



## Sylvia Angeles Montes Albelo

May 20, 1943 - March 22, 2018

Sylvia Angeles Montes Albelo, passed away on Thursday, March 22nd 2018, in West Jordan, UT. She was born in Ciales, Puerto Rico to Jose Montes Vega and Angeles Albelo Santos. She was raised by her birth parents, as well as her aunt and uncle, Carmín and Clemente Albelo. She married Carmelo F. Castro in October 1975, and got divorced 9 years later.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all of us. She was often referred to as the sweet little lady by those that met her, even if for a few minutes. She was a very positive person, who regardless of what life might have thrown at her, lived her life with the motto " La vida es bonita", Life is beautiful. We believe it is that motto that got her through the many hardships she encountered in her life. Everyone that met her, considered her very wise, and would cherish getting advice from her on many topics. She was an example of strength to all that met her. She was very independent and resilient. She raised her two daughters on her own, without ever complaining about it being difficult or hard. She battled Stage 4 breast cancer for 10 years without complaining. If you asked her if she was not feeling well, or if she was in pain, the answer always was I am doing well. Even on her last days, when we knew she was in pain, that was her answer. She never let cancer get her down, and proved that a positive attitude sometimes can make doctors liars. Her will to live was stronger than the cancer ailing her. She was a very spiritual lady, who enjoyed going to church and studying the scriptures. She

was a pioneer in Puerto Rico, as one of the first to be baptized as a member of the LDS church. Through the years, she always was willing to serve others, and always left a little bit of herself with everyone she met. She surely will be missed by all that met her one way or another. Her siblings adored her and she was the favorite aunt of pretty much all her nieces and nephews. She became an instant friend to those she met and was able to keep those friendships alive throughout the years, regardless of distance or time.

She was very accomplished on all that she set herself to do. She got a degree from the University of Puerto Rico as a Legal Secretary, after graduating from High School with the equivalent of an associates degree as a secretary. She then proceed to get a job in the Puerto Rico Justice Department as a Court transcriptionist. She went and bought herself a brand new Volvo she was very proud of, after getting her court job, even when she still did not have a driver license yet. She was a hard worker, and excelled as a legal secretary, as well as a transcriptionist on all the jobs she had. She loved learning. She took courses and classes of cooking, crafting, decorating, and even hypnotism throughout her life. She had a love for reading, and her bookshelves were always filled to the brim with books. She passed that love for learning and reading to her daughters, and still in them the desire to always do their best on everything. She loved poems and music, and enjoy going on walks, to look at flowers and listen to the birds sing. She loved going to the stores and window shop. And she loved decorating and was always ahead on trends. If she could she would had pursued decorating as a career. She was very poised and elegant and a fashionista since an early age. She learned to sew and would make herself dresses and clothes to keep up with the trends, and once she had kids, she used her sewing skills to make beautiful dresses for her daughters to go to church and for special occasions.

She was a great mom and an even greater Abuela. She sacrifice herself, to give her daughters everything they needed. Her love for her grandkids was

immeasurable. It was a joy seeing her with her grandkids. She loved spending time with them. Singing, playing and reading to them, and spoiling them with regalitos. She was their Abu, who they loved, and miss already so much. She left a legacy of love and positivism which will be hard to duplicate!

Sylvia is survived by her daughters, Dialma(Jacob) Jensen, Yamilkya(Mike) Gorga; her 6 grandkids, Danielle Jensen, Juliette Jensen, Alessa Jo Jensen, Mila Shea Jensen, Ephraim Jensen and Silvia Mae Gorga; her siblings, Elliot (Jovita)Montes, Brunilda(Antonio) Nazario Montes, Sury( Gabriel)Montes, Enarda(Leo)Gonzales, Socorro Montes and Carmen Albelo; and her half siblings, Marta Montes, Mirta Milagros Montes, Jose Montes, Buena Ventura Montes and Maria Elena Montes.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Jose Montes Vega, Angeles Albelo Santos, Clemente Albelo and Carmin; and her brother Miguel.

A viewing will be held on Monday, March 26th 2018 from 10am to 1145am at the Founders Park 8th ward building on 11677 South Grandville Ave, South Jordan UT. Funeral services will follow the viewing at 12pm at the same location.

We want to say Thank you to CNS hospice for taking care of Sylvia this past month. We also want to say thank you to the staff of Serenity Funeral Home, especially to Lehi Rodriguez and Adam Richardson; to the Founder's Park 8th ward members; and to all the family and friends, that have shown us their support during this difficult time!

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Founders Park 8th  
11677 Grandville Ave  
South Jordan, UT

## Funeral Service

MAR **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Founders Park 8th  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Angeles Montes Albelo*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *My dear Sylvia will forever be missed. I started working with Sylvia at my father's Law Firm in Puerto Rico many years ago. We spent many days together. Our bond grew stronger over the years so much that I sincerely considered her a second mother. She would look after me and I would look after her. Her spirit, kindness, enthusiasm, love of life and work made our long days at work worthwhile. I've never met such a hard working person. Her memory will forever live in my heart. My deepest sympathies to Dialma, Yamilkia and family.*  
*Laura M. Berrios-Giner*

**Laura M Berrios- Giner** - April 04, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ *God has now at his side the best legal secretary and a special person whose love for life, family and friends knew no bounds. We will remember her as a positive happy person who trusted God and enjoyed helping others. Our condolences to her daughters, granddaughters, in laws, family and friends. We have all lost an irreplaceable human being and on this day we celebrate her wonderful life.*

*Edilberto and Rosina Berrios*

**Edilberto Berrios-Davila** - April 04, 2018 at 12:47 PM

GM

“ I was Sylvia's Property Manager at West Jordan Senior Housing, were she lived the last years of her life. She was a fireball, she like to talk- I didn't always understand all the Spanish she spoke, but I always figured out what she was talking about. Her apartment was like walking into a model. It was so neat and well organized as she was all the time. I am sure she is happy, were she is now. May God bless her Family with his love.

Gary Monk

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**Gary Monk** - March 27, 2018 at 01:20 PM

LG

“ Sylvia was a ray of sunshine here at West Jordan Senior Housing. She would never let you know when she wasn't feeling well or in pain, she said she was well whenever asked. She enjoyed walking the halls on cold days, and she would sing while walking. She was a great, beautiful lady, and she will be missed by all. Love you Sylvia

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**Linda Green** - March 27, 2018 at 12:07 PM

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“ Titi Sylvia was a woman's woman. A gentle spirit, with a heart so big, that always spilled love. Everything around Titi IS always a special and enjoyable experience, including Dialma, Yamilkia, and their wonderful families.

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**Toñito** - March 26, 2018 at 08:11 PM