



# Sylvia Lavandera

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**L**AVANDERA, Sylvia Garcia died July 14, 2016. She was born January 19, 1919, a native of the City of West Tampa. She lived there, and then in Tampa, her entire life. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Ralph Lavandera, Sr. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Mariano Garcia, Jr., and sisters Mary Walker and Margaret Agüero.

She is survived by her three sons and their families. Ralph Lavandera, Jr. (Alice), Joseph Lavandera (Mary Pat), and Henry "Hank" Lavandera (Fran). Her grandchildren: Ralph "RC" Lavandera, III (Kim), Debi Martin (Richard), Kelley Gould (Jeff), David Lavandera, and Joseph F. Lavandera. Her great-grandchildren: Nicholas Lavandera, Hailey Martin, Chloe Martin, and Austin Gould. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph Garcia, Esq. (Anne), and nieces, nephews, and several cousins, both in the U.S. and in A Coruña, Galicia, Spain.

As the oldest of five depression-era children, it was necessary for her to leave school at an early age to help support her family. She worked as a despalilladora in cigar factories until the demise of the cigar industry in Tampa. She then worked with the Hillsborough County Schools' lunchroom program until her retirement. She never lost her love for learning and one of her proudest accomplishments was obtaining her high school diploma at the age of 56. She also enjoyed traveling and went on many vacations with her brother Joe and his family. One of the most memorable being a trip to Spain where she visited with aunts, an uncle, and cousins she had never met before.

Pallbearers: RC Lavandera, David Lavandera, Joseph F. Lavandera, Richard Martin, Jeff Gould, and Everett Herndon. Honorary pallbearers: Nicholas Lavandera and Stephen Garcia.

The family will receive friends for a Visitation on Tuesday, July 19 between 11 and 12 with a Funeral Service beginning at 12 noon at Boza and Roel Funeral Home, 4730 N



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Armenia Ave, Tampa. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Tampa. The family extends its gratitude to Melissa, Olga, Miriam, and her other caregivers. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the West Tampa Boys & Girls Club, 1307 North MacDill Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607.



# Events


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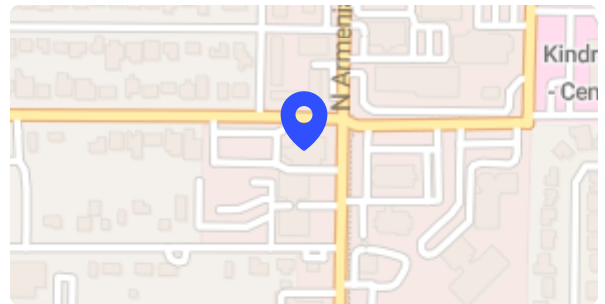
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## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, July 19, 2016

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603

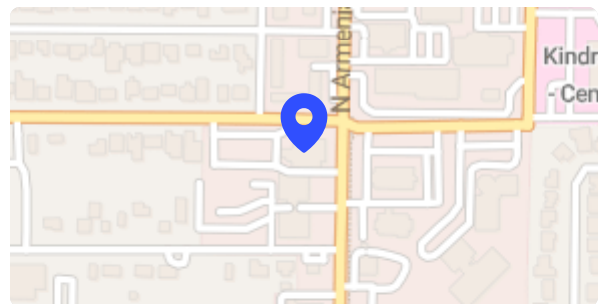


## Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, July 19, 2016

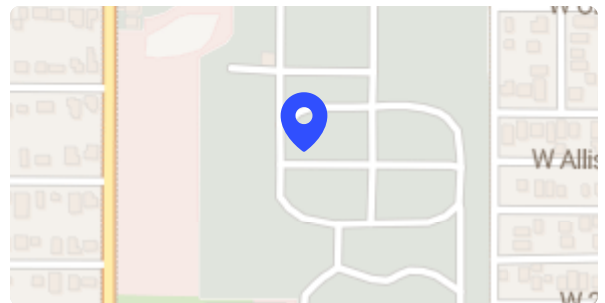
 12:00 PM ET

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## Cemetery Details

 **Woodlawn Cemetery**  
3412 N. Ola Ave, Tampa FL 33603





# Tribute Wall

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**Tracy Scholes** posted:

