



## Lydia Mercedes Martin

May 30, 1945 - December 24, 2023

Lydia Mercedes Martin peacefully gained her wings on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at the age of 78 in Sarasota, Florida after battling a chronic illness.

Lydia was born in Belize City, Belize on May 30, 1945, the daughter of the late Francisco and Ines Perdomo Cervantes.

She is survived by her two loving daughters, Patrice Jonathan and Dr Francene Martin, sons-in-law Keith Tanguay and Brian Jonathan. She is also survived by her three grandchildren Stephon Luke Jonathan, Giovanni Martin Tanguay and Isabella Mercedes Tanguay. Lydia is also survived by husband of 40+ years Phillip Lloyd Martin, brother Carlos Cervantes and sister Maria Elena Cervantes and many nieces and nephews. Finally, she is survived by her devoted loving caretaker Lita Cuellar who she lived with the last few years of her life.

Lydia is predeceased by her sisters Chula Gabourel, Marta Ester Rodriguez and brothers Santiago and Francisco Cervantes.

Lydia was a graduate of University of West Indies in Jamaica where she studied Spanish and Education. She was a teacher at St. Jago High School in Jamaica, St Catherine's Catholic High School in Belize City then retired at age 65 as a teacher from Cage Elementary in Houston, Texas. Lydia enjoyed watching movies, listening to all kinds of music, cooking and watching sports

such as baseball and basketball. Often, she stayed up late watching playoff finals then calling her brothers and sisters in rivalry cities.

While she resided in Webster, Texas for the majority of years in the US, Lydia later relocated to Sarasota, Florida in December 2018. Her deep faith and devotion to the Lord were a driving force in her life as well she instilled this in her family. Lydia truly treasured her family, friends and time spent with them. She will be missed by those lives she touched.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, January 13th, 2024, at 1 pm at Incarnation Catholic Church, in Sarasota, Florida. The access to the video live stream is through website [www.incarnationchurch.org](http://www.incarnationchurch.org). The button in the center of the opening page connects to the live stream.

Relatives and friends are invited following the mass to attend a Celebration of Life at daughter Dr Francene Martin's home in Lakewood Ranch.

Those wishing to remember Lydia in a special way may send flowers to the Memorial mass.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Incarnation Catholic Church  
2901 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34239

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.*



January 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *TIO CARLOS, TIA LEN AND FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.*



**TIO CARLOS, TIA LEN AND FAMILY** - January 12, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.*



January 12, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *We will miss you Bootsie (pet name ) dearly ! you had a heart of gold . Thanks for all you did for us Phillip (husband )*

**Phillip Martin** - January 12, 2024 at 11:25 AM

PM

“ Thanks

Phillip Martin - January 12, 2024 at 11:18 AM

BT

“ Bernie & Mila Tanguay purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



Bernie & Mila Tanguay - January 12, 2024 at 02:05 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



January 11, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



January 11, 2024 at 11:07 PM

SC

“ Sally C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Mercedes Martin.

Sally C. - January 11, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.*



January 11, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**FMartin** - January 10, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.*



January 09, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *Francene M. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.*



**Francene M.** - January 09, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



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January 07, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Ramon and Luz Colina* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Mercedes Martin.

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**Ramon and Luz Colina** - January 07, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



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January 07, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Wendolyn Van Stone** - January 07, 2024 at 01:18 AM

FR

Love this ❤️

Fran - January 07, 2024 at 07:16 AM

WS

“ Dear Francene and Patrice, your mom was an incredible woman! I'm so blessed I had the privilege of knowing her. I will always remember her from St. Bernadette's (she was a very faithful woman of God), Randall's days ( she would always come through my check out line when I was in high school), and when she gifted me bilingual teaching reading material for my 1st grade class! She was a phenomenal reading specialist and shared so much knowledge with me. She was a very generous person with a very compassionate heart and she will always live in my heart. Rest in Peace, Mrs. Lydia! Your legacy will continue to shine through your daughters and grandchildren💜.

Wendolyn Van Stone - January 06, 2024 at 03:40 PM

FR

❤️❤️❤️ thank you for this beautiful memory

francene - January 07, 2024 at 07:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



January 06, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia Mercedes Martin.



January 04, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Fran Martin - January 03, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fran Martin - January 03, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fran Martin - January 02, 2024 at 05:35 PM

FM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fran Martin - December 31, 2023 at 03:11 PM

FM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fran Martin - December 31, 2023 at 03:10 PM

FM

“ Miss you Mom but happy you are finally at peace in Heaven. I feel your presence everyday and you will be forever in our hearts until we meet again. Love you Mom ❤️

Fran Martin - December 29, 2023 at 08:18 PM

PA

Mom .. Words cannot describe how much I love and miss you. You are forever in our hearts and memories. Rest easy now. Love Pat

Patrice - December 30, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DA

May her soul rest in eternal peace and happiness. She was a wonderful Aunt.

Davia - January 01, 2024 at 02:07 PM

MC

*My Sympathy to the Family. Lydia was always kind and treated me with respect We spoke several times on the phone (Mike is her first cousin ) I am his wife Marie Lydia Rest in Peace and Perceptual Light Shine Upon you You will be missed God Bless Marie Cervantes*

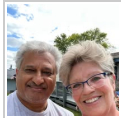
**Marie Cervantes** - January 05, 2024 at 08:24 AM

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*The Cervantes cousins will always remember Lydia and her family spending time in San Pedro (La Isla Bonita) in our teenage years. Those were days of fun memories that we will never forget. God Bless your soul.*

*Neto and family (Toronto Canada)*

**Luis (Neto)** - January 05, 2024 at 10:22 AM



*Lydia's eyes sparkled with joy! Her smile was warm and contagious! Her voice was so soft and soothing, I can still hear her beautiful voice!!! God Bless you Lydia, everlasting peace is now yours! Sending peace and comfort to the whole family. Sharon Williams. Wisconsin*

**Joe Martin** - January 06, 2024 at 01:29 PM

DH

*I will never forget how caring you were to San, Marc, and I when San had the dialysis treatments. I will not forget when he had the car accident how you and Franny helped us out when he come home from hospital. You were such a comfort to our family, You always had such a special place in ours heart. I'm glad you are not suffering anymore. I'm sure your singing and dancing with the angels and family. Much love, Dottie and Marc Cervantes*

**Dottie Heniser** - January 06, 2024 at 06:39 PM