



## Ana Soto

December 11, 2020

Ana M. Soto, 65, who loved to be called "Mama" by her grandchildren, departed her loving family on December 11, 2020. Born in Moca, Dominican Republic, Ana came to the US in 1986 and first settled in the Bronx before moving to New Jersey in 2012.

A loving and devoted mother of Robert Castillo and his wife Nikaully Acosta of Bergenfield, Nelson Soto and his wife Emily Martinez of New Milford and Auracelis Soto and her husband Miguel Alvarez of Middletown. Cherished and loved grandmother of Natalie, Camila, Miguel IV and Alayna. Dear sister of Juana, Santiago, Felix, Hipolito.

Ana, know as "Miss Soto", "Negra" was full of life, vibrant, joyful, always smiling and happy. She loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren. She loved flowers and plants. Ana had a forgiving heart and spirit of a child. Ana devoted her professional career at NYC Borough of Education, helping children of special needs. She loved her students. Working with them filled her with so much joy and pride. Ms. Soto was very cherished and loved by friends, colleagues and her students. A devoted member of her church El Amanecer De La Esperanza.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Barrett

Funeral Home, 148 Dean Street, Tenafly, NJ 07670 from 5pm to 7pm. A graveside service will be conducted on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 10:30am at the George Washington Memorial Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

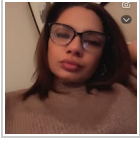
Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 16. 10:30 AM (ET)

George Washington Memorial Park  
234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of a memory brings warmth to my heart for more than one reason. My memories are of gratitude because you shared your home with me and my Mom. Feeling loved because you always found a way to be part of my life and the best blessing the gift of my cousins. Gracias Negra por quidarme,por quererme. Por querer a mis Hijos y por la bendicion de mis primos que amo tanto. Por hoy llorare pero por siempre te recordare con una sonrisa. Gracias Reina.

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**Jacquelin Diaz** - December 15, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Abuela Negra “ was one of the most caring and open person I knew.. I miss calling her everyday to come over and her cuddles along with kisses. Over these last few years I have noticed that she was one of the most important people in my life. She loved me so much with all her heart as I did too. I was devastated when I found out she passed because she was a big part of my life. I miss her asking me to help her with work and how she would be waiting for me to finish school and call me her “ Camilita Linda.” I am so grateful to have had her in my life and that I built so many memories with her. Now more than ever I give thanks to God for giving me the best 11 years of my life with her. Abuela Negra, you have no idea how much I wish you were here but I know that you are in a better place now with Papa Dios watching over us as a angel because of your noble and pure heart. Love you forever to the moon and back, and back again, your “ Camilita Linda”.. Camila

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**Camila Castillo** - December 15, 2020 at 01:51 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to the family. Ms. Soto was an excellent teacher assistant, she will be truly missed.*  
*Ms. Sugars*

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**P sugars** - December 15, 2020 at 01:05 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to the family. Ms Soto was an excellent teacher assistance to work with, she will be truly missed. Ms. P. Sugars*

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**P sugars** - December 15, 2020 at 12:58 PM

PS

*Teacher assistant*

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**P sugars** - December 15, 2020 at 01:03 PM

AS

“ My dearest mom, today is the day that I say my final goodbye and as I write these words I can't find the strength to even get out of bed to face what the day lies ahead. I am in great disbelief. I long to hear your voice, hear your laughter, see your beautiful smile and the way you faced life with so much joy. Mom I find comfort in knowing how much you were loved not only by your children and grandchildren but also by your friends, family, coworkers and everyone you crossed paths with. I don't know how to go on without you. You leave this earth and take a huge part of me with you. You were so noble, full of life, with a heart so pure and always willing to forgive. I will carry you in my heart forever and will try my best to carry on your legacy of that great woman that you were. I will miss our daily phone calls which consisted of about 10 calls a day, our shopping trips and me bickering with you that it was time to leave, our long conversations over coffee and crackers, the way you posed and asked me to take pictures of you... mom i will miss absolutely everything about you even the simplest things like how you used to fall asleep wherever you were sitting comfortably and all the times you would tell me to take care of your “chiquito” and “lenita”. I find it extremely difficult to accept this loss but today more than ever I am certain that you are at peace with God because you loved him so much. I ask God to give me the strength that I need today more than ever. I don't know where I go from here, how I will be able to live life without the most important person in it. Mom watch over me and our family. Until we meet again. I will love you forever, I will think of you always, I will never forget all the love you gave us unconditionally and how you were there for me without question or hesitation. I will make it a priority that my children and nieces know how much you loved them and what they meant to you. With love mom always and forever, your daughter Aury.

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**Aury Soto** - December 15, 2020 at 09:53 AM

MM

“ I am still in shock and disbelief that our beloved Ms. Soto is no longer with us. Ms. Soto was a kind, loving and generous soul who loved to make everyone smile and laugh. We were the fortunate ones to have her in our lives and I will forever cherish all the moments, laughs and talks we shared. I extend my deepest condolences to all her family and friends. Ms. Soto will be deeply missed. Ms. Miriam Martinez @352X



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**Miriam Martinez** - December 15, 2020 at 09:00 AM

FL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, my Condolences to you and your family.

