



Carol "Cookie" Santana

January 11, 1955 - February 14, 2017

Carol Santana - or Cookie as she is better known - crossed over from this life to the next on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017. In many ways it is so fitting that this would be the day she would join the heavenly choir – because Cookie always had an amazing heart.

From her early days on this earth Cookie's heart would be seen in her singing and dancing. We remember her walking around the house with her little portable radio listening to the latest songs, moving rhythmically to the melodies. Her heart would be experienced through her infectious smile – her exuberant joy lighting up a room and all within it. Her innocence would invite you into a world very different from the world outside.

One of the most lasting memories for her family is Cookie singing "You Light Up My Life" by Debbie Boone. In spite of her challenges with down syndrome, she understood and felt the lyrics of this song, often bringing tears to all who would hear her.

Her later years became more difficult confining her dancing spirit to a broken body. That spirit has been released and we are confident that heaven has welcomed a new angel who is blessing the heavenly choir by 'lighting up the days and nights with song.'

Cookie is survived by her mother Carmen, her sisters and their families – Diana and her husband John with their family - Alana, Luke and Mark; Ruth and her husband Edward with their family - Dakota, David and Lani and their daughters Mia and Sophia.

Entombment at Ocean County Memorial Park will be private.

Cemetery Details

Ocean County Memorial Park

1722 Silverton Rd
Toms River, NJ 08753
<http://www.ocmp.org/>

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Al Barthelmess sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol "Cookie" Santana*



Al Barthelmess - December 10, 2020 at 05:52 PM

RS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Ruth Santana-Grace - February 21, 2017 at 04:11 PM

RS

Cookie smiling at her little sister!

Ruth Santana-Grace - February 21, 2017 at 04:12 PM

RS

Dear Tia Carmen, Cousins Ruthie and Diana and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Cookie is now resting in peace with her Dad. I know that she is very happy. I will never forget you Cookie. You will always remain in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Love always, Rose, Mario, Izzy and Carlos

Rose Santana-Quiroga - February 23, 2017 at 06:53 PM

 Greg
Klimovitz

“ I did not know Cookie personally, but have heard stories through her family. She was beloved and full of joy- a beautiful reflection of one created in the image of God. We give thanks for her life and lift prayers for her family and friends.

Greg Klimovitz - February 21, 2017 at 01:03 PM

CA

“ Ruth, Diana, Carmen and family,

Sending our thoughts and prayers on the loss of Cookie a loved daughter, sister, cousin and aunt.

AJ and Cassie

Cassie - February 21, 2017 at 08:40 AM

BT

“ I did not know Cookie personally, but saw the joy of her life reflected in her sister Ruth. Joy still dances in the midst of sorrow - "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

Thankful for the blessing of rest Cookie now knows and for the legacy her love and deeds leave you all.

Bill Teague

Bill Teague - February 21, 2017 at 07:01 AM

JW

“ While I wasn't privileged to know Cookie, it's apparent that she touched many lives. Know of my prayers for all of you as you grieve her passing and celebrate the start of her life with God. May God's peace surround you all. John Willingham

John Willingham - February 20, 2017 at 03:08 PM

BT

“ Dear Titi Carmen, Ruth, Diana and family,

May Cookie rest in peace. Her magical smile, kindness of heart and love of life brought us all joy. I'll never forget how she loved to listen to music and dance.

We were graced to have her as a wonderful cousin. She personified love and we will never forget her. Keep dancing in heaven, Cookie!

Love you always, Betzy (Pepsi) and Seth

Betzy Torres-Mitchell - February 20, 2017 at 12:20 PM

LR

“ Dear Ruth, Carmen, Diana and family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that in time happy memories of Cookie will ease your pain.

With love, and deepest sympathy,

Lynn and Michael

Lynn Rothman - February 20, 2017 at 11:16 AM

DB

“ Dear Ruth and Santana Family,
Words are inadequate in times of loss. I write to offer my sympathy-
know you are in my prayers . I hope as you grieve-you will know
comfort from our love and in time memories of " Cookie" will bring
peace.

