



Maria Teresa Sanders

December 15, 1933 - February 24, 2024

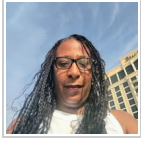
Maria Sanders of Crystal, Minnesota, formerly of Flint, Michigan died peacefully at Suite Living Senior Care in Crystal, MN on February 24, 2024 at the age of 90. A memorial service will take place at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave. West in Roseville, MN 55113. Visitation will take place at 10:00 AM.

Maria was born December 15, 1933, in Canovanas, Puerto Rico, and grew up in nearby Carolina. She moved to Michigan in 1963 where she met and married Dennis Sanders on July 6, 1968. Their son, Dennis Lee was born the following year. Maria worked for AC Spark Plug for 25 years, retiring in 1992. She and Dennis were active in their church, Mt Carmel Baptist Church in Flint. Following Dennis' death in 2015, Maria moved to Minnesota to be near her son and his husband Daniel. She became active at First Christian Church of St. Paul where her son was pastor and made many friends at church and at her senior apartment in New Hope. Maria was an avid singer, a great cook who loved to talk politics enjoyed taking in the fall colors, a lover of the Detroit Pistons, and sharing stories of growing up in Puerto Rico. Maria was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis, her parents Felicita Benitez and Candido Gonzalez, and her brothers David Ayuso and Salvador Gonzalez. She is survived by her son Dennis Lee (Daniel Pederson) of Minneapolis, MN; two brothers, Felipe Ayuso of Atlanta, GA, and Pablo Ayuso of Stockton, CA, and several nieces and nephews. We will miss this devoted woman who was

a wonderful mother, mother-in-law, aunt, sister, and most importantly a child of God.

The family would like to thank the caregivers of the Lodge of New Hope and Suite Living Senior Care in Crystal, MN for providing compassionate care for Maria over the last months of her life. We also express thanks for the Care Team of Suite Living Hospice as they walked with us during her final days.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in Peace to my Favorite Sunday School Teacher. A True woman of God. I Love You.* ”

Jimica Leonard - April 17, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your sad loss.* ”

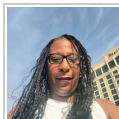
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“ *To Dennis and family. May God comfort you with many fond memories of your mom. I have many happy memories of Marie with Acteens at Mt Carmel.* 🙏❤️ ”



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God Bless Her

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