



## Celeste Sanchez

September 20, 1950 - March 6, 2021

### A Reflection of Life

Celeste Sanchez was born on September 20, 1950 to the late Jose Mercedes Sanchez and Catalina Rosario Sanchez in the Dominican Republic. She attended public schools in San Francisco in the Dominican Republic. After finishing school, she moved to Santo Domingo, where she resided for many years. In 1983, she decided to travel to the United States. Upon her arrival, she found employment with the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. She worked at the Mayflower for several years until she found an opportunity with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City, VA. Celeste received several awards for her hard work and dedication. She received the “Five Star Employee of the Quarter Award”, “Marriott International-30 Years of Dedicated & Valuable Service Award”, and the “Employee of the Year Award”.

Celeste was always cheerful and a giver. She was always willing and ready to help anyone wherever she could. Celeste was also an excellent cook. She would constantly prepare delicious meals for her family and at large family gatherings. You could always rely on her for support. Celeste was a long-time member of St. John United Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. You could always see her sitting in the back of the church enjoying the word with a smile. Celeste enjoyed being with her family and friends. She mostly enjoyed traveling, dancing, singing, going to church, and spending time with her many nieces/nephews, and adopted grandchildren.

Celeste went to dwell in the house of the Lord on March 6, 2021 after suffering a long-term illness. She leaves behind her Sanchez family and her extended Gonzalez/Barett family. Celeste comes from a family of 11 siblings, which four preceded her in death, along with her parents. She goes on to reunite with Jose Mercedes Sanchez (father), Catalina Rosario Sanchez (mother), Jose Sanchez (brother), Divino Sanchez (brother), Altagracia Sanchez (sister) and Esperanza Sanchez (sister). She leaves to cherish her sister Ana Luisa Sanchez (Washington, DC), Felipa Sanchez (Italy), Felicia Sanchez (Italy), Petronila Sanchez (Italy), Catalina Sanchez (Italy), and Domingo Sanchez (Italy). Cousins, Ana Sanchez and Elizabeth Sanchez.

Celeste has a devoted friend/sister of 35 years, Esperanza Gonzalez. They met when

they were both working at the Mayfair Hotel. Celeste came to stay with the family and became family. She became a surrogate mother to Esperanza's children: Manuel Jesus Gonzalez (Arica Gonzalez) and his children (Janelli Gonzalez, Manuel Jiovani Gonzalez, & Jaelle Gonzalez) as well as Donny Gonzalez (Rosa Ly Gonzalez) and his children (Donovan Manuel Gonzalez & Emery Hope Gonzalez). Also preceded in death, Esperanza's husband Manuel Gonzalez. Celeste became a close friend, aunt, and sister to the Gonzalez/Barrett family. She dearly loved everyone, and the family loved her unconditionally.

She also has a good friend Janet Arias in the Dominican Republic that she was fond of. There was a host of family members, neighbors, coworkers, and friends that will miss her.

### In Memory of a Brave Woman

You were one fantastic lady; you were amazing to see. You never, ever did complain or moan and say, "Why Me?" As you did your best to carry on, even though in poor health, you still supported others. You did not worry about yourself. You fought, and you did your best. You battled on and on. Now we feel such a terrible loss. Now that you have gone, but your memory will be treasured. It will live on, it is true, you were a much loved and brave woman. We are going to miss you!

Love Always,

The Gonzalez/Barrett Family

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Glenwood**

Washington, DC,

**MAR Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia  
4217 Ninth Street, N.W., Washington, DC, US, 20011

**MAR Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

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# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Celeste Sanchez, Please Click the Link below.



**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - March 12 at 09:51 AM



“ Condolence to the Sanchez and Conzalez family, may God comfort you and keep you safe. You are in our prayers Sis McLean and family.

**Ethlyn McLean** - March 12 at 11:58 AM

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“ We knew Celeste as a lovely neighbor and friend whose positive spirit radiated from her even in the midst of illness and fatigue. I knew her from the times I would be returning from work in my car and see her walking the last tiring blocks from the bus stop after a long day of hard work—her grateful acceptance of a ride the rest of the way home was always an inspiration. Here was someone whose work life was so much more demanding than my own and yet she kept her spirit of gratitude and happiness. We will miss her presence in our neighborhood and in our lives.

**Priscilla Nemeth** - March 12 at 11:57 AM

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“ No doubt you have made fond memories which would resurface from time to time. May those memories and God's words in the Bible bring you some measure of comfort. Our condolences.

**Evansfamily** - March 10 at 12:11 PM

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“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - March 09 at 09:41 AM