



## Alicia Mentel

February 15, 1927 - July 25, 2023

Alicia Mentel, 96 years old was reunited with her loving husband, Roman, parents, brothers and sisters on July 25, 2023. Alicia is survived by her sister Zoraida Lopez, children Vilna Mentel, Roman (Albert) Mentel and his wife Aileen, Daniel Mentel and his wife Anne, her grandchildren Nicole Rigo, Amanda Hanagan, Matthew Mentel, Daniel Jr Mentel, and Michael Mentel, her great grandchildren Michael Rigo, Nora Rigo, Kelly Hanagan, Candace Hanagan and Alina Hanagan.

Alicia was born Alicia Reyes Rivera in Villalba, Puerto Rico on February 15, 1927 to Julio Reyes Rivera and Francisca Rivera Ortiz. She had three sisters and five brothers. Alicia grew up in Ponce, Puerto Rico where she received her early education.

She travelled to Jersey City, NJ in her twenties and stayed with family friends where she learned English and worked in retail. Her friends introduced her to Roman Mentel. They married on June 26, 1954.

After marriage, Alicia lived in Jersey City with Roman where she had three children. Eventually they purchased a home in Long Branch, NJ and moved there in 1966.

Once the children were grown, she worked at the Long Branch Cerebral Palsy Building for 27 years as a teacher's aide. She was awarded a Certificate of Recognition May 9, 1988 for her assistance in Girl Scout troop 6. She retired on September 1, 1992.

In their retirement, Alicia and Roman travelled to Disney World in Florida,

Niagara Falls, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, France, and Switzerland. Other places Alicia travelled to was Greece, Canada, Las Vegas and a Caribbean Cruise.

Alicia was a devout Catholic and was deeply involved with her church, Christ the King Parish (formerly Holy Trinity). She was a member of the Rosary Society and the former Association of St Lucy of Filipini (ASLF). Alicia also went on Church retreats with the ASLF group. She became a Eucharistic Minister and went to Monmouth Medical Center every Sunday after mass to give communion to the sick. On February 2, 2002, Alicia was presented by Holy Trinity an appreciation award for exhibiting outstanding qualities of Catholic fellowship and example in her community. Alicia also enjoyed the benefits of the Long Branch Senior Center, participating in Zumba classes, parties, day trips, and ceramics. She especially enjoyed gardening and ceramics.

Alicia will be remembered for her generosity to all and as a gentle, kind and loving person to everyone. She loved her growing family and enjoyed every moment she had with them all. Her smile that would light up a room will always be remembered.

Visitation will be from 4pm to 8pm on Monday July 31, 2023, at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. Funeral Mass will be held 10am on Tuesday August 1, 2023, at Holy Trinity Church, 408 Prospect Street, Long Branch. There will be no visitation on Tuesday prior to church, the family has requested everyone to go directly to the church. Interment to follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, West Long Branch.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Carmel Cemetery

115 Wall Street  
West Long Branch, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Church  
408 Prospect Street  
Long Branch, NJ

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Kenneth, Keith and Eric Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alicia Mentel.

Kenneth, Keith and Eric Davis - July 29, 2023 at 05:37 PM

KD

“ Kenneth, Keith and Eric Davis purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Alicia Mentel.



Kenneth, Keith and Eric Davis - July 29, 2023 at 05:37 PM

FD

“ With heartfelt condolences to the entire Mentel family. Alicia was a precious sister-in-law who always was so generous. She loved her sister, my wife Nilda so much and always brightened our day. Visiting with her was to be pampered and she created so many good memories. Everyone that knew her will miss her dearly.

Frank Davis - July 28, 2023 at 03:56 PM

FD

“ Frank Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alicia Mentel.

Frank Davis - July 28, 2023 at 03:48 PM

FD

“ Frank Davis purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Alicia Mentel.



Frank Davis - July 28, 2023 at 03:48 PM

MS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Mentel Family. Your Mom and Dad were the best neighbors anyone could want for our four years next to you. Mom was the loveliest and warmest person I have had the pleasure to know. We always think of all of you whenever we are on Willow Avenue. Keep your loving memories in your hearts. We shall do the same. Sal & Joan Severini



Mr & Mrs Sal Severini - July 28, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.



July 28, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alicia Mentel.

July 28, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.



July 28, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Dearest beautiful Mentel family, there are no words. My heart is filled with so much sadness. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your tremendous loss. May your mom's love for you carry you through the sad days and lift you up when the days become unbearable. God bless you with the strength to bear these toughest days.

**NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER**

*"I give you this one thought to keep I am with you still I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone I am with you still in each new dawn." Your beautiful mom is always with you, JOJO JOANNE BAUER*

**JOANNE BAUER** - July 28, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ Love and prayers to the Mentel Family from the Leach Family

**Kathy McElroy** - July 28, 2023 at 07:31 AM

LR

“ My Aunt Alice was always very loving and caring. I will always remember my summers in Long Branch. I will always cherish the memories of the times spent with her and the family. Rest in peace Titi.

Lily Reyes - July 28, 2023 at 02:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alicia Mentel.

July 28, 2023 at 02:04 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.



July 28, 2023 at 02:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alicia Mentel.

July 28, 2023 at 01:45 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.



July 27, 2023 at 10:02 PM

CN

“ *Such a beautiful soul you will be missed. When I was president of the Rosary Altar Society at Holy Trinity Alicia said the rosary at our meetings. Sincere condolences to her family. Carol Nannini*

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**Carolina Nannini** - July 27, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.*



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July 27, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.*



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July 27, 2023 at 10:46 AM

TR

“ *Alicia was a sweet and kind person. She always went out of her way to ask about everyone. She will be missed.*

*Love to the entire Mentel Family from the Reiss Family xo*

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**Trish** - July 27, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alicia Mentel.

July 26, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.



July 26, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alicia Mentel.



July 26, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Alicia Mentel



**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - July 25, 2023 at 11:14 PM