



## Carmen Nydia Wartemann

December 22, 1938 - February 20, 2026

Carmen Nydia Wartemann passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, February 20, 2026, surrounded by the comfort of the place she loved most, her husband, and Angel, her faithful dog.

Born on December 22, 1938, Carmen carried her Cuban heritage proudly and brought her vibrant spirit with her when she came to America at a young age. She was known for her spunky personality, outgoing nature, and yes — her beloved stubbornness, a reflection of her strength, determination, and fiery charm.

She shared over 54 years of marriage with her devoted husband, Carl Waterman. Their life together was marked by deep love, unwavering loyalty, and true companionship — a bond that remained strong through every season of life.

Carmen found joy in life's simple pleasures: a strong cup of coffee, good chocolate, meaningful conversation, and a home filled with guests. She was a gracious and generous host, always happiest when welcoming others and sharing whatever she had.

Her faith was the foundation of her life. Carmen loved Jesus deeply and found strength and peace in prayer, rarely without her cherished rosaries. Her devotion guided her and was a source of comfort throughout her years.

She devoted her time to serving others, most notably through Birthright, where she offered compassion, encouragement, and a listening heart to women facing unexpected pregnancies, helping many mothers find the courage and

confidence to welcome their children. She also served faithfully with her church for many years, assisting those in need with everyday essentials like food and clothing, always offering her support with kindness and grace. Carmen had a playful and endearing sense of humor, especially when it came to babies, who brought her endless delight. She adored everything about them — including their famously cute little baby bottoms — a love so well known that she once cheerfully decorated a guest bathroom with baby-themed décor that never failed to make visitors smile. Carmen will be remembered for her warmth, humor, faith, strength, and the vibrant energy that made her so unforgettable. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cherished memories for all who were blessed to know her. Though her presence will be deeply missed, the love she gave so freely will remain forever in the hearts of those who loved her — especially her beloved Carl.

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Memorial Park Cemetery - Willis

10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

## Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Smith Memorial Park  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318

## Celebration of Life Reception

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmen Nydia Wartemann* ”



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - February 24 at 12:22 PM

AP

*beautiful memories she had a good life, we always will remember her*  
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**alicia portella** - February 25 at 09:55 AM

VN

“ Tia Nydia I will always remember your kind heart and your love for family. You always had the best snacks and goodies I could only eat at your house. The trips on the boat , your doll collection, your smile, your paintings and family pictures, Brandy, Heidi, and all your pets. I will miss you! I know you are in the presence of God and my Dad and all your loved ones. I will always love you rest in peace tia Nydia 🙏



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**Vivian Adrian her niece** - February 26 at 08:32 AM

KR

Carmen and I met at Birthright in Conroe. We both went to Sacred Heart Catholic Church also. Right away we were friends. She had a spectacular personality. We worked there for the unborn. And to help the mothers. She had great Faith and a heart of gold. A beautiful lady in every way. She suffered with cancer and other problems. She loved her husband and family. Talked about growing up in Cuba. One thing I will always remember she said she prayed for all the babies and children. Rest in peace Carmen. Eternal life be upon you. You finished the race and now you will be in Glory of God. Miss and love you. Karen

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**Karen Ann Ruffner** - March 28 at 12:21 PM

PA

“ From the first moment I met Carmen as a fellow volunteer at Birthright, she touched my heart with her love for Jesus, and for the mothers & unborn babies she was ministering to. She had such a joy for life & I am blessed to have called her friend. Too many memories to post here, but I will never forget my precious friend Carmen! Go with God Carmen, and pray for us all! 💕🙏

Patti Addison - February 25 at 11:25 PM

RS

“ Rick and Ginnie Stuksa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Nydia Wartemann.

Rick and Ginnie Stuksa - February 25 at 11:12 AM

TW

“ Thomas & Christine Wartemann purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmen Nydia Wartemann.



Thomas & Christine Wartemann - February 24 at 09:43 PM

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Thomas & Christine Wartemann - February 24 at 09:43 PM

AA

“ *Alvaro & Vivian Adrian purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Carmen Nydia Wartemann.*



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**Alvaro & Vivian Adrian** - February 24 at 04:01 PM

“ Well, it was either pizza or breadsticks in a box when she came to play 'Canasta'! It's been a while since we had her at our canasta table, but we still smile remembering her strong Cuban accent in pronouncing various words! Carmen's crystal angels hanging from the light above the table watched over us as we gathered with joy and competition. She even allowed us to take one home to replicate, but she knew where they were! I fondly remember Carmen's joy playing canasta over the swinging bedside table at the rehab center!!!

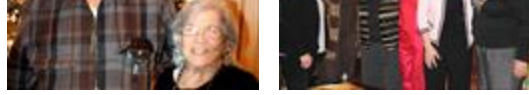
Our 'Pearl Girl' monthly outing at a different restaurant most months allowed us the sisterhood opportunity to pray for the needs of each other and catch up on the latest news and growing families. Carmen shared short deeply meaningful prayers. Carmen's pro-life stickers all over her car made it so easy to know that she is has arrived! And now Lord, she's arrived to have some bold conversations with You!!!

Her struggles with the swelling in her hand and arm never stopped her from holding a fist full of canasta cards or faithfully serving the needs of others through CDA, St. Vincent de Paul, or Birth Right. So inspiring and challenging.

With each surgery or setback, whether following doctor's orders or not, she never gave up. What an example as the years sneak up on me.

Each year as I decorate my Christmas tree, I feel the warmth of her friendship and generosity ... the angel ornaments she has given me are treasured memories that blessed my life. Thank you, Carmen. You have my prayers and love. Please pray for me.





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**Terrie Vacek** - February 24 at 01:21 PM