



## Maria Teresa Alvarez

December 6, 1930 - October 31, 2015

Maria Alvarez passed away after a short illness on Saturday, October 31st, 2015 in Orlando, Florida. Services will be held on Saturday, November 7th at St. James Cathedral's Chapel at 11:00 am with visitation, Rosary, and reflection followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:00 noon.

Maria was born in the village of Ondes, Spain, in 1930 to Rosalia and Francisco Alvarez. She moved to Cuba in 1950 where she met and married her husband, the late Bonifacio Alvarez. Moving to the United States in 1960, Maria lived in New York City, as well as many years in Santurce, Puerto Rico where the couple owned a small grocery store. Maria had found a home in Orlando, Florida where she lived for the last 25 years of her life.

Maria lived through turbulent times growing up during the Spanish Civil War and leaving Cuba after the revolution of 1959. Perhaps due to those experiences, she was always a calming figure with deep faith that always made others welcome in her presence. She very much enjoyed playing board games with friends and family and was very dedicated to her faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Rosalia and Francisco as well as her husband Bonifacio.

Maria is survived by her sister Ursula, brothers Francisco, Manolo, and Angel

Alvarez, son Joaquin Alvarez, her daughter-in-law, Lisa Fluty-Alvarez, and her two beloved grandchildren, Danielle and Diego Alvarez. Maria had a second home and an extended family at St. James Cathedral where she attended Mass on a daily basis and was a member of the Cathedral Choir. She leaves a lifetime of caring for others and will be deeply missed by those she touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Cathedral  
215 North Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

## Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

LY

“ *My dear ones,  
There are no words to express my feelings for Maria. She was a lady of grace, class and most of all faith. She carried herself with dignity. She spoke of her family with a glow that comes from a deep love and pride. She was my friend, my neighbor, my idol in many ways. She shared her love and faith by who she was, how she lived. I will miss her so much and I rejoice knowing she is at peace in her heavenly home. Thank you for sharing her with us all. She has a "place in my heart where no one else may enter Lynda York, Kinneret Apts.*

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**Lynda York** - November 10, 2015 at 06:17 AM

EM

“ *Elinor M. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Maria Teresa Alvarez.*



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**Elinor M.** - November 07, 2015 at 07:50 AM

KP

“ *Maria,*

*You came into our lives because Joaquin said you had watched the loss of a life through the sadness and cruelty of dementia as you took care of an elderly lady. He said he wanted to see you joyful, and you would love to take care of two small boys and watch them grow and prosper.*

*You became another grandmother to them, teaching them all the basics like eating and dressing. You read to them in Spanish, and made yummy things to eat all the time. You showed them God’s world outside, explaining the beautiful things in nature as you went on your daily walks. You taught them to pray at the table and to love and take care of each other.*

*You became an integral part of our lives, sharing school concerts and grandparent luncheons, holidays at our home and special masses together.*

*You brought Emma (the boys’ grandmother who lived with us) communion the last time she was able to receive it at home...and you were the first one here to pray with us in her room as we said “good bye” for now.*

*It is your turn to be at peace and bask in the glory of God’s love. We are sad to lose you on this earth, but happy knowing we have our sweet angel watching over us and “pulling for us” up there.*

*We love you and thank God for the blessing of you as part of our family for over two decades.*

*Eternal hugs,*

*Juan Carlos, Karen, Eric and Nathan Perera*



Karen Perera - November 05, 2015 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ To the Dear Family of Maria, I am a senior fitness instructor at the Downtown YMCA where Maria attended classes. I was so saddened to hear of her passing and wanted you to know how much I enjoyed knowing her and having her in my classes. I loved her smiling face and sweet twinkle in her eye no matter what the challenge was in class. She often offered her gratitude and a warm hug after class. I will miss her!

Sincere sympathy for your loss,

Joanmarie Seacord  
Downtown YMCA

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Joanmarie Seacord - November 04, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JO

Thank you much for your thoughts. My mom really enjoyed going to the Y and I want to thank you for helping her so much.

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Joaquin - November 04, 2015 at 07:37 PM

JA

“ Estimada familia Alvarez siento mucho el doloroso momento que estan pasando y me gustaria compartir con ustedes una alentadora esperanza se encuentra en ( Juan 5:28,29) Donde Jehova Dios nos promete que las personas que han muerto resucitaran, es decir van a volver a vivir ¡Que promesa tan alentadora! Espero que le sirva de consuelo. Acompañadoles en su dolor.  
Jascarina



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jascarina - November 04, 2015 at 08:24 AM

JO

*Jascarina, muchas gracias. Mucha fe que la veremos un día!!*

Joaquin - November 04, 2015 at 07:39 PM

CJ

“ Querido Joaquín, mi más sentido pésame por tu pérdida! Tiene que haber sido una mujer extraordinaria al criar a un hombre tan especial como tú. Un abrazo fuerte y mucha paz!



Carmen Joy - November 03, 2015 at 06:24 PM

JO

*Gracias Carmen Ana por tus palabras tan bonitas. Eres una amiga para siempre.*

Joaquin - November 03, 2015 at 09:18 PM

LL

“ L&D, Jen B, and Leo L purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Maria Teresa Alvarez.



L&D, Jen B, and Leo L - November 03, 2015 at 04:11 PM

KM

“ *Joaquin, Lisa, Danielle, and Diego:*

*Can't put into words how very sorry we are for your loss. Over the last 3 years I feel as though I knew Maria, as I was reminded often from Joaquin of what a fantastic Mother and Grandmother she was. Cherish those memories forever, as it is more than obvious she lived for all of you! Can I just say what an absolutely adorable woman she was! Her hat picture has made everyone smile around DR today, even through the somber.*

*Love to each of you,  
Kasey and Madison*

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**Kasey and Madison** - November 03, 2015 at 03:29 PM

JO

*Thank you so very much for your kind words and support. It means so very much.*

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**Joaquin** - November 03, 2015 at 09:22 PM

LM

“ *Joaquin, I am sorry for your loss. I didn't know your mom, but she must have been a wonderful woman to have raised a son who turned out so great. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Lori (kasey's mom)** - November 03, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JO

*Thank you so very much for your kind words! I am very thankful to have had my mom in my life for so long.*

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**Joaquin** - November 03, 2015 at 09:33 PM

ST

“ Sincerely, DigitalRisk HE Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Maria Teresa Alvarez.



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**Sincerely, DigitalRisk HE Team** - November 03, 2015 at 02:27 PM



Joaquin Alvarez

“ 24 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Joaquin Alvarez** - November 03, 2015 at 01:15 PM