



Esther M. Benitez

April 3, 1964 - May 2, 2021

Esther Maria Benitez, daughter of Agustin J. Benitez and Sofia Benitez was born in Madrid, Spain on the evening of April 3rd, 1964. She passed quietly on May 2, 2021 leaving behind sisters Sofia (Tomas) Arana and Maria Benitez as well as brothers Gus (Kathy) Benitez, Jose (Beth) Benitez and Jorge Benitez. In addition, she is also survived by her nieces Aly Benitez, Elena Benitez, Tamara Shane, Carolina Arana and her nephews Joey Benitez, Daniel Benitez, Carlos Arana and Tomy Arana.

Esther can be best described as a loving angel from Heaven sent to us to make our lives more meaningful and loving. She was funny, smart and a little bit of a show off! She loved to make people laugh and had the uncanny ability to sense when people were sad and needed lifting. She was quick with a smile and a loving look. She was a very special person.

Having Downs Syndrome simply made her even more special and she never let that stop her from doing the things she loved: dancing and bowling. She was great at both!

Esther had the good fortune of having a large family who cared for her and loved her without reservation. Throughout her life she made quick friends wherever she went and was well known for her joking manner and positive outlook.

She will be greatly missed but we take comfort that she is now in the embrace of her loving parents and in the hands of our Lord... safe and at Peace.

The family of Esther M. Benitez invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall Created in her loving memory.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery (Apopka Cemetery)

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *I will always remember Esther at our special needs dances and her bowling skills she was a very good bower*

Nataly Hernandez - July 17, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Esther graduation to our Fathers home and she has gained her heavenly wings. We are sadden by her loss and send our prayers. Lars and Gale White*

Lars White - May 13, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Sweet Esther was the Charter Treasurer of the Sunshine Optimist Club and she certainly brought sunshine ☀️ to that Club! Her laughter and jokes will be missed. Thank you to her sister for giving Esther the opportunity to be a part of Optimism.*



Sandy Larivee - May 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *For you sweet Angel who is now in Heaven! I love you mi Pusita Linda!*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 10, 2021 at 02:00 AM

GF

“ We miss you and your joy! You are our family intercessor from Heaven! ❤️



Gus Federle - May 09, 2021 at 11:19 PM

MF

So true, Mono! She brought so many smiles to our family and our kids found so much joy being with her.

MaryAnne Federle - May 09, 2021 at 11:25 PM

CB

My husband and I remember how loving she was with us when we visited Meme. Her wit and sense of humor left an indelible impression with us. Beautiful soul. May she rest in peace close to her beloved parents. Chachi Novellas and Miguel Bengochea

Chachi Novellas Bengochea - May 10, 2021 at 11:26 AM

GF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gus Federle - May 09, 2021 at 11:08 PM

MF

Oh David may have loved Pusi the most. They were a riot together here!

MaryAnne Federle - May 09, 2021 at 11:26 PM

SA

Thank you for posting this Mare! More memories to share!

Sofia Benitez Arana - May 10, 2021 at 01:44 AM

SA

“ *Sofia Benitez Arana sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther M. Benitez*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 08, 2021 at 01:42 AM

JR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



jrbben24 - May 07, 2021 at 08:04 PM

CA

“ *My Adorable Aunt Esther, who is now with Abuela and Abuelo 🙏*



Carlos Arana - May 06, 2021 at 10:09 PM

AB



Aly Benitez - May 07, 2021 at 01:49 PM

CA

“ I loved her hugs.



Carlos Arana - May 06, 2021 at 10:07 PM

SA

“ For my sister!



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 06, 2021 at 09:29 PM

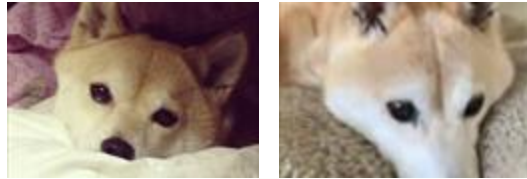
LP

We will always remember the joy filled years we spent together❤️ We shared Love & Laughs, doing Ceramics or eating Croquetas! Now go in Peace to your family in Heaven🙏❤️🙏 always, Yiya & Les, Michelle, Frankie, Stephanie & John Paul❤️

Lydia B Philip - May 10, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SA

“ My mani wanted to adopt a Shiba Inu. She took Esther with her and she picked this one, Foxy. Esther really loved her Foxy. Here a some pics of her.



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 06, 2021 at 09:23 PM

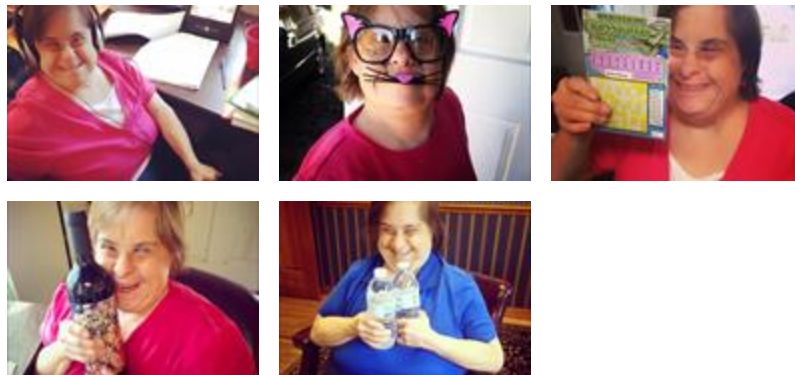
SA

Sorry, misspelled it's Mami! Not Mani.

