



Obituary for Carmen Bocachica

Carmen Bocachica, age 93, passed away peacefully on the morning of October 24, 2019.

She was born on November 11, 1925 in Playa Ponce, Puerto Rico to her parents Salvador and Francisca.

She grew up the oldest of four beautiful girls.

She married Humberto Bocachica on November 6, 1948 and they enjoyed 42 years of matrimony until he preceded her in death in 1990.

In the early 1950's, she and her family, seeking economic opportunity, left Puerto Rico for New York City where she worked at a garment factory for years. She left that behind when she took a position with the Federal Reserve Bank; a position she kept until her retirement and one she was very proud of.

Gifted with a natural intellectual curiosity, she was a lifelong learner who never wanted to draw attention to herself. She was a vibrant and active part of her community and her church. A master seamstress, she found time to raise three children while working a full time job and obtaining her Associate's college degree.

Carmen was an active member of Jefferson Park Methodist Church and then the Upper Madison Methodist Church, both in New York City, for over 40 years.

At age 67, she embarked on a new adventure and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico with her daughter's family. There she was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church from 1994 to 2013.

In 2013, she embarked on yet another adventure and went to live with her daughter in San Antonio, Texas where she became an active member of Jefferson United Methodist Church.

She held many posts at the churches including board member, secretary and treasurer although she was happiest working in the background tirelessly to make things happen.

A proud alumnus of Pace University/Dyson College of Arts and Sciences in New York where she was consistently on the Dean's List, she obtained her Associate's degree in English and graduated in 1981.

Living her faith, she served as a volunteer and translator for the United Methodist Church food and clothing bank in Albuquerque, The Storehouse, for several years.

Her life was a life well-lived and an example of a favorite bible verse from Ephesians 4:32- "and be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Carmen is survived by her three children, Carmen, Johnny and Zaida Yvette as well as numerous well-loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Carmen Bocachica November 11, 1925-October 24, 2019

Order for Farewell Service October 31, 2019 7PM

Prayer

Invocation

Vocal Solo Lillian

Eulogy Arthur McClean

Program Speaker Rev. Hermon L. Darden

Speakers

Closing remarks

Benediction

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