She was a wonderful lady and a sweet friend to my mom. She will be missed. Love, Tracy Scholes ( Sue Aguero's daughter)

July 22 at 11:42 AM



**T** posted:

July 19, 2016Cherish the memories of her beautiful smile and her love of family. Linda Stewart Menendez (Tampa, FL.)July 18, 2016Deep condolences at the loss of your mother. May you find peace in your many memories.Kathy and Dale Vona~ Kathy/Dale Vona, Valrico, FloridaJuly 18, 2016Our condolences to the Lavandera Family upon the passing of you Mother. May you always hold fond memories of her life with you. With our deepest sympathy from Judy and Ruben PedregalJuly 18, 2016To my Cousins Ralph, Joey, Hank and there families you are in my thoughts and in my prayers. Aunt Sylvia is a dearly missed and loved ,I have very fond memories of her. LOVE ,Mary Kathryn Roberts .~ Mary Roberts, tampa, FloridaJuly 17, 2016Being next-door neighbors to Cindy always made us feel like the wonderful Garcia/Lavanderas were the greatest family we met while living in Florida -- and all of you enhanced our time there. To all of you we send our condolences as Aunt Sylvia goes to somewhere better.The Speckmann Family[Jim, Sheryl, Lisa, Reyna]July 17, 2016My condolences to all the family, especially to my friends Ralph, Joe and Henry. May you all find solace in the many years of sacrifice, hard work and love she provided to all her loved ones.~ Fred Tomasello Jr., Thonotosassa, FloridaJuly 17, 2016She was a beautiful lady one of my neighbors for over 40 years , and one of the first ones there when my mom passed. She was very special, and loving and kind. I will miss our visits, but she is at peace. My condolences to the family and to Henry who, I knew the best since closest to my age. I will keep your family in my prayers . With warm regards and love. Roxane E. Beltran~ Roxane Beltran, Tampa, Florida

July 20 at 4:21 AM



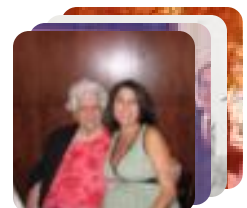
**Fran Lavandera** shared 9 photos to the **Abuela** album.



July 16 at 3:30 AM



**Fran Lavandera** shared an album called **Abuela**.



July 16 at 3:30 AM



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**Ludmilla Finn** posted:

Abuela, I will cherish the time we spend together. Whether we were watching our "Spanish soap operas" or checking our "lottery numbers", you will always have a place in my heart. Sleep with the Angels. Ludmilla Finn and family

July 16 at 3:30 AM



# Media

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Fran Lavandera shared 9 photos to the **Abuela** album.

July 16 at 1:42 PM





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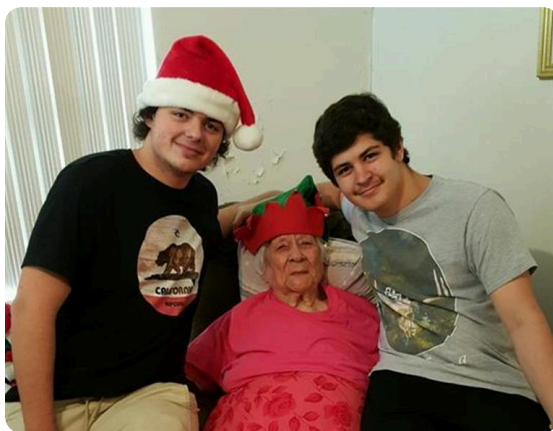
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Fran Lavandera shared 8 photos to the **Abuela** album.

July 16 at 7:14 AM





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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sylvia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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