Sofia Benitez Arana - May 06, 2021 at 09:25 PM

AB

“ The many faces of Esther Maria ❤️ She was one of a kind!



Aly Benitez - May 06, 2021 at 05:26 PM

FF

“ From Esther's HBC family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Esther M. Benitez.



From Esther's HBC family - May 06, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Esther M. Benitez.



May 06, 2021 at 03:53 PM



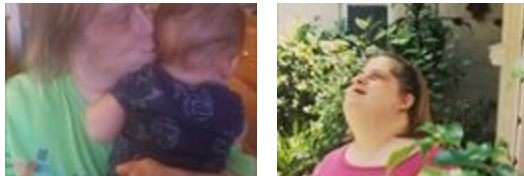
“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther M. Benitez.



May 06, 2021 at 09:17 AM

CA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Carolina - May 05, 2021 at 09:50 PM

SA

She loved your kids Caro!

Sofia Benitez Arana - May 10, 2021 at 01:46 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jose benitez - May 05, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



jrbben24 - May 05, 2021 at 05:58 PM

BB

A very special night ❤️

Beth Benitez - May 05, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



jrbben24 - May 05, 2021 at 05:54 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jrbbn24 - May 05, 2021 at 05:43 PM

SA

They loved each other very much! Her brother in law Tomas!

Sofia Benitez Arana - May 06, 2021 at 09:31 PM

AF

“ *I'll always remember her smile and her laugh, they were contagious.*

ANGEL A. FIGUEREDO - May 05, 2021 at 05:31 PM

JR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



jrbbn24 - May 05, 2021 at 05:28 PM

SA

“ *Esther loved playing basket before an injury she had!!*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 05, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Esther M. Benitez.*



May 05, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



jrbben24 - May 05, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Tim and Maggie Jernigan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Esther M. Benitez.*



Tim and Maggie Jernigan - May 05, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ *Tessie and Mark Oppenheim purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Esther M. Benitez.*



Tessie and Mark Oppenheim - May 05, 2021 at 08:15 AM

SA

“ *Sofia Benitez Arana lit a candle in memory of Esther M. Benitez*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 04, 2021 at 09:15 PM

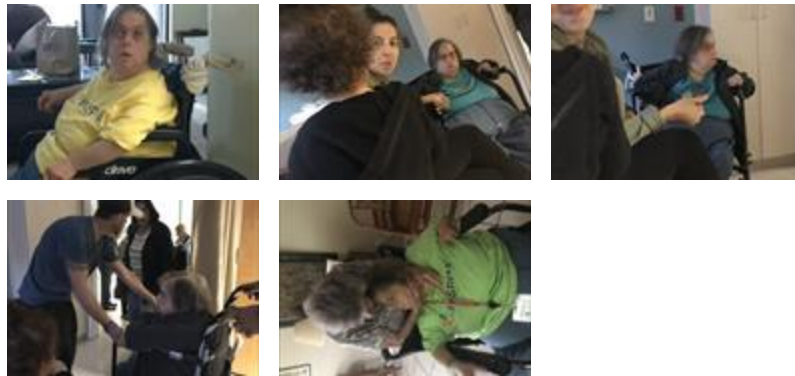
SA

God bless you Pusita! I know you are already with Papi & Mami.

Sofia Benitez Arana - May 08, 2021 at 01:36 AM

SA

“ *Some of the many photos I have of my sweet sister!! When you see them you can tell how happy she was! Love you gordita. She was a precious and amazing human being!! We'll miss you forever and hold you in our hearts always. God bless you Pusita! ❤️*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 04, 2021 at 09:13 PM

SA

“ *Sofia Benitez Arana sent a virtual gift in memory of Esther M. Benitez*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM

SA

“ *Sofia Benitez Arana lit a candle in memory of Esther M. Benitez*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 04, 2021 at 08:29 PM

SA

“ *This is my beautiful little sister Esther Maria when she was a few months old in Madrid, Spain. She was the cutest baby girl! You gave us so much joy Pusita and of course you made us laugh so much. I am proud to have been your sister and I wouldn't trade you for anyone else. You were so loved!! I know you're with Papi & Mami now, they loved you so much.*



