



Helen Penalver

April 17, 2017

Helen Peñalver, beloved daughter of the late Raul Fernández & Mercedes Pacheco was born on February 8, 1931 in New York City.

She was educated in New York City; attended high school in New Orleans, and later traveled to Havana, Cuba to learn about her Cuban roots. Upon her return to New York, she met her husband Gilberto Peñalver and wedded on August 15, 1951. She gave birth to their son, Gilbert Peñalver on October 1, 1954 in New York City.

She was a volunteer advisor at the Teaneck Senior Center where she led Bingo and Domino activities for other members. Helen loved to socialize and spend time with friends and family. In the earlier years she was very involved in the entertainment activities (dances and bus outings) of the Cuban Social Club, where she was an active member/organizer. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, board games, watching the Golden Girls, and of course, Telenovelas. She loved family cookouts, birthday celebrations, and holiday gatherings. Helen enjoyed traveling and she collected porcelain and other interesting figurines. She was loved and will be sorely missed.

She was called home on Monday, April 17, 2017. She leaves to cherish her memory: devoted son, Gilbert Peñalver and his wife Jacqueline; caring brother, Raul Fernández, Jr; loving sisters, Mercedes Camacho and Olga Fernández; beloved granddaughter, Courtney Peñalver; nephew, Ajani Fernández Cook; nieces, Zhandra Camacho, Sonia Caruk, Santa Diaz, and a host of other relatives and friends that became like family. Helen was

preceded in death by her husband and parents.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful assistance and care given by Ana Garcia, of Wayne, NJ, and the staff of Wedgewood Gardens, Freehold, New Jersey.

Cemetery Details

St. Raymond's Cemetery

2600 Lafayette Ave
Bronx, NY 10465

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
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Visitation

APR 21. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Penalver*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 20, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *Helen Penalver*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Helen Penalver*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Helen Penalver*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Marvella lit a candle in memory of Helen Penalver*



Marvella - April 23, 2017 at 07:05 PM

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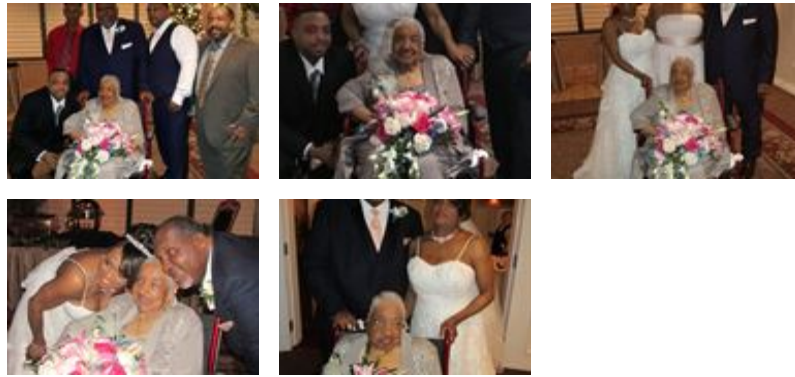
“ *Mar Vella Locust lit a candle in memory of Helen Penalver*



Mar vella locust - April 23, 2017 at 07:05 PM



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“ *The Strong, Treadwell and Lashley families purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Helen Penalver.*



The Strong, Treadwell and Lashley families. - April 20, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Penalver.



April 20, 2017 at 03:47 PM



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