



## Nellie Iris Montanez

February 24, 1934 - March 27, 2024

Nellie Iris Montanez, age 90, of Greenbrier, TN, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at the Skyline Medical Center in Nashville. Funeral services will be conducted at 1pm Saturday, March 30th in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Pastor Magno Roblero officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Rose Hills Memorial Park, 101 Mill Street, Putnam Valley, NY, 10579.

The family will receive friends from 10am until time of the service at 1pm Saturday, at Austin & Bell. The Family will have a private viewing on April 2, 2024 at 12:30pm at Heritage Funeral Home, 35 Morrissey Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Friends are asked to meet at Rose Hills Memorial Park Cemetery on April 2, at 1:30pm, for interment.

Mrs. Montanez was born February 24, 1934 in Puerto Rico, to the late Antonio and Luisa Semorile Santiago. Mrs. Montanez lived in New York until 2011. She was very family oriented, very giving and forgiving, loved to sing, cook, babysit and care for children. Mrs. Montanez volunteered to care for the handicapped and elderly, and did marriage counseling. She was a member an Elder at Iglesia Hispana Bautista Rios de Agu Viva

Mrs. Montanez is survived by her husband of 61 years, Rafael Montanez; children, Marie (Henry) Ramos, Evette Ramos, Frank (Shirley) Montanez, and

Nellie (Phil) Venturini; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; and a sister, Carmen Walsh.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor to the church: Iglesia Hispana Bautista Rios de Agua Viva, 1700 S Main Street, Springfield, TN 37172.

Heritage Funeral Home, 35 Morrissey Drive, Putnam Valley, NY, 10579 (845) 526-3000 is in charge of the New York arrangements.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of the local arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-  
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hills Memorial Park

101 Mill Street  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 30.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 30.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Hna. Nellie we dearly miss you in New York since you left us in 2011. We had so many memories of Nellie and Hno. Rafael hosting gatherings with the church. Nellie was always looking beautiful, she was spiritual and loving, loved to serve. It was amazing how every time I spoke to her I was encouraged by her peace and joy. The Rivera family will and love miss Nellie for ever, but we have faith we'll see you again and that day will be so glorious.*

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**Ruth** - March 30, 2024 at 10:47 AM

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“ *I will miss you my sweet Nellie. You will forever be in my heart. I enjoyed all the time that we spent together. It was a pleasure to have cared for you for the time that I did. Most days it didn't even feel like work. We had so many memorable moments from eating dinner together to me doing your nails and the many laughs we shared. I love you!*

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**Michele Keller** - March 29, 2024 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Abuelita was a bright light in our family. No matter what was happening she always laughed and found joy in everyday things. She took care of her family with her loving ways and attention to detail and set the highest example of what a wife, mother, and woman should be.*

*Her kind spirit lifted many of us throughout the years. Her unwavering faith in God, instilled in us, a deep gratefulness for what we have. When I think of Abuelita, I can only see love and happiness. I can only see her humor and ability to lighten the room regardless of how heavy it was.*

*Most of all, I see her and Abuelo together as they were for my entire life. Two people committed to living a beautiful, faithful life together, helping and serving people the best they could, raising children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

*Our family was blessed to have Abuelita and all her gifts for as long as we did. I know she is at peace and I am positive God couldn't wait to swing the gates of heaven open to welcome her beautiful soul. For that I am grateful.*

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**Angela** - March 29, 2024 at 08:15 AM