



## Margarita Rios

March 4, 1951 - May 7, 2025

In Loving Memory of Margarita Rios (Rita)  
Sunrise March 4, 1951 - Sunset May 7, 2025

Margarita Rios, lovingly known as Rita—a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and cherished friend—passed away peacefully on May 7, 2025, at the age of 74.

Born in Colón, Panama on March 4, 1951, to Paula Segura and Maxcimo Hernandez, Rita grew into a woman of remarkable faith, unshakable strength, and deep kindness. Her gentle spirit and radiant smile warmed the hearts of all who knew her.

Rita devoted her life to nurturing others, not only as a beloved matriarch of her family but also as an Early Childhood Development Teacher at NASA Langley Air Force Base for over 15 years. There, she dedicated herself to shaping young minds with compassion, patience, and joy—bringing comfort and consistency to many military families.

Education was always important to Rita. While living in Panama, she earned a bachelor's degree in education. After moving to the United States, she continued her academic journey by studying Early Childhood Development at Thomas Nelson Community College—further equipping her with the knowledge and tools to serve and uplift young children.

She was a woman of many passions: an exceptional cook who made every meal an expression of love; a talented seamstress who brought beauty into the everyday through her sewing; and a joyful soul who loved to sing, dance, and praise the Lord with unwavering devotion. Rita's heart was fullest when surrounded by her family, especially during Christmases and birthdays with her grandchildren, which became cherished and unforgettable memories.

Rita's legacy of love, faith, and laughter lives on through her devoted husband of 49 years, Hector Rios; her six children—Hector and Kimberly Rios, Osvaldo and Patricia Rios, Rolando Rios and Elizabeth Stipes, Eduardo Rios, Tamika Rios and Darryl Griffin, and Armando and Katie Rios; her siblings Rosa Davis, and Lucy and Jeffery Davis; as well as a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends who adored her.

Rita was a warrior, a winner of a thousand battles. You will live forever in our hearts like a light that never goes out, like a love that never dies.

A memorial service honoring Rita's life will be held at Miracle Temple Baptist Church

617 32nd Street, Newport News, Virginia, 23607

The viewing will take place on May 17, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM

The ceremony will follow from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Cemetery

401 Curry Hollow Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

# Previous Events

## Margarita Rios Public Viewing

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Miracle Temple Baptist Church  
617 32nd Street  
Newport News, VA 23607

## Margarita Rios Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Miracle Temple Baptist Church  
617 32nd Street  
Newport News, VA 23607

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Lamento profundamente el fallecimiento de su querida Abuela/Hermana/Madre/Tia. Que encuentre fortaleza en la fe y en el amor de su familia y amigos. Estoy orando por su consuelo.* 🙏🙏🙏



RISY MARIOKY SCOTT - May 22, 2025 at 09:09 PM

PC

“ *Getting to know Rita was an amazing experience for me. She was kind and gentle. I always enjoyed when we would go out to eat. I will miss her very much.*

Patricia Chatman - May 16, 2025 at 09:10 PM

DD

“ *Rest in paradise Tia Margarita you will be missed dearly. You were a great aunt and role model for the whole family. I will appreciate your support always* ❤️



David Davis - May 16, 2025 at 08:47 AM

AD

“ A beautiful soul leaves a lifetime of beautiful memories.  
Remember Margarita often and allow the sad memories of today become bittersweet memories of tomorrow as she watches over her loved ones.  
My sincerest condolences to all of her family and friends.



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**Audrey Dawson** - May 16, 2025 at 07:14 AM

CC

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one.  
May you find comfort and peace in God's promise to swallow up death forever and wipe the tears from all faces. - Isaiah 25:8  
Condolences



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**CC** - May 15, 2025 at 12:52 PM

LS

“ I love working with Ms Rita at NASA Langley Child Development ctr. She would sing and read to her toddlers. I loved when she would encourage me to learn more Spanish. I will miss her dearly Facebook help in our reconnecting after many years apart. I will hold our memories close to my heart. 🙏 praying of comfort for the family.

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**LAVONDA SAUNDERS** - May 15, 2025 at 07:04 AM



“ *Cecelia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Margarita Rios*



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**Cecelia Garcia** - May 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Margarita Rios.*



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May 14, 2025 at 11:49 AM