*Grieve as you must for as long as you must-in my personal
experience going through grief is a long and healing process.*

Much love-Delores Brisbon

Delores Brisbon - February 20, 2017 at 08:34 AM

SP

“ Dear Ruth, Mimi, Diana and those who personally knew Cookie and
loved her,

*Even though I never met Cookie I got to know her through Ruth and
Mimi. I know that Cookie was deeply loved and valued by her family.
I was specially touched by how Cookie's sisters loved and cared for
her. Our family is holding Ruth, Diana and Mimi in our prayer as
they grieve the loss of Cookie.*

Sungshim on behalf of the Loppnows

Sungshim Park - February 19, 2017 at 01:11 AM

SA

“ Sending love and sympathy to Carmen and to Diana and Ruth and
their sweet families. Celebrating your remarkable sisterhood as you
remember and honor Cookie. Hope you can feel the love from your
Dominguez family in Claremont. --Sonja & Andrew

Sonja & Andrew - February 18, 2017 at 07:06 PM

SB

“ Dear Carmen, Ruth and Diana and family - I am so sorry to hear about the death of Cookie. You have all been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard the news. She was a special member of your family, and loved by all of you. May God's grace and love fill you with the comfort of God's presence. Sue Bennetch

Sue Bennetch - February 18, 2017 at 04:59 PM

RM

“ Cookie was a special person whose life was not lives in vain. I am sure she is rejoicing and happily sitting with her dad in heaven singing songs of blessings and love. She will be missed but the memories of her grace and smile will sustain you during this difficult and sad moment. May God give you peace

raquel santiago- martinez - February 18, 2017 at 04:49 PM

RU

“ My deepest condolences to the Santana family during this time of loss. I pray that you all feel and experience God's presence in the care, touch, and love of all around you. May you all experience peace in the midst of this sorrow. May you find comfort in the ties that unites you all as family. May you all find spaces to share countless stories of Cookie. May those stories prompt a smile on your faces. May those smiles remind you of Cookie's joyous spirit. May you find safe spaces to grieve and simply be as you all navigate this season of loss, grief, and morning. ¡Un fuerte abrazo! Con mucho cariño.

Ruth-Aimée - February 18, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MJ

“ To this beautiful family,

She couldn't stay any longer, but she left you lots of love and happy memories. She now in heaven and always in your hearts 💕💕

miriam and jack - February 18, 2017 at 03:48 PM

SU

“ Our heartfelt prayers are with your whole family to maintain strength and courage through this time of grief. We pray for loving hands to support you and joyous memories to comfort you. Blessings, Susan and Vijay Aggarwal

Susan - February 18, 2017 at 03:44 PM

LD

“ May God grant rest and peace to his precious one, and may his grace and comfort be with those mourn and remember her life and her light.

Larry Davis - February 18, 2017 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ To the Santana family:
We send our thoughts and prayers on the loss of a much loved daughter, sister, cousin and aunt.
Mike & Joanne Henry

Mike Henry - February 18, 2017 at 01:54 PM

MO

“ *Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them .
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

Melisa Olivero - February 18, 2017 at 01:29 PM

JB

“ *To Carmen, Ruth, Diana and family, our family
sends our love and heartfelt condolences on
your loss. Joan*



Joan Boreen - February 18, 2017 at 01:19 PM

KG

“ *May you all enjoy remembering and giving thanks for Cookie's joy
and love as well as experience God's comforting presence, love and
hope as you celebrate her resurrection as she is finally whole and
home in heaven with Jesus. Kathy Goodrich*

Kathy Goodrich - February 18, 2017 at 01:16 PM

ST

“ *To our loving cousin Cookie. Our wonderful memories was spending
time with you and the family on New Years Eve at Titi Pietra's
house. You had the greatest smile while dancing with all of us. We
will always cherish those wonderful days with you. Our prayers are
with you and the family. God Bless and Rest in Peace. Love always,
Ray, Sylvia, Ray and Rick Torres.*

Sylvia Torres - February 18, 2017 at 01:03 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ruth Santana-Grace - February 18, 2017 at 12:40 PM

SP

“ Prayers, love and condolences to the family during this heartbreaking time.



Stefanie Plumley - February 18, 2017 at 11:04 AM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Carol "Cookie" Santana



bongarzone funeral home - February 16, 2017 at 06:10 PM

Bongarzone

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 16, 2017 at 11:05 AM