



Nereida Mendoza

May 6, 1942 - August 12, 2022

Nereida Mendoza Wife, Mother, Entrepreneur

Nereida Mendoza, born May 6, 1942 in Lares, Puerto Rico to Pablo Mendoza and Rosalia Martinez Soto, passed away August 12, 2022 in Ocala, Marion County, Florida.

Nereida arrived to the United States in 1954, calling the Bronx New York her new home. Graduating from Jane Adams Vocational High School and, fascinated by fashion and the garment industry, Nereida acquired a job as a seamstress in Manhattan N.Y. making dresses for major department stores. She quickly mastered the Singer sewing machines being utilized at the time, even repairing them on site. Nereida also, saved enough money to place herself in Beautician school to learn hairstyling and cutting. She successfully completed her training and used her craft to cut hair for the elderly and sick, who were unable to travel to the hair salons. Nereida also purchased her own Grocery store in her local neighborhood, she even provided free goods to those who couldn't pay at the time, earning her the nickname Aunty Nelly. Nelly used the profits generated by her store to purchase additional grocery Stores for her siblings, four stores in total. Nereida was a true hard working person and had a never quit, never give up attitude. In her retirement years she helped raise her grand children, triplets born to her daughter in New York, as well as volunteering at her local church for events and fund raisers. Nereida touched so many lives and did so much good in her lifetime and she will be missed by so many.

She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband Guillermo Rosario, her brothers, Rene Mendoza, Pablo Mendoza Jr., and Nelson Mendoza, As well her sister, Aurea Marti.

Nereida is survived by her son, Ronnie Rosario; daughter-in-law, Angelina Malave; her daughter, Lisa Rosario; son-law, Desmond Roman SR. She also leaves her grandchildren, Mason Rosario, Nathaniel Rosario, Desilee Roman, Brandon Roman, and Desmond Roman Jr.

Please join Nereida's family as they receive friends for a Visitation Gathering from 4PM-7PM, Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Roberts Funeral Home, 6241 SW State Road 200, Ocala, Florida 34476, (352) 854-2266.

A Service of Remembrance will begin at 12 Noon, Wednesday, August 24, 2022 with Father Patrick J. O'Doherty officiating, also in the chapel of the funeral home. The congregation will proceed to Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens for a 2PM interment, led by the Marion County Sheriff's Funeral Escorts.

The family would like to thank all the residents of Magnolia Walk Apts. where Nereida made her Home. The care and compassion she received there will always be remembered. She will be missed there by so many. The family would also like to thank Cates House for the compassionate care they provided in her last day and hours to make her transition a peaceful one.