



Barbara Aleyda Fernandez

December 4, 1929 - August 28, 2025

Barbara Aleyda Fernandez, 95, passed away on August 28th, 2025 after a long beautiful life. Barbara was born on December 4, 1929 to Saturnino and Aurelia Blanco in Cuba. When she was young, she loved flying kites and pelting peoples, legs with ammo from her sling shot. Later in life she had a short internship to study beautician (modern day cosmetology). She worked as a Beautician until she retired at 62. Barbara met Rafael Fernandez Reyes at a beauty salon called El Encanto in Habana. They married December 26, 1957 and lived in Aruba. Barbara and Rafael went on to have two children, Barbara and Rafi Fernandez. After retirement Barbara spent her time caring for her family and doing the things she loved. She became a Christian in 1987 and continued in her faith as the years went on. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Rafael Fernandez who went to the Lord in 2012. Sister: Mercedes Blanco and Brother: Julio Blanco. She is survived by her daughter Barbara, her son Rafael, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Services will be held Sept. 5, 2025 with viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and the service at 12.00 noon at the Earth Before Eden Church in Center Hill, Florida. The family request that those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Refuge at Jumper Creek in Bushnell, Florida. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.purcellfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, Florida.