



Berta Vigoa Diaz

July 12, 1939 - August 16, 2025

Berta Vigoa Diaz, age 86, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 5:54 a.m. Berta was born on July 12, 1939, in Pinar del Río, Cuba, and in 1968 courageously immigrated to the United States, where she made her home in Kenner, Louisiana. Affectionately known as “Mima,” she built a life rooted in love, resilience, and devotion to her family.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Maria Martinez and Luis Vigoa. She now joins her parents in eternal rest, along with her siblings Josefa Vigoa, Cleotilde Vigoa, Feliciano Vigoa, and Jose Vigoa. She is survived by her brothers Caro Vigoa, who resides in Cuba, and Mario Vigoa of Miami, Florida. Berta was the devoted mother of Jose “Tito” Diaz, Miriam Diaz, and Maria “Carmen” Diaz, and the late Sandra Diaz. She was a cherished grandmother to Raul J. Diaz, Byron A. Diaz (Nacole Nurdin Diaz), Josh Diaz, Melissa G. Thomas (Brent A. Thomas), Cristina Hatheway Rivas, Daniella A. Hatheway (Dillon Busher), and Jonathan D. Mims. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Isabel M. Pollet, Noah M. Pollet, Abigail M. Pollet, Zander Diaz, Alex Diaz, Alexis Diaz, Landon Thomas, Luke Thomas, Riley A. Rivas, Ayden M. Rivas, and Solomon J. Busher. Her legacy extends even further with the joy of her four month old great-great-grandson, Vincent Thomas Pollet. Berta’s life is one of a Cuban immigrant turned American success. A skilled seamstress, she began her career at Joe Gemelli’s Men’s Clothing store before opening her own alteration shop, Diaz Alterations, in Metairie,

Louisiana. For 40 years, she proudly owned and operated the beloved local shop, building a reputation for her talent, dedication, and care for her customers.

She will be remembered for her calm, patient, and kind demeanor, balanced with the strength and determination of a headstrong, career-driven woman. Berta found joy in music, cherished her novellas, and loved to dance. Above all, she lived for her family and carried herself with grace and perseverance that inspired all who knew her.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Compassus Hospice and the clinical team who provided Berta with compassionate care during her time on service. Mima will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched. Her family and friends are warmly invited to attend and celebrate her life.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Funeral Prayer Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Prayer Service at 12:00 p.m. Interment in Restlawn Park Cemetery, 3540 US Highway 90 West, Avondale. LA.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Park Cemetery

3540 US Highway 90 West
Avondale, LA 70094

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
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info@muhleisen.com

Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

WA

“ With Love, Jennie, Gayle and Angel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.



With Love, Jennie, Gayle and Angel - August 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM

WA

“ With Love, Jennie, Gayle and Angel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berta Vigoa Diaz.

With Love, Jennie, Gayle and Angel - August 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM

KA

“ Karen Adjmi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.



Karen Adjmi - August 20, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JD

“ So Sorry for your loss, We were so happy to take care of her- Love,
Jennifer Doyle (Compassus)



Jennifer C Doyle - August 20, 2025 at 08:57 AM

TF

“ *The Guzman, Marelo, Brassette Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.*



The Guzman, Marelo, Brassette Families - August 19, 2025 at 07:31 PM

GF

“ *Guzman, Brassette and Marelo Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.*



Guzman, Brassette and Marelo Families - August 19, 2025 at 07:20 PM

WF

“ *William and Lucy Busher family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.*



William and Lucy Busher family - August 19, 2025 at 04:09 PM

WF

“ *William and Lucy Busher family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berta Vigoa Diaz.*

William and Lucy Busher family - August 19, 2025 at 04:09 PM

BC

“ One of my favorite memories with Tía Bertha was the first time I ever tried a McDonald’s ice cream sundae. I don’t remember if we were waiting to pick up Cristina and Daniella, but I do remember it was just the two of us one day. She was driving, and she stopped at McDonald’s and bought us both sundaes. We sat together, talking and enjoying our ice cream. As a little girl, I was so happy, it was my very first sundae, and sharing that simple moment with her made it one of the best experiences I’ll never forget.

Brittany Cuenca - August 19, 2025 at 04:01 PM

CR

That’s so beautiful. She loved her ice cream and cafecito.

Cristina - August 20, 2025 at 02:19 PM

FV

“ Familia Cuenca & Familia Vigoa purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.



Familia Cuenca & Familia Vigoa - August 19, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SW

“ Shynethia Williams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.



Shynethia Williams - August 19, 2025 at 11:33 AM

TF

“ *The Hatheway family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Berta Vigoa Diaz.*



The Hatheway family - August 19, 2025 at 11:26 AM

TF

“ *The Hatheway family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Berta Vigoa Diaz.*

The Hatheway family - August 19, 2025 at 11:26 AM