



Lillian Friedman Rivera

October 16, 1919 - June 3, 2018

Lillian Friedman Rivera was born on October 16, 1919 and left this earth on June 3, 2018. In almost a century full of extraordinary historic events, Lillian will be remembered by all who loved and knew her as a force unto herself. Her beautiful smile and easy laugh were elicited most strongly by her children: Sharon Rivera, Irene (Howard) Rivera Hurst, Geraldo (Erica Levy) Rivera, Craig (Cordelia Bowe) Rivera, her seventeen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Lillian was predeceased by her loving husband, Cruz Alan, her son Wilfredo Rivera, his wife Maryann, and her granddaughter Andrea Hurst O'Connor. Each child had a different name for "Grandma Lil," but each looked forward to a big hug, candy, a hand-crocheted blanket to take to college, and delicious homemade rice pudding.

Until her final days, Lillian was interested less in the world and national news and more in what was going on in her large, noisy, and diverse family. She lit up when guests entered the room, and, until a few years ago, propelled herself into the kitchen where after a smile and a hug were the questions, "are you hungry...have you eaten?"

Lil believed that dying was part of being alive. Because of that, with courage she left these wishes to be shared:

I wish my family and friends to know how much I loved them.

I wish to be forgiven for the times when I might have hurt them.

I wish you to know that I am not afraid to face death; I miss my Al.
Remember me with love and stay at peace with each other.

That's our "Mommy," she's given us things to do and she's given us a lot to think about. She will live with us forever in laughter and love.

Tribute Wall



“ *B'D'E. May G-d comfort you among the mourners of Tzion v'Yerushalayim.*

June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for your family at this time. May god bring you comfort. Psalms 121*

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