



Aurea Rodriguez Rivera

November 22, 2025

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With hearts full of love and gratitude, we honor the life of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera, 88, of Allentown, who passed away peacefully on November 22, 2025, surrounded by her family in the Inpatient Hospice Unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital. She was the wife of the late Andres Rodriguez.

Aurea was a devoted wife, mother, an adoring grandmother and great-grandmother, a loyal friend, and well respected within her community. Born in Orocovis, Puerto Rico, to the late Francisco Rivera Santiago and Bonifacia Ortiz Torres, she carried her roots with pride throughout her life. As a young woman, she served others with compassion as an LPN in Puerto Rico before beginning a new chapter in New York in 1960. There she became a talented and dedicated seamstress, working tirelessly while raising her family with strength, warmth, and unwavering love.

Her faith guided every step she took. As a member of the Salisbury Spanish Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Aurea's trust in Jehovah God and His son Jesus Christ was steadfast and resolute. Her steadfast spiritual hope was a source of comfort not only to her, but to all who knew her.

To her family, Aurea was the heart of every gathering—steady, nurturing, and

full of wisdom. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, resilience, and deep love that will continue to shape the lives of those who were blessed to know her. She will be missed beyond measure.

She is survived by:

Her daughters Luz Milagro Cruz (wife of Pedro Cruz) of Garner, NC, and Lisett Young (wife of Rahmeer Young) of Northampton; her son Salomon Rodriguez and his wife Kimberly of Allentown; her brothers Gilberto, Clemente, and Tomas Rivera; her sisters Carmen Colon, Natividad Santiago, Maria Judith Ortiz, and Gladys Rivera; as well as five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her immense joy.

Funeral Services:

Friday, November 28, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home

16th and Hamilton Streets, Allentown

Calling hours: 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to JW.org.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 28. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Inc.
1601 Hamilton St.
Allentown, PA 18102

Service

NOV 28. 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.*



November 26, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Mirian Soldineer (Lucy) hija de Félix R planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.*

Mirian Soldineer (Lucy) hija de Félix R - November 26, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Mary Ann, Moises and Fanny purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.*



Mary Ann, Moises and Fanny - November 26, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *Mary Ann, Moises and Fanny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.*

Mary Ann, Moises and Fanny - November 26, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JS

“ Jim and Julie Sullivan purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.



Jim and Julie Sullivan - November 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM

TT

“ The Troche's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.



The Troche's - November 26, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.



November 26, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JE

“ Jeanette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.

Jeanette - November 26, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aurea Rodriguez Rivera.* ”



November 26, 2025 at 10:34 AM