



## Carmen Rivera

September 13, 1946 - September 15, 2024

Carmen Rivera, 78, of Aurora, Illinois passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Sunday, September 15, 2024 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. She was born September 13, 1946 in Corozal, Puerto Rico.

Carmen worked in environmental services at Copley Hospital and Mercy Hospital in Aurora for nearly 40 years before her retirement.

She was a devoted Catholic and parishioner at Sacred Heart Church of Aurora. She enjoyed dancing, gardening and cooking every day for her beloved family --- especially rice.

Carmen was a loving daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Rafael Rivera; four daughters, Carmen Daisy (Geno) Cabral, Denise (fiancé Alex Navarro) Rivera, Dorelis Rivera and Damaris (Dan) Abella; six grandchildren, Geno Cabral, Geovani Cabral, Juvia (fiancé Brian Dorn) Davis, Jordan Radloff, Jazlyn Abella and Alexana Abella; two step-grandchildren, Kiya and Kate Navarro; two sisters, Flor Maria "Sore" Aviles and Margarita "Tuty" Aviles; a brother, Francisco "Tony" Aviles; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marybell Rivera; her parents, Juana (Fuentes) and Flor Aviles; and three brothers, Sijo, Luis and Juan Aviles.

Carmen's family would like to thank the entire staff at Rush University Medical Center and Journey Care for the professional and dignified care she received in her final days.

Celebration of life visitation will be Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. to Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 620 Fifth St., Aurora, IL 60505, at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Carmen's memory to St. Judes Children Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

SEP 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church  
620 South Fifth St.  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Tribute Wall

BE

“ I remember when I was in high school and stayed at Mr&Mrs Rivera's house to celebrate the Puerican parade when their daughter Daisy was crowned Queen that year. Carmen was always very kind and welcoming as was her entire family. I have nothing but, fond memories to always reflect on. Blessings and love ❤️ to everyone in the family!

Blessings to everyone - January 05, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MC

“ Praying for peace & strength for the family & freinds of such a lovely woman. May she rest in peace knowing her love will continue in the memories and actions of her loved ones.



Maritza Cantu - September 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carmen Rivera.



September 18, 2024 at 12:39 PM

LM

“ Love, Galdo & Monick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Rivera.

Love, Galdo & Monick - September 18, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen Rivera.



September 18, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carmen Rivera.*



September 18, 2024 at 09:55 AM

CM

“ *Chad and Iris Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Rivera.*

**Chad and Iris Miller** - September 18, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BB

“ *Bill, Natalie, and Bella Balunis-Comer purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Carmen Rivera.*



**Bill, Natalie, and Bella Balunis-Comer** - September 17, 2024 at 09:42 PM

CC

“ *Christopher Cwirla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Rivera.*

**Christopher Cwirla** - September 17, 2024 at 06:30 PM

CC

“ *Christopher Cwirla purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carmen Rivera.*



**Christopher Cwirla** - September 17, 2024 at 06:30 PM

YF

“ *Your O2 Support Center Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Rivera.*

**Your O2 Support Center Family** - September 17, 2024 at 06:18 PM

YF

“ Your O2 Support Center Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Carmen Rivera.



Your O2 Support Center Family - September 17, 2024 at 06:18 PM

FS

“ Fabiola Sosa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carmen Rivera.



Fabiola Sosa - September 17, 2024 at 11:31 AM

YS

“ Your friends at Braeburn Systems purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carmen Rivera.



Your friends at Braeburn Systems - September 17, 2024 at 11:22 AM

YS

“ Your friends at Braeburn Systems planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Rivera.

Your friends at Braeburn Systems - September 17, 2024 at 11:22 AM

LG

“ Los chicos del golf purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carmen Rivera.



Los chicos del golf - September 16, 2024 at 09:18 PM

FC

“ *Familia Cabral purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carmen Rivera.* ”



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**Familia Cabral** - September 16, 2024 at 09:15 PM