



Maria Theresa Velez

November 1, 1933 - July 12, 2011

Maria Theresa Velez, of West Palm Beach, Florida, passed away on July 12, 2011 at the age of 77. Born in New York City, New York, she was the daughter of Esteban and Maria (Echevarria) Del Valle.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband; A. Robert Velez, daughter; Cathy E. Velez-Lippman, sons; Glen R. Velez, Robert A. Velez, and Christian Velez, grandchildren; Kerry, Jenna, Ileana, Jasmine, Alyssa, and Jacqueline, sister; Esther Bevan, brothers; Stephen Del Valle and John Del Valle.

A visitation will be held at Palms West Funeral Home on Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Sunday, July 17, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a wake service also on Sunday at 7:30 PM. Burial will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery at 11:30 AM on Monday, July 18, 2011.

Cemetery

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery

10941 Southern Blvd.

Royal Palm Beach, FL, 33411

Events

JUL Visitation 05:00PM - 09:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Cathy

"And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make.' It is clear that your mother took a whole lot of love with her, because the love she made was clearly evident in the lives of her family. Even though we met her only briefly, it was obvious she had a love of life and family that was truly special. May the many warm memories you have of her and the way you see her legacy in your daughters bring you comfort in your sorrow. Know that she lives on as a guiding light. We offer our deepest condolences to you, Gary, Jenna and Jacqueline, your dad, and your family. Sincerely,

Hank and Claire

Hank and Claire Uffmann - July 23, 2011 at 08:18 PM



“ Simply the best! My mother, my friend, my mentor, my advisor, my inspiration, my biggest supporter and fan...Truly the wind beneath my wings. You often told me that "book knowledge means nothing if you can't or won't apply it to your life." Thank you Mom for helping me to develop a social conscience and a strong moral compass. Your life's journey taught me so much about living, loving and appreciating all that life has to offer. The gift of time is a beautiful thing. I am so grateful to have been given so much time to share you with Gary, Jenna & Jacqueline, to love you, to kiss you, to tell you how much I love you and to shower you with affection. I adore you Mom. As your dear mother Maria's legacy has lived on, your love and loving ways will continue to sustain me, Jenna and Jacqueline in our happiest and darkest days. "Always in my heart," is a phrase you were able to communicate almost until the end. Always in my heart,
Cathy your prieta linda

Cathy E. Velez-Lippman - July 21, 2011 at 08:10 AM



“ I remember meeting Dona Maria in her home in the Bronx, when I stopped by with Cathy, while we were law students. The warmth and attention that I received during that brief visit, I will never forget. Dona Maria's smile and her ability to be fully present were true gifts from God. Knowing Cathy as well as I do, I know who was her first teacher. Dona Maria Theresa, RIP. Condolences, peace, and love to the Velez and Lippman families and friends.
Yvonne Cherena-Pacheco

Yvonne Cherena-Pacheco - July 19, 2011 at 08:40 AM



“ Rest in peace and may peace be with your family.
Angela Twomey (and family)

Angela Twomey - July 18, 2011 at 11:52 AM



“ Titi Mary was ALWAYS delightfully present, encouraging and supportive of me. Way back in the mid-eighties, two and a half decades before gay marriage came to New York, she made it a point to invite me AND my then husband Jonathan to Cathy's Law Graduation Party in the Bronx. She also made us feel welcome and comfortable when we arrived. Many people in the family were not happy with her decision, which came at a time when Jonathan and I were not welcome as a couple at other family events. It took empathy, compassion and courage for Titi Mary to do this, as well as a distinct sense of what was right, which she displayed in so many of her other political activities. I will never forget her kindness to me on that day and so many others during my childhood. Rest in peace, Titi. Much love, your nephew Vincent.

Vincent Collazo - July 17, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ I am so blessed and honored to have known Maria and her wonderful family! Bob you are an amazing husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Watching you care for your wife every day with such tenderness renewed my faith in happily ever after. Your care and concern for all of the residents and staff at Signature HealthCARE touched us all. Kathy, you are the most gracious, loving, and kindhearted, woman I've ever met. Through you I can see what your mom must have been like in her younger years. The love, affection, and concern you showered on our residents and staff has made such a huge difference in so many lives. Thank you so much for allowing us to care for your dear, precious mother. It has always been our pleasure. God bless you!

Love,
Shelly Milowe
Signature HealthCARE

shelly milowe - July 17, 2011 at 02:14 PM



“ Beverly Maldonado-Mena lit a candle in memory of Maria Theresa Velez



Beverly Maldonado-Mena - July 14, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ How blessed I am to have met Maria. Because of her my circle of friendship, love and faith has grown larger through Bob, Kathy & their wonderful and loving family. Now, I am twice blessed to be asked to officiate at her funeral service and interment. What an honor for me to commend her soul to God.

With deepest sympathy,

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Tomlinson, CHAPLAIN

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The Rev. Dr. Thomas Tomlinson - July 15, 2011 at 03:07 PM