



## Maria O Rivera

November 6, 1914 - February 24, 2018

Maria Mercedes Ocasio Rivera, age 103, passed away February 24, 2018. She was a resident of Northwest Indiana for 67 years. Maria was born on November 6, 1914 in Guayama, Puerto Rico, to the late Narciso Cintron and Mercedes Ortiz.

Maria, better known as "Mama", was a woman of great faith. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Altar and Rosary Sodality, and the Legion of Mary. Maria was a loving, kind mother, an avid reader, loved her garden, was a great cook, and supported many charities. Maria's life will be forever cherished by a family that spans five generations.

She was preceded in death by her husband-Alejandro Ocasio Rivera; four sons-Jose Antonio, Angel Luis, Hector and Harold. Maria is survived by her children-Alicia (Santo) Otero, Norma (Sam) Rayborn, Gerry (Jananne) Ortiz, Lourdes Grigonis Mitrisin, Mildred (David) Greene, Edward Rivera, and Robert (Christine) Ocasio.

Funeral service for Maria will begin with prayers at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., proceeding to St. Francis Xavier Church, 2447 Putnam Street, Lake Station, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Friends are invited to meet with Maria's family on Thursday, March 1, 2018, from 2-7:00 p.m. at Burns (Hobart), with an Altar and Sodality service at 6:30 p.m. Interment Chapel Lawn Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave  
Schererville, IN 46375

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Prayer Service

MAR 2. 9:00 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Church  
2447 Putnam St.  
Lake Station, IN 46405

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our Sympathy to the Ocasio Rivera Family. May she rest in peace & memory be eternal. Dear Lou & Mildred, A lot of good friendship memories we cherish together. I can see your Mom in the living room reading the newspaper...*

*Love, Connie Stath Katsouros*



Connie Stath Katsouros - March 02, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences to all of the Ocasio-Rivera-Ortiz family. We are mourning with you. Mama was and always will be dear to my heart. I am thankful to God that he decided to cross our paths. So many memories. Mama's love, and support was ALWAYS there for me, ours, and mine. Till we see each other again.* 🙏🥺



Anna Ocasio Mcandrew - March 01, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria O Rivera.*



February 28, 2018 at 11:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria O Rivera.*



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February 28, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ *Michelle, Alex, and Joey Ocasio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria O Rivera.*



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**Michelle, Alex, and Joey Ocasio** - February 27, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Stacey and family, I enjoyed seeing your Grammas smile in all the photos you posted. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love and many hugs. Love Kelly and Lisa*

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**Kelly** - February 26, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ *In Memory Heart Shaped Music Box was purchased for the family of Maria O Rivera.*



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February 26, 2018 at 04:43 PM