

## *To Those I Love*

Today, we remember Lucy Maria Martinez with deep love and gratitude for the life she lived and the way she welcomed others into it. Her doors were always open, and so was her heart. She made people feel at home – often over a warm cup of coffee, a good meal, and a long, meaningful conversation.

Lucy loved to talk about God, about how to save money and make the most of what you have, about food that brought people together, and even about a good shopping find. She enjoyed the simple joys of life, whether it was sharing a deal she found or spending time looking for something special. Her words and her presence were full of care, wisdom, and a genuine love for others.

Through every season of life, Lucy remained faithful and steady. Her life reflects the promise of Scripture:

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” – Revelation 2:10

And now, as we remember her, we hold on to the comfort God gives us:

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.” – Revelation 21:4

We trust, too, in the promise that a place has been prepared for her:

“In my father’s house are many rooms... I go to prepare a place for you.” – John 14:2

Lucy’s love lives on in the memories we share – in every cup of coffee, every shared meal, every piece of wisdom she passed down, and even in the joy of finding something special to bring home. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her impact will remain with us.

## *Worship Song Lyrics*

Mommy, you showed us heaven on earth  
At that restaurant with Grandma by your side  
We didn't see the struggle, only the worth  
A table set with everything we needed inside.

You never let us hunger, never let us break  
Every meal was sacred, every moment grace  
Mommy, one day we'll meet again  
at heaven's gate.

Rice and beans became a language of your heart  
You and Papi opened doors when you had nothing  
The whole community gathered from the start  
coffee brewing, chicken frying, always something.

Penny pinching turned to plenty in your hands  
Funny, stubborn, wise in all your ways  
You left us more than silver, more than land  
That bilingual Bible teaching us to pray.

The restaurant was mercy we didn't understand  
You hid poverty behind your loving smile  
Faith and food and family were your only plan.

Mommy, rest in peace with Papi and Grandma too  
Heaven holds the ones who showed us how to love  
Every cup of coffee, every meal was you  
Until we meet again in glory up above.

## *Pallbearers*

Ramon	RJ
Antonio	Gabe
Raul	Angel
Josh	Danny

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. Also to DayShare Senior Services, Ohio Living Llanfair, Ohio Living Village Hospice and Faith Properties.

May God Bless and Keep You!  
- The family of Lucy Maria Martinez



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## *In Loving MEMORY*



## *Lucy Maria Martinez*

May 3, 1949 - April 22, 2026



*Friday, May 8, 2026*

Visitation: 11:00 am - Funeral Service: 12:00 pm

*House of Praise International Church*

4321 Elyria Ave | Lorain, Ohio 44053

Mark-Solmaria Hebebrand, Officiating

## *Obituary*

Lucy Maria Martinez, 76 of Cincinnati, born in Selena, Puerto Rico, formerly of Lorain, Ohio and Philadelphia.

Lucy died of natural causes on March 22, 2026, at 5:15 pm.

She was the devoted wife of Ramon Reyes Martinez for 55 years, who preceded her in death. Together they built a loving family and raised seven children.

She leaves to cherish her memory Anna Mercado (Antonio), Rosemary Martinez, Diane Justiniano (Jack), Elizabeth Martinez, Ramon Martinez (Patrice), Raul Martinez (Brandi), Melinda (David), 28 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Her loss will be profoundly felt, leaving a space in the hearts of those who cherished her.

## *Ode To Lucy*

*By: Brandi Martinez*

Mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, and wife.  
Creator of Feasts and bringer of life.

Preparing meals for those whom she loved.  
Visiting church to worship our Father above.

But she enjoyed the casino and loved to shop.  
She ain't need no car she would walk nonstop.

Headbands, earrings, the woman was cool.  
If you went to her hungry you would leave full.

She kept a clean house, not a spot in sight.  
If there was a dish in the sink, it was  
cleaned that night.

She protected her children any way that she can.  
She took care of her mother and  
she took care of her man.

She loved her siblings, all of them for sho'.  
She could keep a plant alive, longer  
than anyone I know.

I'll miss you Miss Lucy. Enjoy the next life.  
Mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, and wife.

## *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Parting View

Prayer

Worship Song

Scripture Reading

Time of Sharing

Eulogy

Video Presentation

Sermon

Concluding Prayer

Recessional  
Clergy, Family & Friends

## *Repast*

Heritage Presbyterian Church  
515 N. Leavitt Road, Amherst, Ohio 44001

## *Final Resting Place*

Calvary Cemetery  
555 N. Ridge Road W., Lorain, Ohio 44053