



Mary Mesa

March 8, 1937 - November 9, 2022

Mary Mesa, age 85, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully at the Bailey Family Center for Caring on November 9, 2022. Mary was born to Pablo and Guillermina “Lola” Lllerna in Candelaria, Pinar del Rio, Cuba. After graduating from high school the family moved to La Habana so that she could attend the University de La Habana where she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a minor in Mathematics. In Cuba, Mary worked as a teacher of mathematics. In July 1962 she immigrated to the United States where she settled in New York, New York. There, she began work for IBM, responsible for data input.

In New York, Mary met her husband to be, Luis Mesa, through mutual friends. They married on April 8, 1967, and went on to have two daughters, Rose Marie and Irene. In 1976, they moved their family to Boca Raton, Florida where they raised their daughters and enjoyed with them the peaceful lifestyle that comes with beach living.

In the decades that followed in Florida, Mary worked as a seamstress for a wedding boutique, and as a teacher, once again, teaching Spanish at a local private high school. She was dedicated to her daughters, tutoring them in math and utilizing her sewing talents to create for them everything from sundresses to one-of-a-kind prom dresses. Mary loved her husband, family and friends, and instilled good values in her daughters and grandchildren that

have served them well.

During her free time she was an avid reader, enjoyed cross stitch, and spent many weekend mornings enjoying coffee and breakfast at the beach with her loving husband, Luis. She was a faithful lifelong Catholic. She will be deeply missed and held dearly forever in our hearts.

Mary is survived by her Husband of 55 years, Luis Mesa of St. Augustine, FL; daughters Rose Marie Mesa (Pete Parker) of Moorestown, New Jersey and Irene Mesa Vincent (Doug Vincent) of St. Augustine, FL.; and four grandchildren Catherine, Alexander, Julia, and Lola.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 9 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Interment will follow at San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine. Flowers are appreciated (Flowers by Shirley flowers@aug.com, 904-824-8163 local, 866-273-6358 out of area), or donations in Mary's memory can be made to American Cancer Society (<http://www.cancer.org>), or to Mayo Clinic, [Alzheimer's and Dementia Research] https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/page.aspx?pid=1506&gclid=CjwKCAiAjs2bBhACEiwALTBWZUDc8ACkYjL087gIWzf9XMV5iUS4TpuulpKS-6oEGBkDuUeVvvc1tBoCaUYQAvD_BwE

Cemetery Details

San Lorenzo Cemetery

1635 US 1
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine
38 Cathedral Place
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Mesa.*



November 17, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Mesa.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Mesa.*



November 15, 2022 at 11:33 AM

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“ *Mrs. Mesa had the sweetest face and a contagious laugh. I had the pleasure of meeting the Mesa family in high school. She was practically a second mother to me. She was always ready to give a hug and feed us. And I'm sure she enjoyed the silly antics of teenage girls. She was a wonderful mother, wife, daughter and a friend to all!!*



Tracey Warwick - November 14, 2022 at 08:43 PM