



Lydia Maria Ferran

October 16, 2023

Lydia Maria Ferran passed away peacefully on October 16, 2023, with her family lovingly by her side.

Lydia was born in Havana, Cuba on February 17, 1926 to Pedro and Maria Chomat. She immigrated to the United States in December 1960 with her late husband Carlos, 5-year-old daughter Lydia Maria and 3-year-old son Carlos Jose. They eventually settled in Woodbridge, Virginia where Lydia and her husband established and co-owned Caly Builders, Inc., joined a local church, and became a vital part of the Woodbridge business community, including membership in the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. After arriving in Virginia, Lydia and Carlos were blessed by the births of two daughters — Virginia Theresa and Gloria Ana. They built a beautiful home on the shores of the Potomac River that allowed them to enjoy the boating, skiing and fishing that were part of their life in Cuba. The family has enjoyed belonging to the Bayside community for the past 50 years.

Lydia loved her role as a wife and mother. In addition to her four children, she treasured the love and frequent visits of her 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. A widow for 32 years, Lydia cared for (and was cared for by) her children, including sharing a home with her daughter Gloria's family for many years.

Over the past decade, her dog Sammie was her constant companion and friend. Lydia was an amazing cook for her family. Hobbies included knitting, gardening, and travelling well into her 80's.

Lydia is survived by her children: Lydia Weeks and husband Bob of Staunton, VA, Carlos Ferran and wife Carrie of Stafford, VA, Virginia Atwood and husband Mike of Holly Springs, NC, and Gloria Cassady and husband David of Woodbridge, VA.

Lydia is also survived by grandchildren Robert Weeks (wife Ashley), Joseph Ferran (wife Jackie), Lydia Basham (husband Justin), Emilie Ferran (husband Andrew Esprella), Caly Bruton (husband Daniel), David Cassady (wife Quinn), Marisa Cheek (husband Will), Liz Ward (husband Matt), Rebeca Cassady, Joel Cassady, Michael Atwood and Maria Atwood; and her 22 great-grandchildren.

A visitation with the family will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 4-6:00 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 15880 Crest Dr., Woodbridge, VA. Lydia's son-in-law, Pastor Bob Weeks, will officiate.

Interment will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2023 at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to:

The Arc of Greater Prince William
13505 Hillendale Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22193

<https://arcpw.org/donate>

or

Canine Companions

<https://p2p.onecause.com/tributegift/donate>.

Miller Funeral Home of Woodbridge, Virginia is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memorial Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
15880 Crest Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Interment

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memorial Gardens
12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.



October 20, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.



October 20, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.



October 19, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.



October 19, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.*



October 19, 2023 at 01:45 PM

“ A Tribute to Our Beloved Great Aunt

Dear Friends and Family,

It is with great sadness that I tell you of her passing. Today, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the life and the remarkable qualities of our dear great aunt, who has been a source of inspiration and unwavering support throughout our lives. As I reflect on her presence, I'm reminded of a line from Natalie Wood's "Splendor in the Grass": "Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, glory in the flower; we will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind."

Our great aunt was an embodiment of kindness, generosity, and caring. She stood by me when I needed a co-signer, providing financial support that eased my burdens and allowed me to move forward. Her generosity knew no bounds, and she was always ready to extend a helping hand.

A particularly challenging time was when my husband faced a life-threatening illness. It was our great aunt and our cousins who formed a circle of unwavering support. Their presence, comfort, and unity provided the strength I needed during those uncertain days. For a month, we didn't know if my husband would survive, but our family's love and support sustained us, and we emerged from that dark period with newfound resilience.

Our great aunt's love extended to both Isaac and me, and she made it possible for us to visit during Christmas, creating cherished memories of togetherness. Her warmth, caring nature, and the time we spent together are treasured moments in our hearts.

As we gather to remember our great aunt, let us not grieve for what's lost but find strength in the love, support, and unity she instilled in our family. She was truly a remarkable soul, and her legacy of kindness and generosity will continue to inspire us.

*With love and remembrance,
Marla*

P.S. I love Tia Lydia Ferran

Marla Benavides - October 18, 2023 at 11:56 PM

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“ *Gima was the light of the room. She was the sweetest soul. It was such an honor to know her. I love you Gima.* ❤️🕊️



rebecca grainger - October 18, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.*



October 18, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lydia Maria Ferran.*

October 18, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia Maria Ferran.* ”



October 18, 2023 at 09:07 AM