



## Ada Marquez Mederos

September 10, 1926 - January 29, 2021

Ada Marquez Mederos (known to all her loved ones as “Alela”), age 94, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 29, 2021 in Tampa, Florida. Ada was born September 10, 1926 in Bejucal, Havana, Cuba to Elisa Echazabal & Pedro D. Marquez. The second eldest of six children, her strong work ethic started at the early age of 15 when she started working at La Coperativa in Bejucal as a seamstress to help support her family. Family was always the most sacred part of her life and she sacrificed much in life to take care of her loved ones.

Ada met the love of her life Francisco J. Mederos at a young age and was married at the age of 18 in Bejucal, Havana, Cuba. They went on to have one daughter, Ada and moved to the United States to escape Communism in search for a better life. They settled in Tampa, Florida. She was the first in her family to move to the United States and lived through many struggles and challenges while dedicating years to bring the rest of her siblings and close family members to this free country. She was widowed in 1975 at the age of 46 with the passing of her beloved Francisco J. Mederos.

Ada had a love for life and a contagious positive spirit that everyone that met or knew her gravitated to. She always had a smile on her face and was the first in line when there was a social gathering or chance to travel. She loved the beach, dancing, and drinking her favorite “mentiritas” (known as mini-Cuba Libres). She made the most of life by traveling and seeing as much of the world in her retirement years. Her travels took her to the beautiful destinations of Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, and South/Central America to name a few.

“Alela” always used to say, “cada uno de nosotros nacemos con un librito bajo del brazo”. We celebrate that her book has reached its final chapter today and honor her memory and the wonderful life she lived for 94 years with us. We are blessed to have had her touch our lives.

Ada is survived by her daughter, Ada (Juan Pablo Berasaluce); granddaughters, Ainhoa

(Alfonso Dieguez) and Leire (David Dieguez); three great-grandchildren (Lorea, Nahia, and Milia); sister, Maria Diaz; brother, Ivan Marquez; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ada was predeceased by her parents, Elisa and Pedro Marquez; her husband, Francisco J. Mederos; her sisters, Migdalia Marquez and Francisca Alfonso; and brother, Pedro Marquez.

The family would like to thank the staff at Dayi's Sunflowers Assisted Living Facility and Hospice for the care provided to Ada and her family. The family appreciates all the prayers and concerns extended to us during this time.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Boza & Roel Funeral Home at 12:00pm. Private visitation an hour prior, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Burial to follow at Marti-Colon Cemetery at approximately 12:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Ada's name to the Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association.

# Cemetery

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## Marti-Colon

3110 W. Columbus Dr.  
Tampa, FL, 33607

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Boza & Roel Funeral Home  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL, US, 33603

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Boza & Roel Funeral Home** - February 02 at 03:53 PM

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“ My most vivid memory of Ada is from My childhood. I was probably 10 years old at the time, and Halloween was approaching. I wanted to dress as The Mummy, so my parents took me to Ada's home, and she patiently wrapped me up in in rags, trying to measure me for My costume. Eventually, I would change My mind, and dress up as a local spook named Shock Armstrong, but I never forgot the effort she extended to My family and I all those years ago. Later in life, I remember her always being there for special occasions...my graduation, my wedding, my children's birthdays, etc. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Thank you for gathering and sharing all the beautiful images in the memorial tribute. Ada was blessed with much love in her lifetime, and it was wonderful to see all the beautiful pictures of her journey here on earth. May she rest now, in everlasting peace, with God and her loved ones who preceded her in eternal life.

**Miguel Baluja Jr.** - February 03 at 07:40 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ada Marquez Mederos.



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