*Frank Lacatena*



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**Frank Lacatena** - December 15, 2020 at 08:43 AM

KM

“ To be absent from the body it to be present with the Lord. Praying for your family in this season. 🙏 So sorry for your loss. 😊



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**Kisha Martin** - December 15, 2020 at 08:24 AM

ST

“ *A wonderful person, co-worker, proud mother and grandmother. She always brought a smile to my face. Full of life and proud of who she was and what she was doing with her life. She will be missed. Continue dancing Soto. Besos y abrazos.*

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**Sabrina Trigo-Soupionis** - December 15, 2020 at 08:23 AM

AL

“ *Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences to the Family, may she rest in Eternal Peace! Our thoughts and Prayers to the Family!*



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**Aida & Issie Padilla Loperena-Padilla** - December 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family.*  
-JA family



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**JimmyA** - December 14, 2020 at 10:21 PM

MF

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to you and your family in this difficult time. We are wishing you and your family courage and peace during this time of mourning. Melgars Family*



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**Melgars Family** - December 14, 2020 at 10:18 PM

SJ

“ We are saddened to hear the loss of your mom. May God give you and your family strength to move on.  
With lots of love and prayers  
From Shuja Jafri and family.

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**Shuja J** - December 14, 2020 at 09:59 PM

FS

“ Ana Soto was more than a co-worker to me, she was a friend, sister, and confidante. She was a very happy person that always made me laugh and I will forever be grateful for her friendship and sense of humor. Ana will always be in my heart.

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**Fatima Salas** - December 14, 2020 at 09:11 PM

MP

“ We will always remember Negra's youthful, endearing spirit! Gone too soon! Our deepest condolences to all her family and friends! May she live always in our memories.



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**Millie & Wilson Pena** - December 14, 2020 at 08:59 PM

JD

“ We are thinking of you, and your family. We wish there were words to comfort you. May your many memories of your mob help to sustain you at this difficult moment and know she is now in heaven, in Gods loving arms where she is now at peace.



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**Joan D** - December 14, 2020 at 08:47 PM

PE

“ Our condolences to the family, may she already be at peace in God’s loving arms



Pete - December 14, 2020 at 08:20 PM

DR

“ I find it hard to understand why you had to leave this way, but now I realize that it is true that you will no longer be in this world. But you will continue to live in my heart 💜 and in our workplace, reminding you of all the beautiful moments that we share together at 352x. I will miss you 😭 you will leave a deep emptiness in my soul. May God give you eternal rest. Love, Deyanira @352x



deyanira rodriguez - December 14, 2020 at 05:54 PM

AT

“ Soto was a beautiful person in her own unique ways, which I enjoyed the most about her ❤️. R.I.P my love with your angels 🙏❤️ 🦋💜💜 We will miss you forever. You made your mark in this world 🌍 and at 352X. ATorres



Andry Torres - December 14, 2020 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Soto family. Praying that God will comfort you through these tough times and that you will find peace and comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of your mother.*



*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Carlene Clyburn*

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**Carlene Clyburn** - December 14, 2020 at 12:20 PM

NF

“ *I have so many good memories to share about miss. Soto that I could write a book about it. Soto was my co-worker a friend and also like a mother to me. We worked together for so many years that I would remembered her all my life, Ana used to make me laugh and sometimes correct me when I did something wrong. Her energy and spirit will always be in my heart. I will always miss you, Ana Soto.  
Nadia Feliz.*



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**Nadia Feliz** - December 14, 2020 at 11:38 AM

AT



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**Andry Torres** - December 14, 2020 at 04:52 PM

IP

“ Ana Soto which I kindly referred to as Negra was a very happy soul. He was extremely family oriented loved her children and Grandchildren! We had our grandchildren in common . We spent a lot of time together . Her grandkids adore 😊 her. Their eyes would light up went she came to see them with gifts 🎁 . She would bring them anything from a coloring book to a doll , car or super hero. The last time I went to her house Aury my daughter- in -law and My grand kiddies were there. she made the most delicious mangu Smashed plantains with eggs , cheese and onions . Utterly delicious. We spent a lot of time together with all our grandchildren both hers and mine . I will miss her smile and contagious laughter. May god shine his light on her as I’m sure she is by his side .

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**Ivonne Padilla** - December 14, 2020 at 11:31 AM

BG

“ Brenda Grullon lit a candle in memory of Ana Soto



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**Brenda Grullon** - December 14, 2020 at 11:23 AM

BG

“ *Abuela negra, gracias por tantas memorias, que dificil es recordarla sin lágrimas en los ojos. Gracias por querernos sin condición alguna, por darnos tantos momentos de risas y por estar en esos momentos difíciles, por querer mis hijos y cuidarlos. Mis piñatas nunca serán las mismas sin usted. siempre vivirá en nuestros corazones, la recordaremos con amor todos los dias de nuestras vidas. Descanse en paz en los brazos del señor. Mi corazón está con ustedes ( Rob, Aury, ney) y demás familiares. Le pido a Dios los cargue de fortaleza ante tan irreparable pérdida, les pueda proveer La Paz y el consuelo que necesitan en estos momentos. No desfallezcan en fe que dios está con todos nosotros. Un abrazo en la distancia*

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**Brenda Grullon** - December 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM

JM

“ *I'll always remember Ana Soto as a loving mother and grandmother to some of the friends and family I treasure the most. Our hearts go out to the entire family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Josue Mateo** - December 14, 2020 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ *Josue Mateo sent a virtual gift in memory of Ana Soto*



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**Josue Mateo** - December 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM

SM

*Mi gran amiga y hermana amada, compañera de trabajo y hermanas en una misma Fe❤️ Ana Soto (Negra) mi amor 🥺 siempre vivirás en mi corazón 💔 y se que te veré cuando Cristo venga 🙌 Descansa en Paz amada hermana 🥺 ya te estoy extrañando 🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺 Sea Dios nuestro Padre Celestial acogéndote en Su Santo seno, en sus brazos de amor❤️ E imparta Paz y Consolación a todos los que te aman 🙏*

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**Santa Mateo** - December 14, 2020 at 10:45 AM