



Caridad Gonzalez

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GONZALEZ, CARIDAD, 77, born August 10, 1943, in Havana, Cuba, passed away on August 27, 2020.

Caridad fled Cuba at the age of nineteen and settled in New York City. It was in the Big Apple where she would meet her husband John. They married in 1968, and following a honeymoon trip to Miami Beach, Caridad and John moved to Miami in 1969.

Caridad stayed home to raise her two boys before working for Corpus Christi School elementary school, first as a staff member in the lunchroom and eventually as the manager of the cafeteria. After more than fifteen years with Corpus Christi, Caridad transitioned to another foodservice position, this time with Miami Springs Middle School. Caridad retired full time in 2008.

Caridad possessed a giving heart, living very modestly but always very generous with family and friends. Her passion for reading was surpassed only by her prowess in the kitchen, and you would be hard-pressed to find a better flan in all of South Florida. An avid animal lover, Caridad never hesitated to give a home to a stray. Meek, humble, and faithful, Caridad modeled her Christian faith in everything she did.

Caridad was preceded in death by her husband John Robert. She is survived by her sons Leonard [Sara] and Gilbert [Lee], brother Rolando Martinez [Josefa], sister Praxedes Blackledge [Gary], and grandchildren Natalie, Leo, Daniel, Luis, and Sara Isabel.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Ferdinand Funeral Home. A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 10:00 am at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Caridad will formally be laid to rest on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 2:00 pm at Vista Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



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Family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Fairchild Tropical Gardens donation page:

<https://nc.fairchildgarden.org/donation-specific> .



Events

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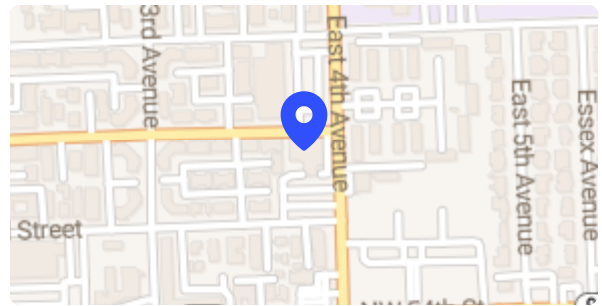
Visitation

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

3:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

Memorial Plan San José - Ferdinand Funeral Home

250 E 4th Ave, Hialeah FL 33010



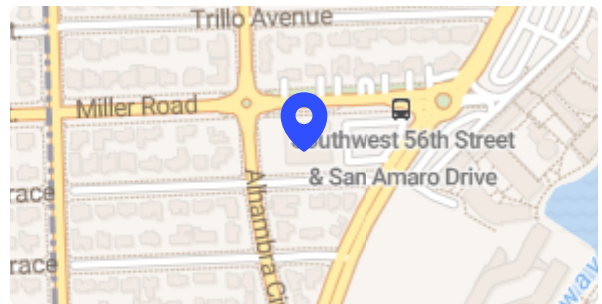
Mass

Thursday, September 3, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

St. Augustine Catholic Church

1400 Miller Road, Coral Gables FL 33146



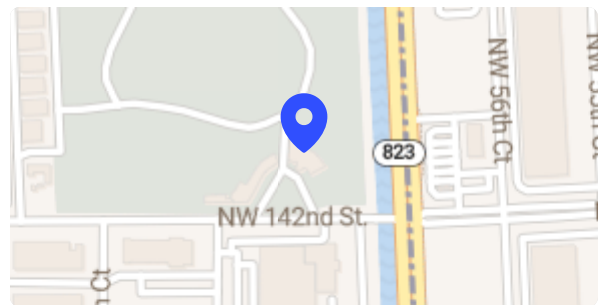
Graveside Service

Monday, September 21, 2020

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Vista Memorial Gardens

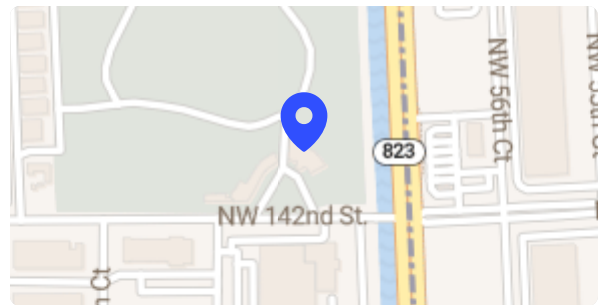
14200 NW 57th Avenue, Miami Lakes FL 33014



