

**PUERTO CAIMITO,  
Panama (all times  
are Panama time,  
one hour behind  
New York City)**

**9 a.m.** – Mariano Rivera joins funeral procession in his hometown, driving his black Mercedes S430. In front of his car are two hearses. Behind Mariano are hundreds of mourners walking by foot.

**9:25 a.m.** – Mariano exits car wearing black short-sleeved shirt, dark gray pants and sunglasses. Enters Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia with his wife, Clara and other mourners.


**9:55 a.m.** – During the singing of a hymn, Rivera breaks into tears and bows head. Otherwise, throughout the 90-minute ceremony, he looks forward stoically and occasionally closes eyes.

**10:55 a.m.** – Service ends, Mariano leaves church ahead of crowd – tells Daily News reporter, "It's a tough day. I'm good."

**11:15 a.m.** – Procession starts to enter cemetery of Puerto Caimito – about five-minute walk from church. Mariano walks through archway to cemetery holding hands with Clara. Stands under boiling sun for a 20-minute "last rites" ceremony in front of grave site.

**11:45 a.m.** – Mariano leaves cemetery with Clara, walks to Mercedes and returns to his mansion.

**1 p.m.** – Mariano leaves for New York.



**Mariano Rivera  
and wife Clara  
mourn their  
cousins at  
funeral in  
Panama  
yesterday.**

# RIVERA'S JOURNEY: TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH



At 11:07 p.m., Rivera trots onto Stadium field and proceeds to save Yankees' night against Red Sox.

## Daylight Savings Time

**7 p.m.** — Rivera's flight on Yankees' chartered plane arrives at Teterboro airport. After climbing into a blue Cadillac, Rivera receives a police escort but still sits in traffic on the George Washington Bridge.

**8 p.m.** — Yankees PA announcer Bob Sheppard says Rivera is "en route." The fans cheer heartily as Rivera's picture is shown on the scoreboard screen.

**8:48 p.m.** — With the Yankees batting in the bottom of the second, Rivera arrives at Yankee Stadium. Wearing black slacks and a cream-colored short-sleeve shirt, Rivera acknowledges the greetings of about a dozen fans with a wave and a smile. Before walking through the Press Gate, a group of reporters asks Rivera how his family is doing. "All right," he says. "Thank you."

**9:53 p.m.** — Rivera enters the Yankee bullpen and is welcomed with hugs from teammates, a standing ovation and chants of "Mariano! Mariano!" from the crowd.

**11:07 p.m.** — With the Yankees clinging to an 8-7 lead and the tying run on third, Rivera is summoned from bullpen. He gets Kevin Millar to pop out to shortstop Derek Jeter to end the inning.

**11:40 p.m.** — Rivera records the final out of the Yankees' 10-7 win, getting No. 9 hitter and potential tying run Bill Mueller to ground into a 1-6-3 double play.

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