

Gisela Rodriguez: August 17, 1934 - February 13, 2021

Gisela Rodriguez, 86, of Ocala Florida, peacefully passed away on February 13, 2021 with family at her bedside, in-person and virtually. She was born and raised in Havana Cuba and lived most of her life in Miami and Hialeah, Florida before moving to Ocala in 2006. She was pre-deceased in June 2018 by her loving husband, Angel V. Rodriguez who was also a native of Havana Cuba.

As a lifelong devout Catholic, she was a longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Hialeah Florida. She had a love for cooking many traditional Cuban dishes, and enjoyed sewing/fine needle craft, drawing, reading, watching TV, and spending time with her loved ones.

The love story of Gisela and her husband that spanned over 60 years was one for the storybooks! It was love-at-first-sight when they met in Havana, and there was no stopping them from getting married just a few months later in May 1955. Shortly thereafter, they relocated to Miami, and finally ended up in Hialeah where they raised a loving family and resided for over 40 years. There was a special sweetness to their relationship, highlighted with a selfless graciousness toward friends and family, that they also instilled in their children - which they in turn instilled in their children. They were truly soulmates in life... and now Gisela has joined her "Tito" in heaven to be reunited for eternity, looking over all of her loved ones as a special angel that they will always dream about and cherish in their memories.

Gisela leaves behind her daughter Gisela Salas and son-in-law Ralph Salas of Ocala Florida; her son Angel L. Rodriguez and daughter-in-law Cherie Hanson-Rodriguez of Prague Czech Republic; her grand daughter Christina Salas-Pierce, husband Chadwick Pierce, and their children, Gisela's beloved great-grandchildren Charlotte and Christopher, of Ocala Florida; her grand daughter Stephanie Salas-Correa and husband Jose Correa of Ocala; and her grandson Alex Rodriguez of Chicago Illinois.



Gisela spent her final days in hospice care at the E.W. & Lucille Cates House in Ocala, and received exceptional end-of-life care. Thus in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to “Hospice of Marion County” (<https://www.hospiceofmarion.com/donate/>).