



Casilda Saunders

December 6, 1929 - November 5, 2022

In Loving memory of the life and legacy of Casilda Rosita Saunders. Our Beloved Sister and Tita transitioned on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the age of ninety-three (93) surrounded by her loving family and her angel great niece Christina Penn Thomas by her side. Casilda Rosita Saunders was born in the Dominican Republic in the town of San Pedro De Macoris to the late David and Alice Archibald Saunders. As an adult in the Dominican Republic, she worked for the US Ambassador William T Pheiffer, and in 1957 when his tenure was over, he asked her to relocate to the US and work for him. At first, she was unsure, and she went home and asked her parents who gave her their approval. When she arrived at the local airport to depart from the Dominican Republic and saw all her siblings, Tita again had second thoughts, but Abuela "Ma Ma" insisted that she go because it would be good for all of them. When she landed in the United States it was late, she was tired from the trip and the day's travel and was taken immediately to the hotel. When she woke up the next morning and looked out the window, she was surrounded by clouds and thought that she was in the sky, but she was in a hotel room on the 17th-floor. After Casilda received her US citizenship she sought employment at New York City Health and Hospitals as an Instructional Aide until she retired in May 1994.

Casilda was a devoted daughter and purchased a home for her parents in the Dominican Republic at 77 Fellaqe in San Pedro De Macoris. She would also

send money home for the family and supported her younger sibling's education in Radiology. She was never married and had no children, but she was a surrogate mother to some of her younger siblings and countless nieces and nephews. In fact, Tita was the primary reason for her siblings to migrate from the Dominican Republic to come to the United States for a better life as she provided guidance and sponsored most of them.

Casilda Rosita Saunders lived a long and fruitful life and was adored by all whether she saw you yesterday or five years ago. She was fun-loving and loyal to all her friends and family. If you had a problem, she was always willing to lend an ear or a shoulder to lean on. She spoke softly and had a radiant smile and infectious laugh that made you feel all was right in the world. She had a warm welcoming calming presence about her, and she would make everyone feel at ease. If you stop by for a quick visit or to catch up with weekly events, you were always greeted with her freshly made iced tea which she was famous for.

Tita was a woman of faith and attended the Presbyterian, Trinidad, Spanish Church. Tita loved and blessed you to believe in God and she also gave you the courage to know that she was an angel on earth there to assist you in this life when you need them. She was also a member of the Pink Houses Senior Center and loved to travel with its members. Rosita never forgot where she came from and would always sending back a barrel to Celeste and her family. she would always say while we are here enjoying the good life in the new country, Celeste was back in San Pedro de Macoris taking care of our parents and she did this until the day they pass. To honor her memory and devotion to others, the delivery barrel will to those in San Pedro de Macoris will continue.

Precede her in death Jose, "Alfoso," Rachel, Josefa, Gillermina, and Ernesto. To treasure her sacred memory, she leaves three sisters Alejandrina, Lydia, Doraty and countless nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews,

friends, and neighbors.

Loving Submitted by The Family

En Memoria de la amorosa vida y del legado de Casilda Rosita Saunders. Nuestra querida hermana y tía “Tita” falleció el sábado 5 de noviembre de 2022, a la edad de 93 años, rodeada con su familia y su angelita sobrinas nietas Christina Penn Thomas a su lado. Casilda Rosita Saunders nació en San Pedro De Macorís en la República Dominicana de los difuntos David y Alice Archibald Saunders. Como una adulta ella trabajó para el embajador de los Estados Unidos William T. Pfeiffer, en la República Dominicana, y en 1957, cuando terminó su mandato, él le pidió que se mudara para los Estados Unidos para trabajar para él. Al principio, ella no estaba segura, pero les preguntó a sus padres y ellos le dieron la bendición. Cuando ella llegó al aeropuerto y vio a todos sus hermanos y sus amigas, Tita volvió a dudar su decisión, pero Abuela “Ma Ma” insistió que fuera porque sería bueno para toda la familia. Cuando ella llegó a los Estados Unidos ella llegó por de noche y estaba cansada del viaje y inmediatamente la llevaron al hotel. Cuando se despertó y miró por la ventana, ella pensó que estaba en el cielo, pero en realidad ella estaba en el 17 piso del hotel.

Casilda se convirtió en una ciudadana Americana y, buscó empleo en New York City Health and Hospital como Asistente de Instrucción hasta que se retiró en Mayo de 1994. Casilda era una hija dedicada y le compró una casa para sus padres en 77 Fellaque en San Pedro De Macorís. Cada mes ella enviaba dinero para sus padres y también ayudaba pagar la educación de sus hermanos y hermanas menor en radiología.

Ella nunca se casó y no tuvo hijos, pero fue madre sustituta de sus hermanos menores y hermanas menores sobrinas y sobrinos. La mayoría no saben que

Tita fue la razón por que todos los hermanos y hermanas dejaron la República Dominicana para venir a los Estados Unidos en busca de una vida mejor.

Tita vivió una vida maravillosa y lleno de amor para todos. Ella era carinosa y dedicada con toda su familia y amigos. Si alguien tenía un problema, ella siempre estaba dispuesta a prestarte un oído o un hombro para apoyarte. Si te acababa de conocer te o te conocía por toda su vida ella siempre tenía paciencia y amor por todo y todos la adoraban. Su voz era suave y tranquila y tenía una sonrisa radiante. Una de su mirada o un sonrisa decía todo y te hacía sentir que todo estaba bien en el mundo.

Tita nunca se olvidó de la familia en Santo Domingo. Cada mes ella enviaba barril para Celeste y su familia. Ella decía mientras nosotros estamos aquí disfrutándonos de la vida buena en el nuevo país, Celeste estaba cuidando a nuestros padres hasta que ellos fallecieron. Y aunque Tita ya no está con nosotros seguiremos enviando el barril a Celeste y su familia en su memoria.

Tita era una mujer de fe y creía en Dios y iba a la iglesia Presbyterian Trinidad, Spanish todos los domingos cuando podía. Ella también creía que no todos los ángeles estaban en los Cielos, algunos también viven aquí en la tierra con nosotros. Tita también era miembro de The Pink House Senior Center y le disfrutaba viajar con ellos.

Le preceden en la muerte José, "Alfonso", Ernesto, Josefa, Raquel, Josefa, Gillermina. Para atesorar su sagrada memoria, dejó a tres hermanas Alejandrina, Lydia, Doroty y sobrinas, sobrinos, sobrinas nietas, sobrinos nietos, amigos y vecinos.

Amorosamente presentada por su Familia

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

NOV **15.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Burial

NOV 15 (ET)

Pinelawn Memorial Park and Garden Mausoleums
2030 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(631) 249-6100

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Casilda Saunders.* ”



November 12, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Yolanda Perez Reed lit a candle in memory of Casilda Saunders* ”



Yolanda Perez Reed - November 12, 2022 at 06:36 AM



Tita was the family historian. During my visits, I would ask her about the family migration to the US and what traditions came from San Pedro. I am going to miss listening to her but was grateful for the time and information she shared with me. Rest in peace Tita, I will share wonderful stories with other family members.

Yolanda Perez Reed - November 12, 2022 at 06:52 AM