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 04, 2021 at 08:28 PM

SA

“ Sofia Benitez Arana lit a candle in memory of Esther M. Benitez



Sofia Benitez Arana - May 04, 2021 at 08:20 PM



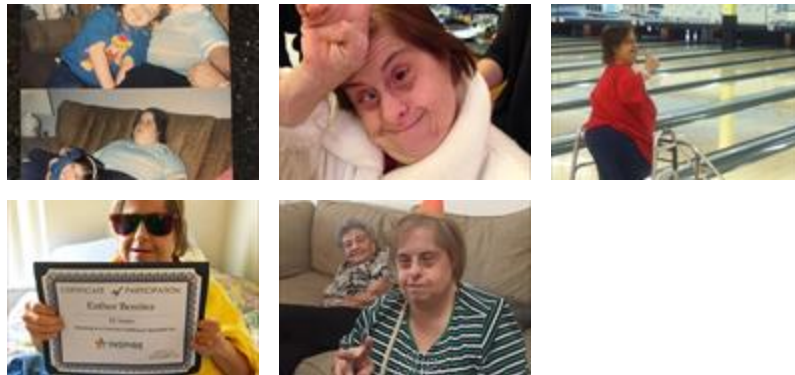
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esther M. Benitez.



May 04, 2021 at 06:36 PM

AB

“ Some great moments that reflect her fun loving and sassy personality. Always the life of the party ❤️



Aly Benitez - May 04, 2021 at 06:25 PM

GB

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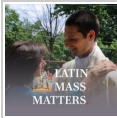


Gus Benitez - May 04, 2021 at 02:01 PM

TS



Tamy Shane - May 04, 2021 at 06:51 PM



Dynamic duo - Center stage!

Elena Bigg - May 04, 2021 at 09:51 PM

SA

The life of the party she was ❤️

Sofia Benitez Arana - May 10, 2021 at 01:51 AM

JR

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jrbben24 - May 04, 2021 at 01:49 PM

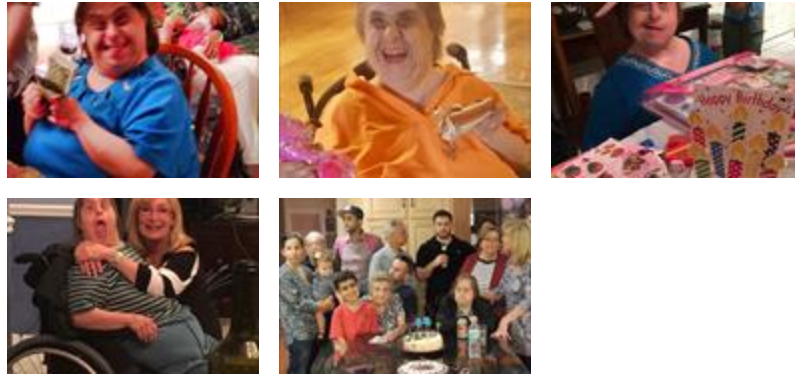
TS

I love this. Thank you for sharing ❤️

Tamy Shane - May 04, 2021 at 06:51 PM

BB

“ Sweet Esther, you were so full of love and joy and a true gift to all of us. I was blessed to call you my sister, and I will love you forever.
Beth



Beth Benitez - May 04, 2021 at 01:40 PM

JR

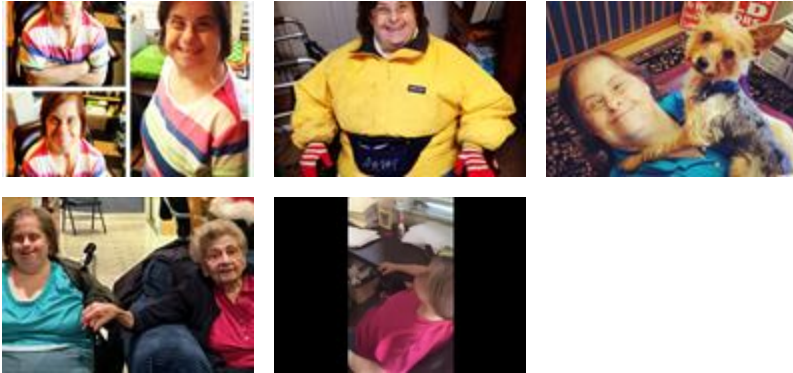
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jrbben24 - May 04, 2021 at 01:38 PM

JR

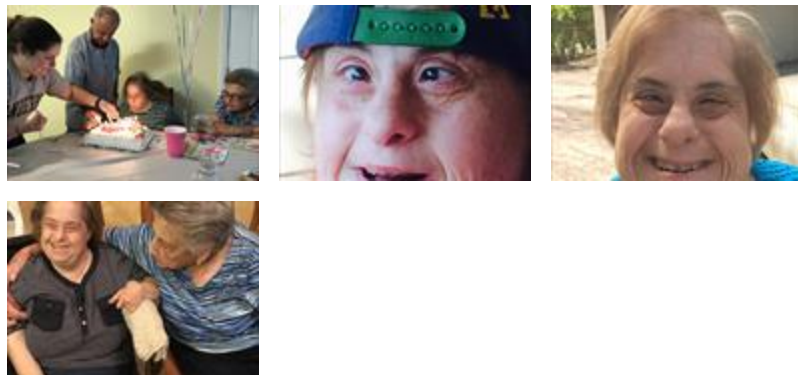
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jrbben24 - May 04, 2021 at 12:36 PM

GU

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



gus - May 03, 2021 at 05:33 PM