



Merlinda Arroyo

August 1, 1982 - December 9, 2016

Merlinda Arroyo, 34, passed away on Friday evening, December 9, 2016, at St. Catherine's hospital in East Chicago, Indiana, after battling a long illness. Surrounded by family, she went to be with her Lord and Saviour at 11:45 p.m.

Merlinda was born on August 1, 1982 in Chicago, Illinois to Andrea Gonzalez and accepted Christ as her personal Saviour as a teenager.

In 1997, her family moved to East Chicago, Indiana, and she attended Hammond Baptist School that fall. She enjoyed learning how to cook and was part of the cheerleading squad. As an adult, Merlinda worked in the Finance office at the First Baptist Church of Hammond from 2007 until 2013 where she was no longer able to work due to her ailment.

She enjoyed watching sports and was excited when she saw the Cubs win the World Series. She loved to watch TV shows, movies, listen to music and play Candy Crush. Her favorite time was spent with her children as they read to her.

She will always live in the hearts and memories of her surviving family members which include her children: Angelo, Isabella and John Arroyo; Mother: Andrea Gonzalez; Grandparents: Ana and Jose Berrios; Great grandmother, Aurea E. Galletti; Uncles: Hector Garcia, Antonio Sanchez, Humberto Otero, John Arroyo; Aunts: Mirian Garcia, Aurea Otero, Teresa Arroyo, Violette Arroyo, Ruthie Arroyo; Cousins: Antonio Alicea, Della Wolverton, Antonio Sanchez Jr., Elena (Garcia) Roman, Jasmine (Garcia) Velasquez, Ana Garcia, Lilly Garcia, Joe Arroyo and Nick Arroyo; Various great aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, December 13, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. The funeral will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home with a one-hour visitation prior to the start of the service. Pastor John Wilkerson will be officiating. Please contact the funeral home for further information (219) 322-2050. www.m

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC **14**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ *Merlinda was an encouragement. Her smiling face encouraged us each time we came by to visit. She loves her kids and was glad to have them come ride the bus to church. We are praying for the family and others that loved her so much at this time. We were honored to know her. -Tammy and Randy Hopson*

Tammy Hopson - December 14, 2016 at 09:23 AM

EM

“ *I still remember when you joined us at our table at an Overland Bond Xmas party cause you said it was boring at the table you were sitting. Lol we had so much fun and laughed a lot. You were an awesome person Merlinda; God has gained a awesome angel. R.I.P. Sweet angel. My love and prayers to family.*

Elizabeth Mesarina - December 14, 2016 at 06:26 AM

SS

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for the whole family. Merlinda will be surely missed by her children, family, and friends. So glad for Heaven, and that she is standing up straight and tall, and meeting her Saviour! May God's love be felt in a special way during these days and weeks to come.*

Steve and Kit Sloan - December 14, 2016 at 12:54 AM



“ *I worked with Merlinda in the church finance office. She was so smart, but she didn't make anyone else feel like they weren't as smart. I absolutely loved working with her. The world has lost someone very special.*

Cherlyn Lukenoff - December 13, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Merlinda Arroyo.*



December 13, 2016 at 05:50 AM

UT

“ Margie, Tony Jr, and I will miss you dearly. God truly has an Angel. I will pray for, Angelo, Isabela, and Johnny, that God will protect them on their transition without you, but know they will hold you dearly in your heart. Thank you for allowing me to share this moment with you. "GO CUBBIES"



Uncle Tony - December 12, 2016 at 09:37 PM

LK

“ Love Julio, Evelyn & kids purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Merlinda Arroyo.



Love Julio, Evelyn & kids - December 12, 2016 at 11:31 AM

TA

“ So many great memories. And laughter together . One of my favorites was are travels to the Dr 's at northwestern and you telling me where to turn . Know matter how many times I had driven it I still wasn't sure where to turn and we would laugh !! I will treasure when you stayed with us and the deep conversations we had . I thank you for the sweet soul your were . Always doing the right thing . Always putting your children first . You are my hero !! I love you mor then you will ever know !! Dance with Jesus my sweet niece !! Love , Aunt T and Uncle John .

Teresa Arroyo - December 12, 2016 at 08:58 AM

IK

“ So sorry for your loss...prayers for her children.



Irma Kincaide - December 11, 2016 at 10:31 PM



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December 11, 2016 at 06:58 PM

EO

“ Sorry for your loss. May God comfort your mother and your children during this time. Fly high precious Angel.

Edith Oquendo - December 11, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ RIP my angel, Kakai. Blessings to you, sweetie. Prayers for you, your kids, mami, abuela and family. Love great-grandma Aurea and titi Lucy.

Lucy Martinez Galletti - December 11, 2016 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ You are our new angel in heaven may you Rest In Peace prayers to all specially my sister and niece and her baby's love you all



milagros santiago - December 11, 2016 at 12:08 PM