

Celebrating the Life of



Gaudencia Fernandez-Cestero

Sunrise

October 24, 1918

Sunset

December 15, 2015

Service

Saturday, December 19, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

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Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Two minutes please

Obituary

Eulogy

Benediction

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory

Bronx, New York

Reflections of Life

Gaudencia Fernandez-Cestero was born to the proud parents of Hemerehildo Bruno and Jovita Fernandez on October 24, 1918. She departed this life on December 15, 2015.

Today we have honor and privilege to pay tribute to a very special person. Gaudencia Fernandez was remarkable in so many ways. She lived her life to the fullest and touched so many people during her time here with us. We all have a kaleidoscope of memories that we will always carry with us - memories that defined Gala; memories that we will always hold dear. Gala loved her family unequivocally and fiercely. Whether you needed sound counsel, an empathetic ear, or a shoulder to lean on; she was your go to person. Ready, steadfast, willing and good fun. She had a loving and generous heart, and was always giving to others. She lived a principled life and had a strong sense of right and wrong. Gala was not one to step back from a challenge; or to let something wrong stand unchallenged. She cared enough to act and take a stand. We will never forget Gala's feisty ways or her spunk. Gala was a big fan of bingo and the casino's and she remained very active until just before her passing. She was an amazing cook and her pasteles will be greatly missed. Gala spent her 97 years on earth living on her terms, she was in control of all the major decisions she made in her life. At his point in time Gala was tired and she decided that it was time for her to rest. This indomitable spirit defined who she was and how she chose to live and die. She would not want her family and friends to grieve but instead she would advise us to take a page out of her book and live our life to the fullest. Her sound advice should be followed by us all.

She leaves behind family, friends and loved ones.

To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

I cried when you passed away,
And still today although I loved you dearly
I couldn't make you stay.
A Golden Heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands at rest
God broke my heart to prove to me he only takes the best

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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