



Gloria Franco Barbas

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To the greatest unsung hero we know, Our Mother! From the time our mother Gloria was born, she was the miracle and angel that lived among us. After her brother tragically died at 16, throwing her mother into a terrible depression, her mom unknowingly and unexpectedly gave birth two years later at 43 to a child who saved her & brought her glory, hence her name Gloria. Like so many mothers everywhere, she never sought recognition or accolades. She did everything for pure love. Life for mom was not always easy, but she never stopped loving life, and living it to the fullest and bringing Glory to all she met. Her smile was contagious and she had that infectious sense of humor which always made every person around her happy. Her secret to a long and happy life to the age of 92 was laughing, socializing with her countless friends, traveling, eating sweets and that glass of wine every night with dinner. Her greatest joy was seeing the love shared by her children and family. Even after her children had families of their own, mom would cook dinner every week for them & her grandchildren to be able to spend time together. She was a person of faith who relied heavily on her love of God to carry her through life. Gloria, like all exceptional moms, was rich in love, devotion, admiration and respect. Angels come in the shapes of all devoted loving moms everywhere. Mom, God takes you up saying, "Job well done and welcome home dear Angel." Gloria was blessed to have three sons and a daughter, Rex (Donna), Steve (Schezy), Randy and DeeDee (Dawn). She was loved by her ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was born and raised in Ybor City in 1926, to Francisco and Teresa Franco, immigrants from Spain who owned the Four Roses grocery store on 7th Ave for decades where mom worked growing up. She loved giving back to her community. She volunteered at the Straz, the Catholic Daughters of America, The Barksdale Center and her childrens' schools. Visitation will be at Boza & Roel on Wednesday, March 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. and a funeral mass will be offered at Christ the King



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Catholic Church on Thursday, March 21 starting at 10:00 am to be followed by interment at Centro Espanol Cemetery at Memorial Park at 4601 E. Lake Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Gloria's memory to Jesuit High School of Tampa and Alpha House of Tampa. Special thanks to Karla, Luz and Maria for their loving care of our mother.



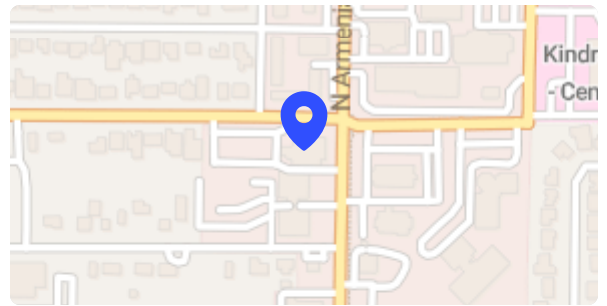
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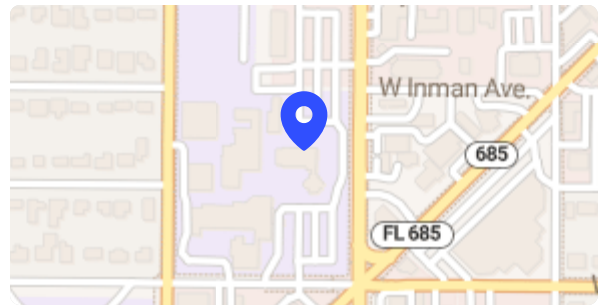
Visitation

- Wednesday**, March 20, 2019
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603



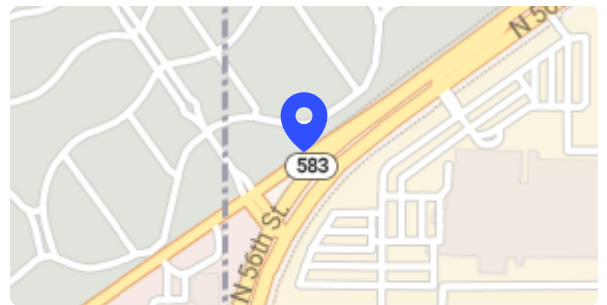
Funeral Mass

- Thursday**, March 21, 2019
- 10:00 AM ET
- Christ the King Catholic Church**
821 S Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa FL 33609



Cemetery Details

- Centro Espanol Memorial Park Cemetery**
4601 E 32nd ave, Tampa FL 33605





Tribute Wall

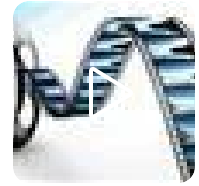
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Boza & Roel Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

March 20 at 7:50 AM



Karen Scheidt sent a virtual gift in honor of Gloria.

March 21 at 3:14 PM



Karen Scheidt lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

March 21 at 3:13 PM



Gisela Acosta Ortiz shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You will be missed.

March 20 at 9:21 AM



Dennis Shepherd lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

March 20 at 7:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Barbas family.

March 19 at 7:04 PM





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Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Barbas family.

March 19 at 1:45 PM



Karen Scheidt lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

March 18 at 4:24 PM



Karen Scheidt sent a virtual gift in honor of Gloria.

March 18 at 4:22 PM



Karen Scheidt sent a virtual gift in honor of Gloria.

March 18 at 4:20 PM



Karen Scheidt posted:

REX & FAMILY, MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND & BRING YOU COMFORT & PEACE AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT OF TIMES. SENDING LOVE & PRAYERS. SHE WAS AGELESS & ONE OF A KIND. THE WORLD NEEDS MORE "GLORIAS", AND HEAVEN HAS GAINED ONE VERY SPECIAL ANGEL! I AM BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HER AND, ALWAYS, REMEMBER THIS...AS LONG AS "WE" HOLD "THEM" IN OUR HEARTS & MINDS...THEY...ARE..ALWAYS..WITH US! YOU NOW HAVE ONE "VERY SPECIAL" ANGEL (WITH A TWINKLE IN HER EYE) WATCHING OVER ALL OF YOU! SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN HER. FLY HIGH "MOM BARBAS"!!!! FLY HIGH!!!!

March 18 at 4:12 PM



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KS

Karen Scheidt lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

March 18 at 3:32 PM



KS

Karen Scheidt lit a candle in honor of Gloria.

March 18 at 3:30 PM



AA

Andrea & Danielle Arrigo. sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Barbas family.

March 18 at 1:47 PM



KA

Karla sent a virtual gift in honor of Gloria.

March 18 at 6:01 AM



KA

Karla posted:

May my dear Gloria rest in peace, I miss you. my prayers for the whole family that God give them peace and consolation in their hearts.

March 18 at 6:00 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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