



Wilma Bonilla

October 18, 1955 - February 8, 2024

Wilma Bonilla, 68, passed away in Lakeland on Thursday, February 8, 2024. Wilma was born in Bronx, New York to parents Valentin and Miguelina Bonilla. She has been a resident of Lakeland for the last 15 years.

Wilma was a beautiful and vibrant mother with a heart filled with endless love for her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved family gatherings, music and dancing.

Wilma is preceded in death by her parents and sisters Edith Williams and Letty Santiago.

She is survived by children Roberto Rivera, Jr. (Felisha), Melinda Ortiz (Michael), and John Michael Luis Rivera (Denisse); siblings Nilda Bonilla, Miriam Vargas (Carmelo), Valentin Bonilla, Jr. (Iris), Rosa Rosa (Jose Antonio "Tony"), Noel Bonilla, Lourdes Lopez (Jose), and Ivette Bonilla; and 8 beloved grandchildren: Brianna, Aliya, Alana, Brian, Amani, Amelia, Aiden, and Lil Lu.

Visitation will be from 11:00AM - 1:00PM, with funeral service to follow at 1:00PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens Chapel.

Following funeral services, Wilma will be laid to rest at Serenity Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Dr
Lakeland, FL 33809
(863) 853-5959

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Wilma Bonilla*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - February 14, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JL

*When I die
when my coffin
is being taken out
you must never think
i am missing this world*

*don't shed any tears
don't lament or
feel sorry
i'm not falling
into a monster's abyss*

*when you see
my corpse is being carried
don't cry for my leaving
i'm not leaving
i'm arriving at eternal love*

*when you leave me
in the grave
don't say goodbye
remember a grave is
only a curtain
for the paradise behind*

*you'll only see me
descending into a grave
now watch me rise
how can there be an end
when the sun sets or
the moon goes down*

*it looks like the end
it seems like a sunset
but in reality it is a dawn
when the grave locks you up
that is when your soul is freed*

*have you ever seen
a seed fallen to earth
not rise with a new life
why should you doubt the rise
of a seed named human*

*have you ever seen
a bucket lowered into a well
coming back empty*

*why lament for a soul
when it can come back
like Joseph from the well*

*when for the last time
you close your mouth
your words and soul
will belong to the world of
no place no time*

jose lopez - February 15, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilma Bonilla*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - February 13, 2024 at 02:30 PM

DA

Love the many years of family friendship with Wilma. The memories will remain deep in the heart. Praying for all her precious kids and grandkids and family. Love Daly&Bob

Daly&Bob - February 14, 2024 at 04:11 PM

DS

“ Wilma was such a sweet, funny, positive friend to all. She always brought a smile to everyone’s face. She was so special to me, I loved her dearly. She made work at Sanshoe back in the 80’s such a fun place with her witty sense of humor and always uplifting attitude and that beautiful smile. I will always have a place in my heart for you. Rest in Heaven my sweet Wilma-lita. All my love, your Donna-lita. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️”

Donna Giordano Steiner - June 29, 2025 at 10:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Bonilla.



February 13, 2024 at 03:47 PM

RF

“ Rosie Tate/ Jones family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilma Bonilla.

Rosie Tate/ Jones family - February 13, 2024 at 03:47 PM

TR

“ I'd like to share, Titi Wilma was Very caring whether you were her child or not , old or young she always looked out ❤️🙏 We shared talks and prayers with each other whether it was on the phone or thru social media. No Matter what she was going thru she had A Great Big Heart And Always thought of others and their well Being ❤️🙏❤️🙏 She Always Showed Such A Great Love For Her Grandchildren Her Princes And Her Princesses as She Always Called them ❤️🙏❤️🙏 Her Love For Music And Dance Was Definitely in her Soul and She Loved To Express it and was Always Beautiful to See ❤️🙏❤️🙏 She Was A Warrior, a Fighter and will Be Greatly Missed ❤️🙏❤️🙏 We Love You Always Titi Wilma Rest In Love And Peace❤️❤️🙏🙏 Love Always Crystal and Family

Toni crystal Rosa - February 10, 2024 at 02:31 PM

EI

“ I recently visited Lakeland just 2 weeks ago. And Titi let me take her to Target. She was so strong as she rode through the aisles in that Target cart. I'm so grateful for our time together. I love you always Titi.

Eileen - February 10, 2024 at 11:28 AM