



## Angela Maria Zapata

September 4, 2015

Angela Maria Zapata Agudo was born in Medellin, Columbia on December 4, 1927.

Her parents were Tobias Zapata and Maria Agudo. She had 9 siblings of which she was the seventh child.

In 1940 she began her studies in primary and later secondary school at the Columbia-Venezuelan Institute, a school which still exists. In 1953, she finished her secondary studies. She was selected by the director to be given a distinguished student award because of her high academic achievements. Because of her determination and desire to teach, she was appointed as a full time teacher of all grades at "El Noral", the primary school at the Columbia-Venezuelan institute. Later she was transferred to the Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in the city of Cali.

In 1959, with the desire to study nursing, Angela went to the city of Nuevo Leon, Mexico to study at Montemorelos University. In 1961, she graduated as a nurse and traveled to Ecuador where she worked for an Adventist clinic until 1968 when she received a call from the Interamerican Division to work as a nurse in Bella Vista Hospital, where she remained for 23 years.

Angela brought her niece Sarita to Puerto Rico in 1976 to live with her. They have been together since, along with Sarita's son Danielito as she called him,

until the moment of her death.

In 1995, after retiring from Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez, PR, Angela joined Maranatha missions to work as a volunteer missionary, traveling to many countries for 8 or 9 years.

She always had a willing and noble disposition to serve humanity, and an untiring dedication for missionary work. She could always be heard to say "Let no day pass without me coming in contact with someone to talk to them about Jesus". She felt a deep love for people and would always give a helping hand to those in need. She donated her own family land to build a church in her home town.

Her personal time was spent in reading God's word and books of the Spirit of Prophecy and working in her garden. She was passionate about water sports like swimming and scuba diving. Being in nature was enjoyable to her, long walks, hiking and running to keep herself in good shape was part of her daily life. Music was among her upbringing. She learned to play the piano and later on taught piano to beginners as a hobby. Angela was an avid Chinese checker player as well as other board games. She was good at everything she put her mind to including cooking healthy vegetarian meals.

On August 31, 2015 at 10:05 in Gainesville, FL, sister Angela Zapata breathed her last breath and now awaits the Lord's return, when she will hear the trumpet sound, and rise from her grave to meet her Saviour.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Querida Sarita, si vez este mensaje, te mando todo mi carino. Mia oraciones estan contigo en este momento difcil. Que en Dios descanse Angelita.*

Olga Lopez- Guzman - September 07, 2015 at 04:59 AM

KA

“ *Our deepest sympathy!  
Kiona and Grisell Acosta*

Kiona Acosta - September 06, 2015 at 11:10 PM

LA

“ *Sarita we are so sad.... we are sorry for your loss is our loss also. Praying for you and your family. Will see Angelita again...waiting for Jesus sevend coming.*

Liz E Alvarado-Torres - September 06, 2015 at 08:47 PM

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“ *It was such a privilege to be near Angela for many years at Bella Vista. From her we learned the true meaning of kindness and neighborliness. Her commitment to her Lord and His church will always be remembered. She was never to busy to listen to our halting Spanish and instruct us in better ways to say things. And she or Sarita would care for our children as needs arose. Praise the Lord that she rests in Jesus and we will soon be reunited. May you take courage in the sure promises of God.*

Harry and Lynda Nelson - September 06, 2015 at 02:07 AM

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“ *I remember her in Puerto Rico such a sweet lady. Looking forward to Jesus coming back to take us home so we can see each other again. Until then.*

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**Alida Leonor** - September 06, 2015 at 01:03 AM

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“ *This is so sad but such a blessing to know she sleeps in Jesus! Dear Angela will see you soon!!?*

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**Nina Santos** - September 05, 2015 at 07:31 PM