



Zoe Maria Velez

December 29, 1959 - May 23, 2025

Zoe Maria “Titi Zoe” Velez, 65, of Mint Hill, joined her mother in Heaven on May 23, 2025.

Born in the Bronx on December 29, 1959, she was the daughter of Jose and Felicia Vega Hernandez Velez. She graduated from Taft High School.

Though she could be termed developmentally disabled, she was still independent. She lived with her mother her entire life. Though never fated to be a wife or homemaker, she was blessed to live as and always be a daughter and a favorite auntie; unconditionally accepting of everyone. She enjoyed laughing and embodied what it meant to be innocent and pure. Titi Zoe Enjoyed doing word searches, beading, crafts with her hands, listening to music and being with family.

Following her brother Jose around, she and her mother moved to Florida in 1995 and then following him to Charlotte in 2006.

Her nieces really loved her and in their words, here is how they describe the blessing of their “Titi Zoe”.

My titi Zoe, what a fun loving little shorty she was. I will always remember the fun we had dancing and listening to music. Boy did she love her novelas, and

together we loved watching all kinds of shows about animals. While watching tv she would love to have coffee and crackers, but she would also love to sneak sweet treats and other snacks, and as her niece who also has a sweet tooth I saw it as my duty to make sure she got what she wanted, whenever I could, even though her brother (my dad) would always try to shut that down. She loved her brother more than anyone though, even if he was a pain sometimes. She always loved seeing her great nephews and nieces and asked about them constantly. Zoe had a sharp mind and would ask you down to the minute when you would be back to visit and as she sat and watched clock, if you weren't on time, man you were in big trouble. She had a bit of an obsession with watches and shoes, and was a colorful girly girl who loved to be bold and make a statement whether it be with her hair, her nails, or her clothes; no matter what she was always styling. I'm going to miss her laugh and smile. She made up the cutest name for my dad's new pup and called him muchacho malo (means bad boy) because he's a little bit of a menace, but she loved him just like she did all animals and the name has stuck with him. I know she's happy to be back with her mom, and I have faith they are together again, rejoicing in heaven. - Melissa

My Titi was a spitfire who loved to laugh. She loved when my wife and I would visit and always looked forward to it, for the company but also because we would bring snacks and sweet treats. What a fun time we would have together; laughing, talking, and eating. She always asked about our nephew Miles who we brought on many visits as my Titi was his titi, and she embraced him with open arms. She loved music and in her final days I played her favorite Puerto Rican music along with bringing her chocolate. I know she went in peace as I held her hand and told her it was ok to go be with her mom, my grandma. We had a special bond because I was the first grandchild and I understood her special needs well and advocated for her. She had a bit of a sibling rivalry with her brother, my dad, but I always took her side, sorry dad. I will miss her dearly.- Jessica

As she lived with her mother in this life, and joined her just a short few days after she died, a Mass of Christian Burial for both Zoe and her mother will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 30, 2025, at St Luke Catholic Church, Mint Hill.

The Velez family has given their friends at Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for Ms. Felicia and Ms. Zoe as well as caring for them during this time.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Luke Catholic Church
9800 Fairview Road
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Tribute Wall



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