



## Benigna Calderon

November 13, 2016

Benigna "Nina" Calderon, 95 years old, passed away and return to God on Sunday, November 13, 2016, a day of glory. Nina is preceded by her husband, Luis Calderon. Nina was born in Holguin, Cuba on March 21, 1921. Nina had three daughters, Esther Marina Ramirez (Rolando), Incarnacion Luisa Fernandez (Douglas), and Bertha Calderon Oropesa (Gelasio "Bebo"). Nina and her family moved to Miami, Florida in the 1950's. Nina worked in the garment industry while in Miami. Nina was a talented seamstress, a talent she enjoyed until her last day here on earth. The love of sewing was a hobby that kept her happy and busy.

Many of you were fortunate enough to have one of the aprons she made.

Nina had 3 daughters, 15 grand-children, 28 great-grand-children, and 12 great-great-grand-children.

Nina and her family moved back to Cuba in 1959. Esther Marina stayed behind since she had married Rolando Ramirez.

While in Cuba, Nina helped raise her grand-children, Ernesto, Yari, Mabel, Alberto, Ivet, and great-grand-children, Daniela, Stephanie, Orlando, Luis Manuel, and Alejandro. Her love of family was an inspiration.

Nina loved kids and whenever she saw a baby her smile was one of joy.

Nina had the entrepreneur spirit even in a communist country like Cuba. I hear she would cook and sell tapas (carrying food dishes) to make some extra money. She continued her entrepreneur spirit here in the states. Just recently she started making aprons. I can tell you a few stories on her selling apron skills.

Nina, better known as Abuelita, was a very loving and caring person. She always made you feel at home when you would go to visit her. She enjoyed parties and was a pretty good dancer.

One thing that Abuelita loved was ice cream. Her favorite place was the Dairy Queen on FM 1960. Maybe she liked their ice cream because she sold some aprons there.

We were blessed to have had Abuelita in our lives and will miss her tremendously. May God have mercy on her soul and may she rest in peace.

# Tribute Wall



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