



Maria Cristina Masrrua

May 31, 1935 - November 11, 2020

Let us remember the life of our beloved Mother/Grandmother/ Great Grandmother “Maria Cristina Masrrua (Family)”

Maria Cristina Masrrua passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 with her family at her side. She was 85, a native of Habana, Cuba and a resident of River Ridge, Louisiana.

Loving mother of Francisca Gorman (Walter) and Rosalia Steele (Ronald). Grandmother of Yamila Alonso (Joel), Alexander Gorman (Katie), Michelle Harris (Russell), and Elizabeth Calderera (Michael). Great grandmother of Olivia Gorman, Kayla and Zackary Gorman, Luna Harris; Adrianna, Michael and Mila Calderera. She was preceded in death by her loving mother, Juana Trujillo; beloved husband, Alfredo Masrrua; and her sister, Caridad Seoane.

Maria was known to her family as: Mami, Mami Gorda, Big Mami, Mimi. She always used phrases like: “tenga mucho cuidado mi corazon”, “te quiero mucho:”, “povresita Lourdes or Lina”, “Dios los bendiga(s)”, “cosita linda”.

Mami’s favorite things to do and hobbies: sew knit, crochet, needle point, spend time with her family, loved great food especially desserts. She collected dolls, peacocks, polka dot fabric, playing jax and little crab figurines. The most important thing in her life was God and her family.

We will greatly miss you Mami Querida!

Private Graveside Service at Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery in St. Rose, LA on Friday, November 13, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, Maria expressed her wishes of donations to her favorite charity and can be made in her honor to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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“ Mami, I know you will continue to guide us and protect us like you always have done your whole life. It was always your purpose to make sure your family and future generations had a better life. Thank you for all the blessings you have given this family, we will be forever grateful. My beautiful guardian angel. (Te quiero mucho mi vida)

Olivia Lynn - November 26, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Mami Libre. A few nights ago I knew I had my last conversation with her over the phone, with thankfully her being able to say “Te quiero mi vida.” (I love you, my life.) to me before she hung up. If it weren't for her having the courage & strength to make the decision & take action to get my family out of Cuba, out of communism, & into our United States of America we wouldn't be here today. She endured a very rough life in Cuba that unfortunately pained her her entire life. I am grateful she is truly free now. Yet she was the most strong & stubborn woman I've ever met as a result. I am honored to be her granddaughter & to never allow her legacy to end. I will never stop fighting for freedom & a better life for our children, just as she did for us. I won't be afraid to speak up & educate others on what socialism truly is. I will forever be a proud & grateful patriot for this country that so many take for granted. Learning to cook traditional Cuban dishes with her, drinking cafecitos together & having such a close relationship with her is priceless. She met Celia Cruz in Havana, Cuba & became a citizen of the United States of America.

Mami, te quiero con todo mi corazon. I feel pure joy as the warmth of the sun hits my face, the waves hit my feet & I watch little crabs scurry across the sand. I know they are your favorite & I see you every time I see them. As close to Cuba as I can get here in Florida. Luna also got the color of your hazel eyes that will forever be one of the most special surprises. Thank you for being our new guardian angel & watching over our familia. We celebrated your life with Cuba Libres at Havana Beach in Rosemary Beach. Gracias por todo. Besitos y cangrejitos. Viva Cuba, Viva Mami.

Michelita - November 14, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Mami made many sacrifices to come with her family and mother to the land of the free, United States of America . She taught her daughters to be strong and determined, follow their hearts, teach their children about their Cuban culture, to always keep an open mind, to always express love and forgiveness even it wasn't deserved, to educate yourself and do your best to take care of your family, always be their when emotionally/mentally/physically or spiritually needed. She also taught us that jealousy, anger, fear, intimidation; can be overcome and God would always be there to guide us and show us the righteous way. Mami loved to sew, knit, cross stitch (needle point), occasionally make her own patterns to cut and sew, take an occasional ride with the family just to see Christmas lights/decorations, see the lakefront, the old neighborhoods where she lived, etc. She taught us how to express ourselves and taught her grandchildren to speak Spanish. Mami loved to collect peacocks, playing jax, polka-dot material, little crab figurines, most of all dolls; as a child she never had a doll and always dreamed of having one. Mami and Awe (her mom) taught Francisca & Rosalia to cook Cuban food, in turn they taught their children to do the same.

I remember I would sleep over at Mami's on a Saturday night, she would want to watch Morgus Presents/Elvira/Vincent Price Presents, etc; which she knew I like to watch from a young age, but she would get scared and I would lay next to her until she fell asleep, then I would sneak out and into my bed. So many memories to share, but not enough time to write and share with everyone in my lifetime.

Mami digale a Awe y a todos de la familia, que sigan celebrando la Fiesta con Dios y que cuando llegue el tiempo de nostros fiestas con ustedes, que Dios y la familia, mi esten esperando para entrar a la fiesta tambien.

Te quiero mucho Mami con todo mi corazón. Muchas bendiciones, que en paz descanses con Nuestro Señor Jesus Cristo. Yamila

Yamila Alonso - November 13, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ mami, Te quiero con todo mi corazón, mucho besito's!



joel alonso - November 13, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ Mami’s biggest accomplishment was making the decision to fill out the paperwork when Papi asked her if she wanted to leave Cuba for freedom from communism. Even though she knew it was going to be a hard road ahead of us she had the determination to raise her two daughters in a free country. It took four and half years of hard work, suffering, being scared, and broken down, but her faith was stronger. She was able to accomplish their dream of a better life with God’s help. Mami was able to get her family and mother to freedom. One thing she would always tell us was if this country becomes communist there’s no other place to go. She would proudly Vote as a Conservative/Republican every time once she became an American Citizen, along with her mother and daughters. Te quiero mucho Mami con todo mi corazón. Que en paz descanses con Nuestro Señor Jesus Cristo. Lina

Rosalia Steele - November 13, 2020 at 01:22 AM