



## Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe

January 26, 1945 - March 2, 2021

Ivis Nereida Marrero Principe, 76, of Durham, NC, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Ivis, better known as “Nery”, was born on January 26, 1945 to Andres Sr. and Petra Marrero in Humacao, Puerto Rico. Nery immediately brought joy and laughter into the world. Her family moved to St. Croix, U.S Virgin Islands when she was five years old and she spent her formative years side by side with her siblings. Nery went on to graduate from St. Mary’s Catholic School and was well loved for her bright and warm spirit. After graduating from high school, Nery went on to pursue a degree at University of Puerto Rico and later became an accountant for Martin-Marietta.

In 1969, Nery married Norman Johansen, Sr. and together they birthed three sons. Nery later fell in love with and married Louis “Lou” Principe, and the two were inseparable until Lou’s death in 2001. Nery then moved to Durham, NC to be closer to her family.

Nery was a fiercely dedicated mother to all of her children. Family came first and was above all else, a value she instilled in all those around her. Nery loved to share food, fun and laughter with her family and friends, and her smile always lit up the room. She was passionate about special needs, sports, politics and was a devout Catholic. The hole left by her absence is impossible to fill.

Nery was predeceased by Lou Principe, Andres Marrero Sr, Petra M. Marrero, Enrique M. Matta, Jesus M. Figueroa, Juanita M. Encarnacion, Luis E. Marrero, and Andres Marrero, Jr.

She is survived by sister, Nilsa Marrero Baird and her husband Stanley Baird, brother, Jose A. Figueroa and his wife, Pauline Figueroa; her three sons, Shane Lloyd, Wayne Norman, and Norman Lloyd, Jr.; her sister-in-law, Sandra Marrero; her step-daughter, Debbie Arnold, her daughters-in-law, Shayna Johansen and Tracy Johansen; her six grandchildren, Catherine, Lauren, Cameron, Caleigh, Kayla, and Caiden; nieces,

nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ivis Principe's name to Duke Dementia Family Support Program.

A small intimate memorial service will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 11:30 am.

Special thank you to Transitions LifeCare Hospice of Raleigh, NC for their caring and attentive guidance during the later stages of Nery's care. The family is forever grateful to the Memory Makers program for their support of Nery and the family after Nery's dementia diagnosis. Also, a special thank you to her niece, Maritza Baird Campbell for her loving support to Nery and her children during challenging moments in her care and after. Devoted. Caring. Faithful.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
810 W Chapel Hill St  
Durham, NC 27701  
<http://icdurham.org/index.php/en>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

MB

“ *IVIS and I worked together at Martin Marietta for over 11 years as close Co workers I was so sad to hear of her passing. She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.*

**Marsha Lewis Bryan** - March 16, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe.*



March 08, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe.*



March 08, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe.*



March 08, 2021 at 01:10 PM

CM

“ TO: Nilsa Marrero Baird and the Marrero/Johansen Family

*We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend, Nereida. We knew Nery and her entire family while living in St. Croix in the 1950's and 60's as we went to High School together. From time to time we would reconnect, but as often happens, we moved to different parts of the U.S. and lost touch over the years. We do remember with fondness how close the family was and how welcoming her parents were to any of the children's friends. Nery was especially warm and caring, qualities that seemed to have remained with her throughout the years. We send our deepest condolences to Nilsa and all family members. We pray that God will give you the strength to deal with her loss, and wonderful memories to sustain you in the days to come.*

*Fondly,  
Carlos and Malvelina Monell  
(malmon47@comcast.net)*

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**Carlos and Malvelina Monell** - March 07, 2021 at 07:32 PM

BS

“ Bernicia Suarez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe



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**Bernicia Suarez** - March 06, 2021 at 10:23 PM

BS

*My dear Nery, I hope you're enjoying yourself up there with your hubby and your family! We love you and will always have warm memories of you.  
Your cousin Bernice*

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**Bernicia Suarez** - March 06, 2021 at 10:33 PM

LH

“ LUZ HIGHFIELD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe



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**LUZ HIGHFIELD** - March 06, 2021 at 08:05 PM

MF

“ Rest easy Auntie Neida. Condolences to the family.  
Love Your Nephew,  
Miguel Figueroa



Miguel Figueroa - March 06, 2021 at 11:05 AM

WV

“ My Godmother and Aunt, my Auntie Neida! Such an unexpected reality! Those we love don't go away they walk besides us everyday! May you, her children, find comfort knowing that she was an awesome and beautiful lady! Rest In Peace.  
Love always your niece,  
Wanda Figueroa-Vialet



Wanda Figueroa Vialet - March 06, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JF

“ Jose A. Figueroa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe



Jose A. Figueroa - March 06, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JF

“ To the family members of my sister, Nery, Please accept my sincerest condolences. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this memorial service but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve this tremendous loss. Her smile, unforgettable. May she rest in God's eternal peace.  
Love, her brother, "Chin"- Jose A. Figueroa

Jose A. Figueroa - March 06, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe.



March 06, 2021 at 10:49 AM

VA

“ Hey Aunt Nery, I can just see your smile. Your smile would always light up a room. You were loved by so many and will truly be missed. Memories are longer than the road that stretches out ahead. Things end but memories last forever. The two hardest things to say in life are hello for the first time and goodbye for the last. But it's not goodbye, it's see you later. Continue to rest in eternal peace. Tell Grampa we miss him to...

Valeria - March 06, 2021 at 07:28 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ivis Nereida Principe.



March 05, 2021 at 07:51 PM

DE

“ Aunt Nery your heart was so beautiful that it made it so easy to keep a loving smile on your face each and every time I see you. It's sad to know that you're gone but we all know that you're in a better place now. You're free aunty free and near with God. Tell dad I say hi.  
Love you Delores (Titi)

Delores - March 05, 2021 at 07:27 PM