

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of Carolyn and her family, we would like to thank each and everyone for your attendance here this afternoon, for your loving signs of support and your personal tributes.

This concludes the services for Carolyn, the burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Thank you from all of us at Casey's Eastside Memorial Funeral Home.



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The Santos Family respectfully requests that you honor their decision not to hold a repast following these services. This has been an incredibly difficult and emotional few days as they navigate their profound loss, and they sincerely appreciate your understanding, support, and respect for their wishes during this time. They deeply thank you for being here for them.



IN LOVING
Memory



CAROLYN
SANTOS

AUGUST 8, 1941
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026



OBITUARY

NAUGATUCK- It is with heavy hearts that the family of Ms. Carolyn R. Santos, age 85, say farewell for now to our beloved mother, grandmother, great- grandmother, sister, aunt and auntie, who passed peacefully at Saint Mary's Hospital on Thursday, September 3, 2026, surrounded by the love and comfort of her beloved family.

Carolyn was born on August 8, 1941, in Providence, Rhode Island, the beloved daughter of the late Peter J. Santos Sr., and Ginlia "Julia" (Araujo) Santos of New Haven, Connecticut. She lived in various locations before calling Waterbury her home. She was a dedicated factory worker at Uniroyal in Naugatuck, Connecticut for many years, where she also began training at Southbury Connecticut Training School. After leaving Uniroyal, she devoted her career as a Personal Caregiver at Southbury Training School, where she made a remarkable impact by helping individuals who faced unique challenges. Her compassion and kindness extended beyond her professional life, as her family was always an anchor in her life. She enjoyed watching Soap Operas, her luncheons with her Southbury coworkers and traveling, especially on cruises with her friends and family.

May her legacy of kindness, love, and joy continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched. May she rest in peace, knowing she made a difference in this world.

Left to cherish and honor her memory are her children: Valerie Santos, Angela R. Saunders, James "Big Jay" E. Saunders Jr., Latasha "Peaches" M. Brown, Cozette "Chick" Brown and Brian "B Boy" Brown; all of Waterbury and her sisters: Faith Santos-Thomas of Hamden, Connecticut, Julia Santos of West Haven by way of New Haven and Mary Payne of Virginia byway of New Haven, Connecticut. She also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great- grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her former husband James E. Saunders Sr. of Waterbury, her brother Peter Santos Jr. of New Haven, Connecticut her grandchildren; Raquel N. Saunders and Christopher Stevenson of Waterbury, Connecticut, her sister Gloria Burke of Waterbury, Connecticut and her nephew Guy N. Thomas of Boston, MA byway of New Haven, Connecticut.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction: Holly Scott; Licensed Funeral Director

Opening Remarks: Officiant Valerie Santos

Opening Prayer/ Invocation Prayer of Comfort: Officiant Valerie Santos

Special Reading "From My Heart to Yours": Angela Saunders

Musical Selection: Marvin Sapp- "The Best in Me"

Special Poem "Footprints": Officiant Valerie Santos

Obituary: Officiant Valerie Santos

Musical Selection: Smokey Norville "I Need You Now"

Eulogy- Officiant Valerie Santos

Musical Selection:

Lauren Hill- "The Miseducation of Lauren Hill/Tanya Blount: "His Eyes Are on the Sparrow"

Acknowledgements/ Condolences

Words of Expression: Family & Friends

Closing Remarks/ Prayer: Officiant Valerie Santos

Reading of About "Sadade" Cape Verdean Song
Musical Selection Closing Song: "Sadade" Cesa'ria Evora

Conclusion: Holly Scott; Licensed Funeral Director