



Florence C. Mendez

September 8, 1942 - April 1, 2017

Florence C. Mendez, 74, of Orlando, Florida passed away on April 1, 2017. She was born on September 8, 1942 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Florence is survived by her son Edris A. Mendez and granddaughter Raenier Angelli Mendez.

I never considered one day Florence Correa de Mendez, known lovingly as Mami to her son, and Abuela to her preciosa Angelli, would be gone. She was always supposed to be around to share stories, seek advice from and guide her beautiful granddaughter into womanhood with all of her wisdom. It sounds silly to those that didn't know her, but to the fortunate ones that did have the pleasure, to think of her as invincible wasn't difficult. Florence was strong willed, opinionated, confident, kind, compassionate, and completely generous. A warm hug, and a kiss to each cheek is how you could expect to be greeted. She always carried herself as an absolute lady, with dignity and elegance. Considering everything Florence lived through and did, the impact she had on everyone she met is understandable. Remarkably benevolent, Florence's heart knew no bounds. She donated much of her time and skills to others, volunteering when able for charitable causes. Creating arrangements for events, supplying raffle prizes, displaying valued collectables during the holidays to create a festive scenery for all to enjoy. Florence relished painting, designing jewelry, sewing, and cooking award winning dishes. She loved to give her focus to others, and was always willing to give more, a truly selfless amiga.

In her short 74 years, Florence definitely lived a full and triumphant life, packed with adventure, incredible journeys, and passion for growth. From a meager upbringing, to becoming a highly educated, accomplished, and graceful woman, with her own cooking show in beautiful Puerto Rico, running businesses, traveling the world, even exploring pyramids in Egypt, to creating art worthy of a reputable gallery, and fulfilling everyone's lifelong dream, meeting the love of her life, getting married, then becoming a doting mother, to a son whom she adored more than anything, until her greatest elation came along, a treasured granddaughter. Florence cherished being an Abuela. She wanted nothing more than to teach the child everything she learned, share her marvelous talents, gift her with knowledge and pride of their rich heritage, and become friends, watching amor de bebe grow into a mujer hermosa. Florence will be greatly missed. Comfort comes from knowing her spirit will live on, as a guiding light and guardian angel, helping us all grasp how cherished our time here on earth is, and honor her memory by doing and being the best we can be. She wanted so much goodness for the lives of the people she loved, and we promise to make her proud.

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“ Florence was a wonderful friend, we met as young mothers, spending many hours together with our children. She always would say that I was her little sister. After moving to Florida we kept up, I would see her every time she came to PR, in later years when one of our daughters moved to Orlando we would see each other more often. We were always happy to be in each other's company. She was a true friend, I will miss here always.

To her son Edris, my prayers are with you. We are family, we love you, let's please keep in touch.

Carole and Carlos

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