Cemetery Details

Vista Memorial Gardens

14200 NW 57th Avenue, Miami Lakes FL 33014





Tribute Wall

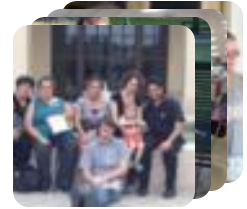
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Aixa Kydd shared 14 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our Auntie Cari was so many things to our family. She was counselor, mother, friend, and even playmate. She lived with our family since the age of fifteen. She grew from teenage years playing Barbies with Zoe, to becoming godmother to Aixa, to attending all our birthdays, Holy Communions, Confirmations, and Weddings. In recent years, she had become a playmate again, but this time to Zoe's grandchildren. She became the great aunt that every one of our children and grandchildren begged to have come visit us in Texas. She never forgot a birthday, and she never missed sending a card and gift. She grew to love and have personal relationships to each member of the family as it grew with husbands, wives, and every new birth. She was adventurous, curious, and compassionate. We loved seeing her wide-eyed curiosity with every trip we took to Tampa, Orlando, Dallas. She graced us with a road trip to San Antonio, and made every moment that much more fun. Whenever we visit Miami, we would pick her up in the morning, and dropped her off late at night. She loved to thrift shop, especially with Zoe, to pick out little trinkets for each member of the family, especially the kids. She sometimes was frustratingly obstinate, but that trait only pointed to her strong and devoted character. She was a strong defender and protector to of all of us. We have missed you since the day you departed. We grow in hope that we will see you again when we are reunited by our Heavenly Father.



September 1 at 3:59 AM



Cammy Richards lit a candle in honor of Caridad.

Lenny, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sad time. I see a great resemblance between you and your mother. She will always be in your heart. With sympathy, Cammy Richards



August 31 at 6:44 AM



Hector Ramos lit a candle in honor of Caridad.

Lenny and family, our prayers are with you all. May Our Lord open the gates of heaven to your mother and may peace fall upon your family. Many Blessings

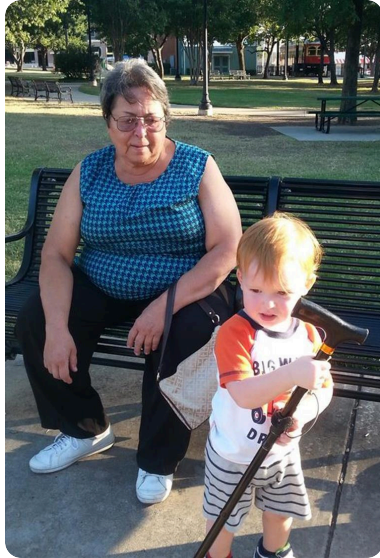


August 29 at 5:16 PM



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September 1 at 3:59 AM



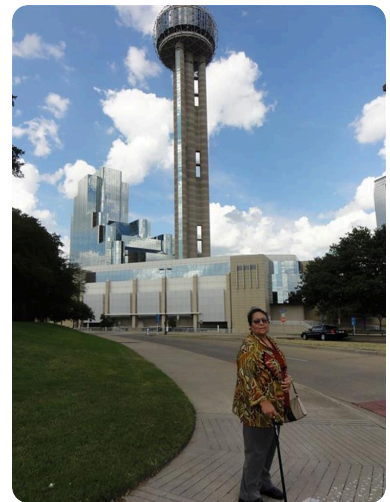
Playing with Vincent



Family trip to George Bush Library



Gaylord Texan - The three musketeers



Downtown Dallas- Always adventurous



Loving Little Quirina



Miami Memories - Old friends



Stockyards



Thrift store shopping



Always curious- Reunion Tower, Dallas



Trip to San Antonio



Stockyards- with Caitlin



Always building memories



Vacationing in Orlando - Second Parent to Zoe and Aixa



Family get together



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Caridad by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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