



*Mercedes Rivas  
Mercado*

**Sept. 23, 1926 - March 4, 2024**

Mercedes Rivas Mercado, 97, of Morganton, NC, died Monday, March 4, 2024.

Born in Puerto Rico on September 23, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Matias Rivas and Carmen Mercado.

Mercedes was a very strong woman who carved life out of a mountain. She was a hard worker and provided for her family by sewing. Mercedes took care of her family and was meticulous about her housekeeping.

She is survived by her children, Antonia Suarez, Angel Rafael, Jose Antonio, Edwin Suarez, Luz Nereida, and Feliz Suarez; and numerous extended family.

In addition to her parents, Mercedes was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio Suarez; and children, Juan Suarez, Migelina Suarez, Minerva Suarez, and Elman Suarez.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024 at Burke Memorial Park with Deacon Miguel Sebastian officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall

Edwin, Rosa and Family, We are thinking of you and sending love, hugs and prayers, as you mourn, but also celebrate your mother's life. What a beautiful woman and I am sure you have many fond memories held in your hearts. You have a special angel watching over you now.

–Rose and Frank Cousin

I will miss you abuela. You have lived a long life and go rest in peace. I will see u on the other side when my time comes. Nelida Kotomori

–Nellie



Se me olvido te voy a recordar como una tía que poco te conocí y compartí y me llevo lo mucho que hablabas de tu hermano tino mi padre cosas que yo no sabía me llevó tu bella sonrisa te Amaré por siempre titi Mercedes

–Modesta Rivas Rivera

Pues solo les deseo a Toña y aFelito un fuerte abrazo ala distancia y mucha fortaleza ala toda la familia te voy extrañar mucho titi Mercedes pero me llevo de ti tu sonrisa tu humildad un ser humano que hay pocos ya mujer virtuosa llena de Dios y dio lo.mejor para sus hijos y las conversaciones que tenía con matias Armando y ami modesta de lo que pasaban cuando se criaban pasaron mucho

ya no más sufrimiento ya descansas en los brazos de Dios que Dios los bendiga a todos y un fuerte abrazo a todos a los que no conozco pero somos una grande familia los Rivas

–Modesta Rivas Rivera

Amada tía, ya descansas en los brazos de nuestro amado Dios. Culminaste tu carrera en la tierra y ganaste esa corona hermosa que Dios tenía preparada para tí en el cielo pues fuiste una mujer de fe y muy creyente de su palabra.

Recordaremos los bellos y especiales momentos vividos. Estarás presente en nuestras vidas. ¡Te amaremos por siempre! Descansa en paz tití Mercedes  
Tus sobrinos, Armando Rivas y Maggie García

–Armando Rivas & Maggie García



–Angel Reynoza



Heard great things about her, she was loved dearly by family. May she rest in peace now

–Mirna



I always love my grandma and I really close to her but she's is peace in rest and happiness in heaven. I miss you grandma and love you so much. I'm thinking about you today and every day no matter what.

–Brenda Suarez