hours I looked forward to all the times we would spend together. She got me through rough times in my life. She always had the best advice for me. I miss her so much and wish I had one more night on the steps with her. Just to tell her how much I loved her and to hear her laugh one more time. I loved her stories of georgia and her family. I felt like I knew Roy and his family because she always spoke so fondly and with so much love of them. Joyce Martinez was the kindest and most loving person I have ever met. there will always be a void in my life because no one can ever take her place in my heart. Tondra I will always be with you by your side because I too lost a mother that day. god bless##imported-begin##elizabeth montalvo##imported-end##

February 18, 2006 at 12:32 AM



“ Although, technically she was my aunt by marriage she was the dearest aunt I had- the memories that I have of her will remain in my heart always as she truly touched my life. I will always remember the weekends I spent with her as a child. Way before Shannon and Tondra were born - she treated me as if I was her own (thanks Shannon and Tondra for taking your time to come into her life).

Joyce would pick me up and plan out weekends- taking me on shopping trips through the Avenue, I always looked forward to lunch at the 5 & 10 (Woolworths) diner where they made those awesome Floats and always gave the kids a balloon, and then there was the toy she would buy me for being well behaved.

I remember the teakettle whistling as she prepared to sit down and have long talks with me in the kitchen, telling me about Georgia, talking about the animals, family, and everything else- the talks that created the bond and admiration that I had for her.

She took the time to know me and to love me, she taught me to love animals and country music-(not many Cuban girls enjoy Johnny Cash or even know who he was for that matter). I don't think she knew at the time what an impact those special weekends would have on me. My family moved to Florida when I was only 6 but the memories and bond that she took the time to make with me would last a lifetime.

Later when I moved back to Jersey I was fortunate enough to reconnect with her finding that my love for animals definitely came from her- I don't think I have met anyone that I can relate to more than her when it came to talking about our dogs- we could talk for hours. She loved her pets dearly but then again she loved everyone dearly.

After reconnecting, I would have the opportunity to tell her how special she was to me. I thank God that I was blessed with such a wonderful aunt that I was able to tell her on several occasions just how much she meant to me and how grateful I was for the time she spent with me.

*In my Heart, Thoughts and Prayers-Always.....
My Aunt Joyce will always be loved and remembered!!###imported-
begin##Yvette Miqueli###imported-end##*

January 07, 2006 at 11:58 AM



“ *I have known Joyce and her family my whole life. Our families were very close for many years since before I was even born. To this day I remain very close with Tondra, we were taught and always considered one another family, we just tell everybody we're cousins. I loved Joyce very much for the wonderful person she was. I practically grew up in her home and always felt welcome. She was a very loving and protective mom and completely devoted to her children and beautiful granddaughter Skyler. One of the many things I loved and will always remember her for is her accent (all the years she lived in NJ she never lost it!) her laugh and her kindness. I will miss her cooking and the way her face would light up when she told us stories about Georgia and when she spoke of all her loved ones. I've spent so much time throughout my life with this family I truly felt complete sadness when I heard the devastating news. I looked up to Joyce like a second mom and she was always kind to me, we would sit at her kitchen table just talking about everything. She was so happy for me when she learned I was pregnant with my daughter and said the sweetest things about my little girl, I would send her pictures and she would ask when I was going to bring my baby to meet her. Since I've moved away from Jersey City I always thought there would be plenty of time for my little girl to meet Joyce.. now I'm heartbroken she never had the chance. RIP Jocye, you are missed by so many and you were taken from us too soon. Now you are watching over all your loved ones with pride and love. Until we meet again....###imported-begin##Adriane###imported-end##*

January 04, 2006 at 10:58 PM