



# Mercedes Marie Cruz

OCT 24, 1943 - OCT 25, 2025



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**M**ercedes Marie Cruz, 83, of Ocean View, Delaware (formerly of Cherry Hill, New Jersey), unexpectedly passed away in the early hours of October 25, 2025. Mercedes was known for her kind, loving, and sometimes stubborn personality. She will be remembered for her devotion to her family, her sense of humor, her strong work ethic, and her love of casinos.

Born on October 24, 1943, in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, to Jose and Sixta Morales, Mercedes took great pride in all that she did throughout her life. After achieving her educational goals, she was a school teacher for 42 years in Camden, NJ. Upon retirement Mercedes moved to the Southern Delaware beaches and made them home. Mercedes was a dedicated Mother and Grandmother, and quickly became “Grandma” to everyone else in her life. Mercedes also took great joy in the meals she cooked, her beautifully decorated home, and, above all her partner in crime, her beloved dog, Nyla.

Mercedes is survived by her loving family: Denise Parks (Thomas Esterling), Bert Parks, Mya Parks, and Maria Ramos; her sister, Lydia Morales; and her brothers, Edward Morales and Wilfredo Morales and many nieces and nephews. Mercedes will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 am, and a service will be held following at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes, Clarksville Chapel, 34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE 19970. Burial will immediately follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 32112 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro, DE 19939.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL OCEAN VIEW CHAPEL BY 12 NOON ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025.



# Events

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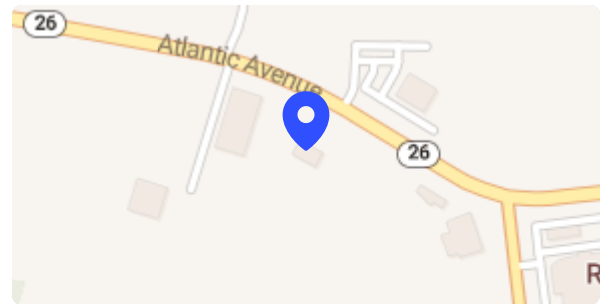
## Viewing

**Wednesday**, November 5, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel**

34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View DE



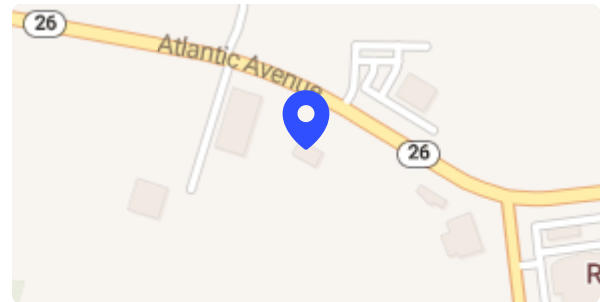
## Funeral Service

**Wednesday**, November 5, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel**

34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View DE



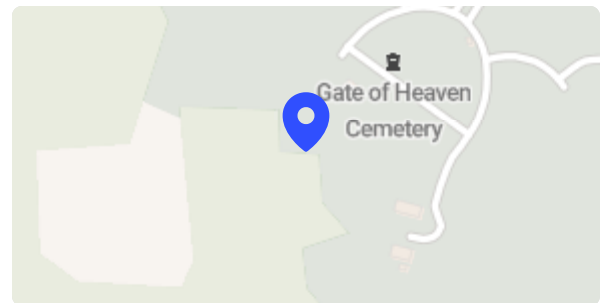
## Burial

**Wednesday**, November 5, 2025

1:00 PM ET

**Gate of Heaven Cemetery**

32112 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro DE





# Tribute Wall

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**Love, The Pagliaro'S & Frankswine Crew** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Cruz family.

November 4 at 4:37 PM



**Thomas, Jeffie And Keoni Hinkle** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Cruz family.

November 4 at 3:46 PM



**Thomas, Jeffie And Keoni Hinkle** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mercedes.

November 4 at 3:46 PM



**Gwen S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mercedes.

November 4 at 1:05 PM



**Candace, Bruce And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mercedes.

November 4 at 12:41 PM



**Candace, Bruce And Family** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Cruz family.

November 4 at 12:41 PM





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**Anita Morales Singer** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mercedes.



November 4 at 10:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cruz family.



November 4 at 10:00 AM



**Love, Mark And Ann Bilger** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cruz family.



October 31 at 5:02 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mercedes by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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