

The Rose Poem

Written By: Mrs. Angela Rosales

On December 28th is the day you left
but if you were here you would tell us always do our best.

All the memories from Sabanitas to the states
the ones worth wild were the ones we all made.

In the mornings you would get on your knees and repeat the Lord is my
shepherd

and during the holidays you would dance
and want to try whatever the young ones had at the time

Your laugh carried generations and rhymes
and your heart for your grandkids was the tune.

God was first and Thank God He could not be beat
sure enough you always loved an opportunity for all of us to get together
and eat!

You had sayings that we will draw in our mind and above us in the sky
the same way we always remember that at family functions you had your
favorite chair

which is pretty fair because of your cares.

You came here with grit, with life, and with the tales that were formed from
your womb

and you would not have been our grandma if you didn't yell when glass was
broken in your old living room.

You would always encourage us to keep our faith and stay strong and that
with God all our worries will have a place to belong.

Your love was so so strong
just as your hands that made you the matriarch that we can celebrate today.

We will always keep you alive with our laughs and giggles
with the sweet salsa that God brought us from Colon Panama
and never stop saying that was our grandma.

So we hold each other today and as you use to work out and say "paaaaa"

We always love you grandmaaaa

May God keep you forever and a day

as we let out one last paaaa

for our beloved grandma

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In Loving Memory



Ms. Rosa Marie Kemp

Friday, January 9, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Pastor Gamaliel Rodriguez, Officiating

Obituary

Ms. Rosa Maria Kemp, a cherished mother, grandmother, and devoted woman of faith, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2025. She was born on November 18, 1937, in Panama. She was the youngest of six children to the late Mr. Felix Valentino Hudson and Mrs. Catalina M. Cayasso, and left behind a legacy of love, faith, and family that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Rosa lived a life rooted in her passion for God and a profound commitment to her family. She embraced each day with warmth, generosity, and a steady, hopeful spirit that touched friends and neighbors near and far. Her faith was a guiding light, giving strength and comfort to those around her.

Raised as a Seventh Day Adventist from her journey from Panama to South Carolina, she became a member of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church (Columbia, SC) and later became a member of Columbia First Seventh-day Adventist Church (Lexington, SC). Through her unfaltering years of service, she later became a founding board member of the Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Lexington (Lexington Spanish SDA Church).

She was a devoted mother to five children (Karen Lynn Kemp, Catherine Mahia Kemp, Ilka Nicole Kemp, Angelica Maria Guerrero, and Neville Roberto Kemp), whose lives she shaped with tenderness, wisdom, and unwavering support. Rosa took pride in celebrating their joys and standing beside them through challenges, always ready with a comforting word or a caring embrace.

Her greatest joy was her role as a grandmother and great-grandmother. Rosa cherished every moment with her 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, savoring the laughter, stories, games, and passing down family traditions, prayers, and values that will endure for generations. She loved life and was no stranger to anyone that she met. Her laughter rang out in the air with a loud echo. Her greatest love was her family and friends. Rosa loved her church, talking on the phone, watching soap operas, friendly seasonal arguments about football (Go Steelers!!) and making new family.

Above all else, Ms. Rosa Kemp will be remembered for her gentle spirit, steadfast faith, and unending love for her family. May she rest in eternal peace, cradled in the arms of the God she served so faithfully.

We leave you all with the following verse, 1 Kings 8:61 KJV, "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day". Amen

Order of Service

- Prelude....."Why We Sing"
Recording by: Kirk Franklin
- Processional
- Opening Hymn....."Blessed Assurance"
- The Lord's Prayer.....Reading by: Mr. Rodolfo Kemp
- Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 23.....Ms. Karen Kemp
- Obituary.....Reading by: Mr. Angel Guerrero
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Gamaliel Rodriguez (Spanish)
A Lay Paster Dani Gil (English Translation)
- Solo.....Senor Julian Salazar
- Reflections/Blessings.....A Family Member
A Friend
- Closing Prayer.....I Corinthians 15:50-57
Reading by Pastor Gamaliel Rodriguez (Spanish)
A Lay Paster Dani Gil (English Translation)
- Recessional....."Come Jesus Come"
Recording by: CeCe Winans
- Postlude



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Rosa Maria Kemp, would like to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who took time to remember and celebrate her life with us today. Your prayers, kindness and support will forever remain in our hearts. We would like to extend thank to Leevy's Funeral Home for your kindness and support. May God shower you with His blessings.