



Rosa Maria Rivas

January 30, 1943 - December 21, 2025

Rosa Maria Rivas, 82, of Ocala, Florida, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2025, in her home surrounded by love.

Rosa Maria Rivas was born on January 30, 1943, in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, to Daniel and Anastasia Rivera. From an early age, Rosa carried with her a deep love for family, faith, tradition and values that remained the foundation of her life.

Rosa was an amazing housewife and a devoted mother, dedicating her life to caring for her family. Her home was always filled with warmth, music, laughter, and love. She had a special love for music and cherished every moment spent surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and extended family. Rosa's greatest joy was bringing people together and creating a home where everyone felt welcome and loved.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Israel Rivas, of Ocala, Florida. She also leaves behind her four daughters, Wanda Velazquez, Dianette Rivas, Maritza Rivas, and Jessenia Velez, and her son, Robert Rivas. Rosa is also survived by her sister, Luz Rivera. Her legacy continues through her 21 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, with her family continuing to grow.

Rosa was preceded in death by her son, Israel Rivas Jr., her daughter, Nancy Rivas, as well as her grandson Israel Lorenzo Rivas, her parents and siblings.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 10, 2026, at 1:00 PM at St. Jude Catholic Parish, located at 443 Marion Oaks Drive, Ocala, Florida 34473.

Rosa Maria Rivas will be remembered for her unwavering love, her gentle spirit, her dedication to family, and the beautiful memories she created that will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Jude Catholic Parish
443 Marion Oaks Dr
Ocala, FL 34473

Tribute Wall

AT

“ Assanatou T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosa Maria Rivas.

Assanatou T. - January 10 at 08:50 AM

MR

“ Maritza Rivas sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



Maritza Rivas - January 07 at 07:39 PM

LD

“ Luz Rivera and daughters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosa Maria Rivas.

Luz Rivera and daughters - December 30, 2025 at 09:20 PM

LD

“ Luz Rivera and daughters purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rosa Maria Rivas.



Luz Rivera and daughters - December 30, 2025 at 09:20 PM

YF

“ Your Niece, Betsy Martino & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosa Maria Rivas.

Your Niece, Betsy Martino & Family - December 30, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosa Maria Rivas.



December 30, 2025 at 07:51 AM

CR

“ CJ Rivera sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



CJ Rivera - December 29, 2025 at 08:57 AM

RR

“ Rosa Rivera sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



Rosa Rivera - December 29, 2025 at 08:57 AM

RR

“ *Rosa Rivera lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Rosa Rivera - December 29, 2025 at 08:56 AM

CL

“ *Love you!*



Crystal Lopez - December 28, 2025 at 08:44 PM

CL

“ *Crystal Lopez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Crystal Lopez - December 28, 2025 at 08:42 PM

CL

“ *You will always be with us! We love you grandma.*



Crystal Lope - December 28, 2025 at 08:41 PM

RR

“ *Rihanna Rivera sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Rihanna Rivera - December 28, 2025 at 12:43 PM

WV

“ *Wanda Velazquez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Wanda Velazquez - December 27, 2025 at 10:54 PM

WV

“ *Wanda And Jose Velazquez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Wanda and Jose Velazquez - December 27, 2025 at 10:54 PM

AM

“ *Adanis Malavet sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Adanis Malavet - December 27, 2025 at 10:45 PM

AM

“ Adanis Malavet sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



Adanis Malavet - December 27, 2025 at 10:44 PM

AM

“ Adanis Malavet lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



Adanis Malavet - December 27, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JV

“ Jose Velazquez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



Jose Velazquez - December 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM

JV

“ Jose Velazquez lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas



Jose Velazquez - December 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM

WV

“ *Wanda Velazquez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Wanda Velazquez - December 27, 2025 at 09:01 PM

WV

“ *Wanda Velazquez lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Wanda Velazquez - December 27, 2025 at 09:00 PM

RR

“ *Rihanna Rivera lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Rihanna Rivera - December 27, 2025 at 11:05 AM

RR

“ *My grandma was the sweetest, kindest woman I’ve ever known. I never saw anger in her—only patience, warmth, and understanding. She loved all her kids and all her grandkids so deeply and so unconditionally. Her heart was pure, her spirit was gentle, and her love was endless. Being around her felt safe. It felt like home. She taught me what real love looks like just by the way she lived and the way she loved. I will carry her words, her hugs, her kindness, and her love with me for the rest of my life. I miss her more than words can say, but I am forever grateful to have been loved by someone as special as her. I hope she knows how much she meant to me—and how much she always will.*

This is not goodbye. This is good night, until I see you again. ☐ 🕊



Rihanna Rivera - December 27, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MR

“ *Maritza Rivas sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Maritza Rivas - December 27, 2025 at 10:49 AM

MR

“ *Maritza Rivas lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Maritza Rivas - December 27, 2025 at 10:49 AM

EC

“ *Evelyn Cintron sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Evelyn Cintron - December 27, 2025 at 10:47 AM

EC

“ *Evelyn Cintron lit a candle in memory of Rosa Maria Rivas*



Evelyn Cintron - December 27, 2025 at 10:46 AM

RR

“ *Grandma was the heart of our family, the keeper of our traditions, and our greatest cheerleader. Whether it was the smell of her kitchen or her quiet strength in tough times, she made everything feel okay. Today, we don't just say goodbye to a grandmother; we say goodbye to a mentor and a friend. We will carry your lessons and your love in our hearts forever. We love you and miss you!* ”



Rosa Rivera - December 26, 2025 at 08:05 PM

LM

“ *Love you, Irene, Jeff, Mom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosa Maria Rivas.* ”

Love you, Irene, Jeff, Mom - December 26, 2025 at 06:24 PM

LM

“ *Love you, Irene, Jeff, Mom purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rosa Maria Rivas.* ”



Love you, Irene, Jeff, Mom - December 26, 2025 at 06:24 PM