

In Loving Memory of
GERTRUDIS MARIA DUPREY

Sunrise
January 8, 1938

Sunset
August 24, 2021



Service
Friday, September 3, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer of Consolation

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Eulogy

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Obituary

Gertrudis Maria Preston was born on January 8, 1938 to the late Bertha Hynds in Guantanamo, Cuba.

And was raised by her father Arnold Hynds with siblings Ivy, Tasiana, Samuel and Antonio whom she loved deeply.

Despite being born a deaf mute and not having the abilities to hear or speak her native Cuban language didn't slow her down a bit as a child. She attended the school of the deaf in Havana, Cuba where she learned how to communicate by way of sign, which she remixed. Anyone who grew up with her, around her and loved her knew she had her own way of sign language and she didn't mind teaching you. She taught it so smoothly, you were able to understand and learn her language fast! (Nickname: me language).

Her disability came with plenty of gifts! She learned the art of drawing sketching and sewing as well as being a big sister to little brothers and sisters while actively participating in all sorts of activities in her early years in Cuba.

In Gertrudis' early 20's, the island of Cuba that she grew to know and love was overthrown by Castro. (Cuba before 1959: an advanced country, youtube). It was then that her mother watched family members and friends leave Cuba for the United States. That's when her mother made her plans for her family to move to the United States as well for a better life!

In September 1966, Gertrudis migrated to New York where she attended the Saint Francis Desalle School on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, NY where she met Justo Duprey, also a deaf mute student whom she later married on June 1, 1968.

On February 4, 1970, Gertrudis gave birth to her only child Dean, whom she adored. She would love to tell people "Her baby" (by rocking her hands as if she were holding a baby). No matter how old he grew to be. That's how she would always describe him as her baby. From her son's birth, Gertrudis' mother wanted her to settle down in her St. Albans, Queens home.

While in new environment, she showed off her skills by becoming a Seamstress at St. Pascals Catholic School tailoring all the children's uniforms as well as working at a local cleaners. She was a fixture of her 197th St. Block and St. Albans, Queens neighborhood.

As stated she loved her arts and crafts, and would occasionally make her clothes for herself or someone wedding or some sort of event. She enjoyed barbecue's. And parties with family and friends. Highlight of her life was always family first and her friends she loved and cared for in a way words can't describe. If you knew her you would understand this message, she loved her family. Her neighbors and her friends were family too.

She leaves behind in her memory - her son Dean, her brother Antonio, her sister in law Elvita, sister in law in Cuba, a host of grand and great grand children, several nieces and nephews in the Cuba, the United States and nephews and nieces she loved in Canada her deceased sister's side of the family.



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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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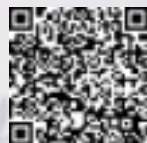
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