



Raquel Palmieri

December 25, 1914 - May 7, 2016

Raquel Palmieri, 101, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on May 7th. Following her wishes, she was honored quietly and lovingly by her closest family.

Raquel was born in Santiago, Cuba on December 25, 1914, the fourth of ten children. She followed a long family tradition of teaching - graduating from Teachers College in Havana, and serving as an elementary school teacher in the Santiago area. She emigrated to the United States in 1946 where she was an accomplished seamstress in New York's garment district, creating samples for many fashion designers. When she retired in 1970, she returned to one of her early loves, painting. She completed more than 60 paintings in her retirement.

She lived in Orlando for over 27 years with her husband Paul Palmieri, and enjoyed lively conversation, visits from family and friends, crocheting and a good game of dominos. She attributed her longevity to good food, good wine and appreciation for life – as she always said “if you have love, you have everything.” She and Paul travelled extensively throughout Europe in their retirement.

She leaves two children - Daphne Jones and Armand Arriaza; three grandchildren: Deborah Hipp, Charles Jones, and Elizabeth Arriaza; two

great-grandchildren: Shane Paul Jones and Elena Raquel Purcell; two sisters: Irma Arriaza de Avino and Rafaela Pujol; many nieces and nephews. Raquel was preceded in death by her grandson Christopher Arriaza.

Expression of sympathy may be made to the charity of your personal choice, also prayers or lighting a candle will be much appreciated.

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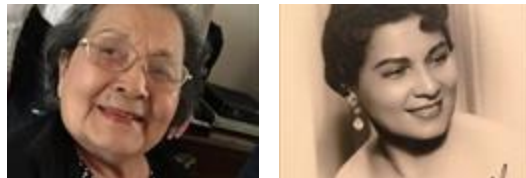
“ *My fondest memory of Aunt Rae were the several wonderful summers I spent with her and Uncle Paul at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. I loved being able to ride my bicycle with Uncle Paul in the mornings and afternoons and then having Aunt Rae take us to the boardwalk. I especially enjoyed the times that we were there with my cousins, Liz and Christopher. Those memories will always be very special for me and thank you Aunt Rae for making them wonderful!*

*Always,
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