



Maria Pares

December 31, 1969 - March 28, 2015

Obituary of Maria Pares Maria Callava Pares September 1, 1931 - March 28, 2015 A very passionate mother, grandmother sister and friend. Maria died suddenly on March 28th at the age of 83. Her lifelong passion was equal rights and opportunities for all. Born in Havana Cuba to Maria and Armando Callava, graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in English Lit from Havana University continuing her education in the United States at Samford University where she earned her Master's degree, was a professor of English at Miles College in Birmingham, AL. The family moved to Colorado where she was employed with the US government, serving on the Civil Rights Commission. Maria was also the Director of Antioch College in Denver. She lived in Miami, FL for over 20 years, where she worked for the EEOC, US government, retiring to Ocala in 1990. Maria volunteered for many organizations, and encouraged others to enjoy the rewards of service. Maria is survived by her two sons, Dr. Picky Pares (Janet), of Ocala, Armando Pares (Lynn) Longmont, Colorado and their children, Antonio, Nicolas and Andrea and a brother, Armando Callava, Ocala; grandson, Joshua, great-grandsons, Trey & Gavin of Gainesville, Florida. She is preceded in death by her parents and Husband, Dr. Segismundo Pares. She was active within the Ocala community, volunteering for Food 4 kids and Master Gardeners and served on the board of directors for Marion County Senior Services and the YMCA. Maria attended Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and was past member of the Women's Garden Club, and Big Brother Big Sister. Maria was a long term athlete;

placing gold in the swimming competition at the Pan Am games in the 1940's. She continued her athletic career alongside her two sons, competing in the Senior games in 2005 and at the age of 81 years, Maria won a gold medal in the National Powerlifting competition held in Denver, Co. Maria's life will be honored by her family and friends with a Mass at Blessed Trinity Church, Ocala on April 9, 2015 at 6:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Food 4 Kids program at Interfaith Emergency Services, PO Box 992, Ocala FL 34478. Maria Luisa Callava Parés - Septiembre 1, 1931 - Marzo 28, 2015. Apasionada madre, abuela, hermana y amiga. Maria Luisa murió repentinamente el 28 de Marzo, a los 83 años de edad. Las pasiones de su vida fueron la igualdad de derechos humanos y oportunidades para todos. Nació en La Habana, Cuba. Sus padres fueron María y Armando Callava. Se graduó de la Universidad de La Habana con bachillerato en Inglés y continuó su educación en los Estados Unidos en la Universidad de Samford con título de Master. Fue profesora de Inglés en Miles College en Birmingham, Alabama. La familia se mudó a Colorado donde trabajó para el gobierno federal en el Civil Rights Commission. María fue también Directora del Antioch College en Denver. Vivió en Miami, Florida por más de 20 años, donde trabajó para EEOC, del gobierno federal y se retiró a Ocala en 1990. María Luisa trabajó como voluntaria para muchas organizaciones y alentaba a los demás a disfrutar la satisfacción de prestar servicios. Sus supervivientes son sus dos hijos, Dr. Picky Pares (Janet) en Ocala, y Armando Pares (Lynn) en Longmont, Colorado con sus hijos Antonio, Nicolas y Andrea, y su hermano Armando Callava, en Ocala; sus nieto, Joshua, biznietos Trey y Gavin en Gainesville, Florida. Ya ella había sufrido la pérdida de sus padres y esposo el Dr. Segismundo Parés. Fue activa en la comunidad de Ocala, ofreciendo trabajos voluntarios en Food 4 kids y Master Gardeners y sirvió en la junta de directores de Marion County Senior Services y el YMCA. María Luisa asistía la Iglesia Católica Blessed Trinity y fue miembro del Women's Garden Club, y Big Brother Big Sister. María Luisa fue siempre una atleta; ganó medalla de oro en competencias de natación en los Juegos

Panamericanos en los 1940's. Continuó su carrera atlética al lado de sus dos hijos, compitiendo en los Senior Games en 2005 y a los 81 años de edad Maria ganó medalla de oro en el National Powerlifting Competition en Denver, Colorado. Honrraremos la vida de Maria Luisa con su familia y amigos en la santa misa en la iglesia católica Blessed Trinity, Ocala el 9 de abril a las 6:00pm. En vez de flores pueden hacer donaciones a: Food 4 Kids program at Interfaith Emergency Services, PO Box 992, Ocala FL 34478.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Picky and Janet, Our love and prayers are with you both. Praying for God's comfort. peace, and presence as you grieve the loss of your mother, a most special lady. David and Beth Glenny*

David and Beth Glenny - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Picky and Janet, We are so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. Our prayers are that you would know and feel the comfort, peace, and presence of our Lord. David and Beth Glenny*

David and Beth Glenny - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Dearest Picky: Like your dad, your mom was an incredible human being. How fortunate you were to have them both. And how fortunate they were to have you and Janet nearby. You and Janet are in my prayers as you go through this time of shock and loss. You and I both know that there's no end to grieving, no "getting over it". It ebbs and flows; some days are easier and some are not. What never changes is the love. Big hugs to you and Janet, Barbara*

Barbara Schwartz - April 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Oh, my gosh, we are so sorry and stunned Maria has passed on. The memories we have of her and you guys are never ending. Maria was beyond ordinary, and we would have thought she was indestructible. She is someone who will NEVER be forgotten by so many people, including us. With all our love, John and Jeri*

John and Jeri Ashley - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria Pares*

March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM