

*Celebrating The Life of*

# *Isabel Espino*

*Sunrise*  
December 23, 1926

*Sunset*  
March 1, 2022



*Celebration of Life*  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 6:00 pm

**T. Carrillo Funeral Service LLC**

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# Obituary

**Isabel "Chavez" Espino**, 95, passed away peacefully with her loved ones by her side on March 1, 2022.

Born in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico on December 23, 1926, Isabel was one of six children born to Juan and Josephine Felizes. She was raised by her grandmother, Rosa, in the countryside of Puerto Rico and educated through middle school. When reflecting on her childhood, Isabel would happily recall picking bananas with her father and faithfully accompanying her grandmother while she worked as a domestic helper. In the early 1940s, Jose' Espino spent many afternoons walking past Isabel's home, hoping to catch a glance of her or muster the confidence to speak to her sweetly.

On December 12, 1945, Isabel married Jose' (her Honey) in Puerto Rico and they began their life together, devoted in love and looking forward to raising a family together. On September 27, 1946, Isabel gave birth to their first child, Jose' (Pepito) Jr. The family of three moved to Bronx, New York in 1947 where their life continued to prosper. On March 11, 1948, Migdalia (Dolly) was born, followed by the birth of Filiberto who died shortly thereafter. Well established in the Bronx, Isabel and Jose brought their second daughter, Rosa (Cuchi), into the world on December 13, 1961. Their family was complete after the birth of their youngest daughter, Maria (Ange) on August 31, 1966.

In addition to providing a loving home for her husband and four children, Isabel also spent several years employed as a lunchroom Manager. Upon retirement from P.S. 154 in Bronx, New York, Isabel was honored with a special award for all her years of dedication and hard work in the public school district. In 1990, Jose and Isabel retired to Ocoee, Florida, where they remained for 20 years. During their time in Florida, Isabel took pride in her role as an usher at St. James Cathedral where she and Jose' often attended two masses on Sundays (one in English and one is Spanish). The Espino home brought Isabel many years of happiness as she gardened and happily welcomed family and friends for delicious home cooked meals and extended visits to explore and enjoy the Orlando, Florida area. On January 15, 2010, Jose' passed away and Isabel moved back to Bronx, New York to live with her daughter, Rosa. She spent the remainder of her days in Bronx, happily surrounded by comfort, care, visits and outreach from her adoring family and friends.

Isabel is survived by her loving son, Jose' Jr. and devoted daughters Migdalia, Rosa and Maria. She will be remembered by her children for being the peacemaker in the family, teaching them the value of keeping a clean home and being respectful of their elders; responding sweetly to calls for "my vieja" and making shopping trips to flea markets and Macy's. She will also be remembered as a breast cancer survivor who endured diabetes with dignity in her later years. As the proud grandmother of 12 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren and 2 fur-great-grandkids, Cinnamon and Willow, Isabel will always be remembered as "Mamacita", a name coined by her local community that was affectionately adopted by her grandchildren.

She will also be remembered for her gentle and patient demeanor, loving hugs, sparkling smile and extra soft skin; her grilled cheese sandwiches and cheese platters, watching novellas while eating apples, painting her nails and sharing laughs over board games and Squishy toys; dancing with the kids, joining TikTok videos, taking pictures with her family and going along with jokes that her grandchildren played on her; responding "Si.... Si..." with her hands clasped together gently, reacting cheerfully to "Chavelita", "Horale mama" and "Hola" seeking out "mi favorita", "mi pelua" and "mi pollo" and supporting one granddaughter as her only "Nana". Isabel's family would like to extend a special thank you to the Moore House Community, the Church of St. Anselm and St. Roch, Visiting Nurse Services of New York and all of the friends and family who visited and extended their support during this difficult time. Isabel was greatly loved by all and her spirit will never be forgotten.

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*Until we meet again.  
We think about you always,  
we still talk about you.  
You have never been forgotten,  
and you never will.  
We hold you close  
within our hearts,  
and there you will remain.  
To walk and guide us through  
our lives,  
until we meet again*

*Hasta que nos encontremos  
de nuevo. Pensamos en ti  
siempre, todavía hablamos  
de ti. nunca te han olvidado,  
y nunca lo harás. Te  
mantenemos cerca dentro de  
nuestros corazones, y allí  
permanecerás. Para  
caminar y guiarnos a través  
de nuestras vidas, hasta que  
nos encontremos de nuevo*

*~ Isabel Espino ~  
1926 - 2022*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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