



Graciela Diez-Arguelles

January 13, 1922 - January 27, 2020

Graciela Diez-Arguelles is with her Lord and Savior. Saint Peter greeted her at the entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven during the evening hours of January 27, 2020 and gave her the keys to open the door without asking her one question.

Graciela led two lives. One filled with God, family, and joy in her beloved Varadero Beach, Cuba. The second in Miami filled with hardship and a loving extended family; but her commitment to God and her Catholic faith never wavered. She was born in Cardenas, Cuba, 98 years ago.

Her faith was tested when she arrived in the USA with three young children in hand and her husband left behind as a political prisoner for taking the side of freedom over tyranny and oppression. She thrived and raised her children working in various jobs including picking fruit in agricultural fields, serving food in the school cafeteria, working in a bakery, and finally as an administrative assistant for AAA until she retired. Often, she worked two jobs at a time. She never complained about her circumstances or spoke a bad word about anyone. Her only regret was that circumstances had forced her family -- four sisters, two brothers and numerous nieces and nephews -- to be separated all around the world.

What a gem and catch she was for her husband, Jose. It took a lot of courting for the gordito from Havana to convince the beautiful, elegant, educated, and God-fearing Graciela to marry him. Not one weekend went by when he left Havana to visit her in Varadero Beach without a new piece of jewelry he would pick up after work and a new story to convince her to marry him. Theirs was a love story like no other one. Their bond was never broken even though they were separated by 90 miles of ocean and the bars of a jail cell. She stayed married and true to her one and only love while she raised their children. They exchanged love letters for 15 years until they were reunited again.

Graciela is the daughter of Raul Castro and Hortensia Muxo. The mother of Jose Agustin, Carlos Raul and Graciela Maria. The sister of Hortensia, Alicia, Analuisa, Julia, Raulo, and Henry. She is the mother-in-law of Amy Jonelle and Maria Dolores, and the grandmother of Alex, Matthew, Nicholas, Luanna, Christina, and Anthony. She is predeceased by her husband and daughter. She is survived by her two sons, their spouses, grandchildren, and her long-term loving caretaker Maria Nelli Palacio.

A mass for the eternal rest of her soul will be celebrated on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. at Divine Providence Catholic Church located at 10205 W Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. The family kindly requests that any flower arrangements be delivered to Divine Providence Catholic Church.

A celebration of life/reception will be held at Morton's The Steakhouse at 2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL 33134 following the services.

Events

FEB **Memorial Mass** 12:30PM - 01:30PM

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Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church
10205 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL, US, 33174

Comments



“ Carlos and family,

Our condolences for the loss of your beautiful mother. May God give you comfort through this very difficult time. May she rest in peace in God's loving arms.

Ydalmis & Robert Lang

Ydalmis Lang - January 31 at 08:17 AM



“ Ydalmis Lang lit a candle in memory of Graciela Diez-Arguelles



Ydalmis Lang - January 31 at 08:15 AM



“ The Rojas's purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Graciela Diez-Arguelles.



The Rojas's - January 30 at 09:13 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Graciela Diez-Arguelles.



January 30 at 08:58 PM



“ Your EDR Friends purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Graciela Diez-Arguelles.



Your EDR Friends - January 30 at 04:58 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Seth Kaplan - January 30 at 02:26 PM



“ Very beautiful. Thinking of all of you. Walter Raul
walter mendoza - January 30 at 08:14 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to a special lady! Strong, elegant, and gracious, Tia Gache, as we all referred to her, lived a long, full life. May she rest in eternal peace in heaven.
Arturo & Maria Rojas - January 30 at 08:41 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with our loving family. May you find peace and comfort today and always remember the wonderful memories your shared with your mom and grandmother as you share this special last day with her know that she will forever be in your hearts and in the memories you all shared together. In loving memory to Tia Gache.
Love always,
Alinita, Cory & Jacob
the Druskin's - February 01 at 08:18 AM



“ Wayne Money & Tonya Kidd purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Graciela Diez-Arguelles.



