



Carmen Bongiardina

February 8, 1929 - January 4, 2023

Carmen Bongiardina, age 93, of Jacksonville Beach, passed away on January 4, 2023. Carmen was born on February 8, 1929 in Finisterre, Coruna, Spain to Jesus and Elena (Dominguez) Rivas. Carmen grew up in Finisterre and moved to Argentina with her family in her early 20s. Carmen worked as a server and bartender in the restaurant industry in Argentina. She met her husband - to - be Andres Bongiardina through a mutual friend. Carmen and Andres married and settled in Bures Aires, Argentina where she raised a family of two sons. She moved with her family to the United States in 1975 and settled in Brooklyn, New York. Carmen was very giving, caring and nurturing. Everyone she met loved her. A grandmother in her own rite, she became a grandmother to many other friends and neighbors. Many will remember her for quick wit, delicious empanadas, and the healing messages she would give. She was loved by her family and many friends and she will be deeply missed. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesus and Elena (Dominguez) Rivas, her brothers, and her daughter in law Federica. She is survived by sons, Andres Bongiardina and his wife Antonella of Ponte Vedra, FL, Francisco Bongiardina of St Cloud, FL; Grandchildren, Marilyn Lisewski and her husband Kevin, Steven Bongiardina and his wife Kristy, Elaine Gonzalez and her husband Diego, Erica Rosenbaum and her husband Andrew, Mathew Bongiardina and his fiance Courtney; and 6 beloved great grandchildren.

Private services will be held.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements