



Elsa Alonso Lopez

September 1, 1931 - December 23, 2019

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Lakeland - Elsa Alonso Lopez, 88, died December 23, 2019. Elsa was born in Santiago de Cuba on September 1, 1931. She immigrated to the United States in 1960 with her beloved husband Gerardo A. Lopez, deceased in 1977, and their two eldest children, Elsa and Gerry. They completed their family in the US with the addition of Ruly and Jorge.

After initially moving to New Jersey, the family settled in Lakeland in 1964. Elsa worked for 24 years at Maas Brothers/Burdines. After retiring from her sales position, she worked for Resurrection Catholic School and later for the Polk County Schools as an ESOL aide and Para Professional, retiring again when she was 80.

Elsa was a long-time member of Resurrection Catholic Church. Her children graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School and Santa Fe High School. She is well known in the Lakeland Cuban-American Community. She was a patriotic American citizen who instilled in her children and grandchildren hard work, love of God, family and country.

Elsa is survived by four children; Elsa Lopez Whitehurst and husband, David, of Jacksonville, FL; Gerardo Lopez and wife, Nancy, of Marietta, GA; Raul Lopez and wife Deborah of Tampa, FL; and Jorge Lopez and wife, Kimberly, of Basking Ridge, NJ.

She will be greatly missed by her 14 grandchildren, Christian, Jordan, Gerry, Samantha, Robby, Alyssa, Max, Alex, Laura, Sam, Michael, Kristen, Sarah and Kevin; and 2 great granddaughters, Olivia and Hannah.

The world will be less colorful with her not in it.

Visitation will be Saturday at 11:00 am followed by a funeral mass at 12:00 noon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 210 W. Lemon St. Lakeland followed by interment at Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Mother Angelica's

EWTN program or to Santa Fe High School.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
210 W. Lemon Street
Lakeland, FL 33815

Funeral Mass

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elsa Alonso Lopez*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsa Alonso Lopez.*



January 03, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elsa Alonso Lopez.*



January 02, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *She was the God Mother to our children, and the family has been friends of our since the mid sixties. Sheryl and daughter, Elsa went to school together, Well done good and faithful servant. It is good to know you can now spend eternity with Gerry and others from you short life here.*

Dennis Hollingsworth - December 31, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsa Alonso Lopez.*



December 31, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elsa Alonso Lopez.*



December 31, 2019 at 12:43 PM

AB

“ *Such a beautiful lady! Her dedication to family and work were admirable. Her strength will live on through her beautiful family! May God bless and comfort family and friends.*



Ana Beltran - December 31, 2019 at 12:38 AM

CB

“ *Elsa was a special lady who loved her family beyond words...We have fond memories of sharing special holidays with her when she came to New Jersey...She will be sorely missed but her memories will be eternal...RIP Elsa...Nick and Camille*

Camille Baldo - December 30, 2019 at 07:16 PM

PM

So sorry for this loss of Mother, GrandMother, Sister, Friend, and so much more! Prayers for the family through this valley! 🙏

Pamela and Mark (Courtney Whitehurst Mom) - December 30, 2019 at 07:58 PM

BS

I loved seeing Elsa, too, every time she came to New Jersey. I will miss her smile and sweet personality. My condolences to the Lopez family. May God comfort all of you during this sad and difficult time. May her memory be eternal. Praying for every one. Bernie Saoud

Bernie Saoud - December 30, 2019 at 08:58 PM

LA

I met her when I was babysitting Alyssa and Alex. She was very kind and lovely with the kids and with me. RIP "mami linda" ❤️

luluska L Almeida - December 31, 2019 at 09:37 AM

EC

*My dear causing we will miss you, never did I find any of your
Coments absurd, I found you to be unike and sincere. Always full of memories which I
love to listen to. Love always espresed
your conversation when it came to your husband and kids,always including my mother.
I will surely miss you my Cousing Elsa.*

Edward de la Cruz - December 31, 2019 at 09:58 AM